

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Meeting of May 18, 2004

The meeting at Laurel Run Sportsmans Club was **called to order** by President John Strittmatter followed by the pledge to the flag. Eighteen members were in attendance.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen and Richard Dotts, the **minutes** of the meeting of April 20, 2004 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following report:

During the month of April, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, April 1 st	\$4,499.63
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road Cleanup	(\$109.79)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	35.00
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, April 30 th	\$4,424.88

Dues Held for Deposit at 4/30/04: \$0

<u>Grant Account</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>HEINZ</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, Apr 1 st	\$ 53.61	\$2,059.10	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$2,594.64
<u>Expenses:</u>					
Surveying	(2,500.00)				
Raffle prizes	_____	(500.00)	_____	_____	(3,000.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>					
DEP reimbursement	2,500.00				
Derby donations		825.00			
Raffle sales		1,302.00			
Bank interest	.06			0.00	4,627.06
End Balance, Apr 30 th	\$ 53.67	\$3,686.10	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$4,221.70

Other Notes:

1. DEP grants require bank interest on their funds to accrue to the project. For simplicity, all of the 6 cents interest in April is given to the Klondike project.
2. A second installment of \$2,500 for the Klondike project is expected to be received in May from DEP.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen and Stephanie Wharton, the Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Secretary Arthur Rose thanked **Stephanie Wharton** for taking minutes at the 4/20 meeting of the Association. He also announced a series of **Organizational Development Workshops** presented by POWR (PA Organization of Watershed Restoration) and DEP in Williamsport starting June 14th (Governance), followed in succeeding months by sessions of Strategic Planning, Budgeting, Fundraising and Membership Recruitment.

Bob Funicelli for the **Membership Committee** reported no new members.

On **publicity**, Pat McNulty reported an article on Brubaker Run in the Tribune-Democrat, and discussions with the Johnstown and Altoona papers. He will get notices about the Fishing

Derby in these papers. Jen Demchak and Sean Bartlett said that the Clearfield Progress is publishing a page on Watershed News every couple weeks, and will let the secretary know how to submit news items for the Association. Sean indicated that the website has been updated and improved.

The Historical and Finance Committees had no activities to report.

At **the Klondike project**, Arthur Rose indicated that design and permitting was continuing, and that sites were selected for weirs upstream and downstream from the planned facilities. Earl Smithmyer will work with several other members in the next few weeks to install these weirs and initiate sampling.

John Foreman and Arthur Rose have been working on a proposal for a feasibility study of mine sealing at the **Brubaker Run Clay Mine**. This proposal was delayed several weeks while Foreman was out of town on a project, but is nearing completion. A cost of about \$200,000 was indicated. John Strittmatter questioned whether the project could not be done for less money. An inquiry was sent to Steve Garbarino of the Corps of Engineers about their Feasibility report, but no reply had been received as yet.

The **Abandoned Mine Reclamation conference** in Indiana on June 11-12 was announced, with field sessions for planned for watershed groups.

Earl Smithmyer reported that preparations for the **Fishing Derby** were complete for a start at 9AM on May 22. Numerous donations have been received for food and prizes. The raffle generated sufficient funds to pay for the derby and replenish the original fund so that the event can be repeated next year.

The second **Road Cleanup** is scheduled for June 13 at 9 AM at the Laurel Run Sportsmans Club. Earl Smithmyer will be away, so Ed McMullen agreed to lead and organize the cleanup.

The Committee to investigate a **Common Grant application** (Sutton, Smithmyer and Rose) indicated that they will meet after the main meeting.

Dick Dotts read a reply to his letter to Arlen Specter regarding the reauthorization of the **Abandoned Mineland Fund**. Specter is supporting a bill for continuing support to PA and eastern states. Robb Potter mentioned that POWR was soliciting petitions for reauthorization, to be found on their website. Rose will check on this and arrange with Strittmatter to submit a petition.

John Strittmatter reported that appreciable parts of the **Amsbry coal refuse piles** are composed of red dog, and that the energy contents of 11,000 Btu/lb seemed much too high. After discussion, it was agreed that the coal refuse piles were less important projects than other association activities.

The **next meeting** will be June 15 at the Laurel Run Sportsmans club at 6:30 PM. President Strittmatter and President Elect Smithmyer will both be away, so Secretary Rose will chair the meeting.

On a motion by Ray Hollen and Stephanie Wharton, the meeting was adjourned for **Alene Smithmyer's refreshments**.