

Clearfield Creek Watershed Association
Minutes of Meeting
July 16, 2002—6:30 p.m.
Dysart Sportsmen Club, Dysart PA

Call to Order: President Jeff Holtz called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report: Since our last meeting there have been no deposits or checks written from the Regular Account; the current balance is \$3879.49. One bill for \$35.44 needs to be paid; this is for food purchased for the June clean up. The (Cambria County Conservation District) Grant Account has a balance of \$10,338.16 and a bill for \$900 for last month's sampling needs to be paid to Mahaffey Lab. Rod Piper said he has received and paid a bill for \$250 for the work done on the 5013C; the conservation district will need reimbursed. Jeff Holtz made a motion to pay the bill and Richard Dotts seconded the motion. The application for the 5013C has been received by the Federal Government and may take as long as 90 days to get it back. Mr. Freeman has completed the corporation papers and a bill was not attached. He originally said he would do the work pro bono.

No Secretary's Report: Due to personal reasons, Bobbie Peltzer has resigned as Secretary. Minutes were recorded by Jennifer Demchak for this month. Until a replacement can be found, Kara Holtz will temporarily take on the responsibilities of Secretary.

Membership Committee Report: One new member joined and another has paid his yearly dues. The group discussed the need to revamp the membership process and Richard Dotts is going to research getting new membership cards and receipt forms printed.

Public Relations Committee Report: Pat has nothing new to report. Jeff received a request from the Watershed Weekly for the group to prepare an article describing the major issues the group is facing and activities the group is participating in. The information was given to Pat to follow up on.

Historical Committee Report: A few pictures were taken at the June clean up and will be added to the website. No new articles were featured in local newspapers.

Tech Committee: Art Rose reported for the Tech Committee.

Group A: Has set 8 or 9 weirs and have begun sampling.

Groups B & C: Has set 11 weirs and have been sampled for several months.

Group D: Two discharges have been checked, one flowing into Glendale Lake one below the breast of the Dam. Both are small flow discharges with high pH low conductivity.

Group E: Has set 8 weirs and have been sampled for several months.

Groups F & G: Shoff Mine has a weir in place and one sample collected. Pine Run has 4 weirs and one water sample collected. Blane and Turner Run will be having weirs installed July 18th and samples collected. The group is not yet welcome on Maypole Run.

Group J etc.: The identified discharges in the Clearfield County areas have all been located and sampled. Donna Carnahan and company are continuing her work in Clearfield County and to date have 7 or 8 weirs in and expect to be completed by the end of the month. The CCWA has also been asked by DEP to take over the water sampling on 8 sites on Blue Run. DEP is using this stream to determine a TMDL. We are happy to cooperate.

Brian and Stephanie have been out helping put in the final weirs. Thanks! Kevin, the chair of the tech committee, is no longer at Penn State. We are unsure of his future with the group. He left two boxes of AMD material for the group, along with a field chemistry kit.

Stephanie has also put together a notebook of all the data collected so far.

Jeff has found 2 people to help out in his area. They will meet with Earl next month for training.

New Business:

Environmental Futures Meeting: Earl attended the Team #2 meeting at Black Moshannon State Park on June 27th. The focus of this meeting was to nominate streams or stream segments for addition to the 20 Mile Priority List. A memo was sent to Corey Cram at DEP outlining the group's focus and our stream nomination. Earl and Donna, both gave comments and recommendations for the list. The next meeting will be held in the Fall and Earl is trying to hold it at the Dysart Sportsmen Club. Wetland Mitigation was also discussed at the meeting. During road construction, if wetlands are affected or destroyed, PennDot is regulated to replace them on a 1:1 basis. The group should keep this in mind for future road projects.

Equipment Needs: It was discussed that Donna Carnahan has additional money that can be spent on equipment. A list was given to Stephanie containing calibration solutions and a list of lumber. It was also discussed to buy additional lumber for weir replacement and back up meters. It was also suggested to buy a pygmy flow meter for areas where we do not have weirs installed.

Conservation District Update: Barry Wolfe stopped by at the beginning of the meeting to drop off a schedule of events for the upcoming weekend. Rob Piper is meeting the educational specialist at the park to discuss how CCWA can become involved with park programs. Rob brought to our attention a Fishing Report about Glendale Lake that can be obtained at princegallitzinsp@state.pa.us. An intern has put together a brochure for the group and a discussion entailed as to what pictures should be included. It was decided that cultural areas, Cresson Shaft, Shoff Mine, sampling/remediation, and weirs should be

included. The Chesapeake Bay Journal is being sent to the officers and can be obtained by anyone. If you are interested please get your name and address to Rob Piper.

Cider Festival: The festival is being held Sunday October 6th at Prince Gallitzin State Park. We have decided to participate by setting up a table and display area with acid mine drainage information, brochures, pictures, and a pH meter and water to test. We also discussed having a fundraiser, either selling t-shirts, hats or conducting a raffle. We are looking for a donation of something to raffle off, whether it be a fly fishing trip or a professional turkey hunt. Please come to the next meeting with ideas. We will also be advertising the October road clean up. A committee has been established to work on this, please contact Jeff Holtz if you are interested in helping.

Fundraiser, Skeet Shoot: It will be held September 29 from 12:00–4:00 pm. It will be a 25 shot event, bring your own gun and shells. The birds will be supplied. We are tentatively calling the event the 1st Annual Clearfield Creek Benefit Shoot. We will be focusing on gaining members and need volunteers to take memberships. The details will be worked out at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Need for an Accountant: It was discussed at the last meeting that an accountant might be needed for internal controls on the regular account and also external audits of the grants we receive. Phone calls have been made and this will be followed up for next month.

Amsbury Spoil Piles: Earl reminded the group that the pile had been tested and may have value for CoGen plants. Max Scheeler is going to make some phone calls and follow up on potential buyers.

NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2002 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE DYSART SPORTSMEN CLUB

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.