

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF**  
**APRIL 16, 2013**  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 19 members present for the meeting plus Jackie Williams from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the March 19, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry mentioned, as usual, he has received several e-mails this past month. He reported on the following letters received by CCWA- a solicitation from the Bay Journal Fund, an invitation to the Western PA Environmental Awards, May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pittsburgh, and a Save the Date mailing from Rep. Frank Burns announcing a Sportsmen's Expo to be held in Ebensburg, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the YPCC center.

**Membership Committee:**

Special thanks to Dick who is continuing to soliciting new memberships. Dick turned in 5 new memberships. Jerry reported one new membership from a Dysart resident, bringing the total this past month to 6. Jerry mentioned that we should possibly order some new membership cards. It was suggested that we list our website on the new membership cards.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray reported that Dick had given him two articles that appeared recently in The Progress newspaper: one article covering the annual Clearfield County Conservation District banquet and an article on the large tire clean up. CCWA was represented by Earl & Alene Smithmyer and also by Dick & Mabel Dotts. Kelly Williams, Watershed Specialist, was the principal speaker.

Jerry read one paragraph from Kelly's talk. Kelly stated that "51 percent of the AMD in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River comes from Clearfield County. The county has 700 miles of stream, 638 of which are impacted. Only three of 35 townships do not contain AMD. More than \$3 million has been spent in funding for remediation of AMS in Clearfield County, which equals \$5 million back into the local economy..." The impact of AMD is a very impressive but sad statistic for Clearfield County.

**Finance Report:**

Larry was unable to attend the April meeting due to a work commitment. Jerry had picked up the Dam Cleanout tickets from Damin Printing. Ray will take care of recording and distribution of the tickets. They will be available at the fishing derby.

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski**

| Description                 | Amount          | Account       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Deposits:</b>            |                 |               |
| Membership                  | \$ 60.00        | General Fund  |
| Ashville VFW-donation       | \$400.00        | Fish Fund     |
| Ashville Bass Club-donation | \$200.00        | Fish Fund     |
| Ticket Sales-fishing derby  | \$148.00        | SGOC          |
| West. PA Cons./Dominions    | <u>\$850.00</u> | Dominion-2013 |
| TOTAL                       | \$1,658.00      |               |
| <b>Expenses:</b>            |                 |               |
| Mahaffey Labs               | \$ 75.00        | Dominion-2013 |
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| Earl Smithmyer-supplies     | \$314.46        | General Fund  |
| Bob Funicelli-prizes        | \$1046.77       | Fish Fund     |
| Damin Printing-tickets      | \$ 70.00        | SGOC Fund     |
| POWR-Insurance              | <u>\$353.00</u> | General Fund  |
| TOTAL                       | \$1,915.03      |               |

Dane is to review the CCWA Sales Tax Exemption Certificate to see if it needs to be updated.

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report. Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

**Grant Committee:**

Earl and Alene attended the luncheon to receive the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy/Dominion grant on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Rachel Kester sent Dan information on a grant from ARIPA. Grant is due on June 30, 2013. Rebecca Holler suggested we review this grant application to make sure it is a grant applicable to CCWA.

**Dam Cleanout Committee:**

As mentioned above the dam cleanout tickets will be available for the fishing derby. Earl stated that John Slovikosky has not had a chance to replace the large rocks that had washed out above the dam. Dan mentioned that he has rubber roofing available to be placed under the rocks to prevent future washout.

**Cleanup Committee:**

Earl reported that the cleanup went very well. There were a total of 35 participants including 6 students from SFU. Stream cleanup went well with not too much litter along the stream. Ed mentioned that 45 bags of garbage were picked up between Syberton and Ashville. A total of 125 bags, 4 tires and 1 mattress were collected. Where does it all come from? PennDOT picked up the trash bags on Monday morning. Special thanks to Alene, Earl and others who helped with the luncheon.

### **Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose: **Tech Committee Report- April 16, 2013**

Amsbry Project We await a copy of the final report on the project from Alder Run Engineering.

Brubaker Project A tracer test was conducted on the small stream. Replies by Potesta to comments on the report plan were discussed in a phone conference on 3/2

Klondike Project No activity. We should be re-connecting the slag bed to the system. Repairs to a leak in the inflow pipe are to be done by Earl and others.

West Ferris Wheel Negotiations are underway with Krieger, and we are applying for additional funds from OSM.

Gibson Project No word yet on final property transfer of Bender-Game Commission. A field check by Rose and Brian Merrow on a possible mine adit in the proposed treatment area is scheduled for 4/19. A Good Samaritan application will be prepared by Rose.

Swank Project Amanda Conrad conducted a successful field measurement of the travel time in the limestone channel on 3/29, and the water was sampled. The system continues to partially treat a high flow.

Old Beldin Project The property situation at this site will be discussed with Bender in the near future. Changes in the outflow location will be examined and a new weir installed if needed.

Data Logger Bryan stated that he and/or Nate should be able next week to check on the data logger. Bryan also mentioned that the data loggers can hold lots of information, none will be lost, and he will get the most recent data sent to Art.

Ace Drilling Site-Site was sampled On April 8<sup>th</sup> by Ray, Dick, Chuck, and Earl. Art stated that he has received a copy of only 1 of the 5 samples that had been taken.

### **The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Given By Jackie Williams, Alder Run Engineering:**

**Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2**—A map was given to Earl for locating the soil samples so we know where to add fertilizer. He will see that the samples are collected. Once the data comes back from the lab, we will get quotes for the fertilizer, to be applied in May.

Jackie has been working to close out the paperwork for the \$1000 supplement. All invoices are in order except the Penn-Cambria invoice, which she needs a copy of to complete the reporting. All future sampling should be billed to another active project as this budget is spent and all remaining funds are for fertilizer.

A progress report has been presented for signature for the period through March 31, 2013.

**West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2** – Bid negotiations continued with the low bidder. The Board of Directors is seeking supplemental funds from the OSM, and OSM agreed to accept an application. ARE is working through this paperwork and an application with supporting documents has been provided for signature.

OSM would like to visit the site the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May, any day but Monday or Friday. (May 7, 8, 9) CCWA should pick a day and let ARE know so we can finalize it with David Hamilton. The 8<sup>th</sup> works best for ARE as Michelle and Brian have training in Williamsport and May 7 and 9.

Applications for reimbursement to DEP and progress reports are provided for review and signature for both projects through March 31, 2013.

**Gibson-Halstock** – Art and ARE will meet on Friday at 10 at the State Game Land Parking Lot along Blacksnake Road. The purpose of the visit is to look at the area identified as an exploratory dig or drift opening to ensure it won't negatively affect the project. After that, we need a decision to include the rock lined channel in the design and permits or not, so we can get this wrapped up and permits submitted. DEP indicated that a construction contract will be coming to CCWA soon.

**Amsbry** – Final report and final financial reports provided to Art for his review and signature.

**Morgan Run Ross**—Treatment system is online and working well. The iron levels are getting lower in the effluent, which is good. Effluent pHs are over 7, and pH in Morgan Run is up over 1-2 pH points. Remaining activities are post-construction monitoring and tree planting. Tree planting is scheduled for this week.

In terms of project paperwork, the ACOE closeout forms for the stream crossing general permit and treatment system waiver were submitted. Copies were given to CCWA when they were signed. The paperwork to transfer the stream crossing general permit to Randy Ross was also submitted.

A final financial report for MR Ross, CCWA's \$100,000 portion, is included for signature.

**Morgan Run 7**—Work will resume as weather permits, hopefully in the next two weeks. **Note:** Jerry mentioned that Michelle had e-mailed a copy of a letter from Krieger Excavating stating that, "Steve Krieger has agreed to extend his bid on the West Ferris Wheel bid on March 8, 2013 in order to negotiate an agreement between Clearfield Creek Watershed and Steven Krieger Excavating."

#### **Old Business:**

**Display Board:** Rebecca Holler stated that she continues to work on the display board. She will have it finished and will bring it to the fishing derby. She also has a copy of our new brochure for review. She has updated the stream map and identified 14 larger streams that empty into Clearfield Creek. Discussion was held on the time frame for printing of the brochure. Printing will be at a later date.

**Field Trip – April 5<sup>th</sup> -Review:** 71 sixth grade Penn Cambria students attended the field trip. They were well behaved and a good bunch of kids. Both Ben and Jeff reported the kids had a great time and a great learning experience. It was noted that there were more macro invertebrates found in the Clearfield Creek this year than in the past, which is a good sign for the stream.

Special thanks to Bryan Rabish and Nate from the Conservation District for a job well done in helping the kids with their macro study. We want to thank the many volunteers- Pat & Kevin, Earl & Alene, Pat, Ray & Jill and others for providing the lunch for the kids. We also want to thank Al Colian and the PA Fish Commission for allowing the students to help stock trout in Clearfield Creek.

Shawn Simmers mentioned that Cambria CoGen will offer to pay for the busing for this event. We want to thank the Cambria CoGen for their support.

Also discussed was whether we should do a stream shocking at a later date in order to assess the survival rate of any of the fingerlings that we have been stocking.

**Fishing Derby Tickets:** Ray stated that some people are turning in their tickets and he asked everyone to please continue selling tickets. Remember if you would like to purchase a few tickets or can help sell some please contact me or any CCWA Board member. As mentioned in the past, this is a major fund raiser for the fishing derby.

**Fishing Derby Check List:** Since the May monthly meeting is after the fishing derby the members present went over a lengthy check list for the event. **Please note a couple of items:** fish stocking will be Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> between 5 and 6 PM. We will also be cleaning up around the dam at this time. We will begin to setup at 7AM on Saturday morning for the fishing derby. Volunteers are needed for both Friday evening and Saturday morning.

#### **New Business:**

**Board of Directors Meetings:** The Board of Directors met on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Earl's residence to continue to review the West Ferris Wheel contract. It was a consensus of the Board of Directors to not rebid the project but to continue to negotiate a contract price with Krieger Excavating. Michelle was instructed to contact Dave Hamilton, OSM, for additional funding for the project.

**Tree Planting:** Earl talked to John Frederick at the solid waste site near the Buckhorn to inform him that we will soon be planting trees at the site. CCWA has trees ordered from the PA Game Commission to plant and we are also planning a field day with students from Penn Cambria in order to plant the trees that the school receives.

As of now we have been informed by Dan Yahner that the trees should arrive the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Office Equipment:** Dan suggested that we should purchase a portable scanner in order to assist with keeping track of all the paperwork from the grants and multiple funds. This paperwork could be scanned and then stored digitally. Ed suggested we should purchase a color copier for Jerry. Dan is to check pricing on both and report at the May meeting.

**Potts Run:** High flow sampling was completed in the beginning of April. Samples were collected throughout the Potts Run watershed, including water chemistry, flow, and macro invertebrates. Low flow sampling will take place sometime this summer most

likely July, however the date depends on weather. Rachel will let the group know when this sampling will take place so anyone interested can come and help.

**River Researchers Teen Camp:** The deadline for applications has been extended to May 1st. The camp will take place on Aug 4-8th at the Mahaffey campground. Interested students should apply by going to <http://www.wbsrc.org/teencamp/default.html>. Anyone with questions or if you would like to help during the camp please contact Rebecca or Rachel.

**Next Meeting: May 21, 2013, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our summer meeting site.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Eric Davis the meeting was adjourned.