

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 18, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present and one visitor- Rob Clauto- who signed up as a new member. Rob is employed by the federal government in the National Resources Conservation Service Office in Blair County and has some experience in acid mine cleanup projects. We welcome Rob as a new member. On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Art Rose the minutes from June 20, 2006 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

During the month of **May & June**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, May 1 st , 2006	\$4,251.24
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	10.00
Donation	50.00
Food sales (Derby)	498.15
Bank interest	0.38
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road & Stream Clean-up expense	(10.58)
Service plaques	(78.44)
Stamps	(39.00)
Ending Balance, June 30 th , 2006	\$4,681.75
<u>Money Held for Deposit at 6/30/06:</u> \$0	

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, May 1 st , 2006	\$1,640.13
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards Received	0.00
Grant Reimbursements	5,750.00
Fish Derby – Ticket Sales	1,106.00
Fish Derby – Donations	450.00
Bank interest	<u>.69</u>
Total Deposits	7,306.69

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
KL1 (Growing Greener)	0.00	→	\$ (1,182.44)
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	0.00	→	.06
Fish Fund	3,546.12	→	3,796.08
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	3,456.12		
Ending Balance, June 30 th , 2006	\$5,400.70		\$5,400.70

Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he has two invoices, Forsyth Drilling-\$8,757.38 (drilling work) and Roger Bressler-\$2,925.00 (dozer work) from the Brubaker project that will be sent to DEP for reimbursement. On a motion by Dick Dotts and seconded by Shawn Simmers the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had sent out 12 thank you letters to various fishing derby sponsors. Also enclosed was a copy of the pictures of the fishing derby that appeared in the Mainliner.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that he had no new memberships at this time.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report for this month. We have not heard from Pat McNulty in a while. President Earl said he would contact Pat as to his status as Public Relations Chair.

Historical Committee:

Alene Smithmyer stated that she had nothing new to report at this time.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he had the checks that were approved at last month's meeting to send out after President Smithmyer added the second signature.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee:

Klondike Project Nothing has been heard from DEP on approval or review of our joint permit, despite inquiries to DEP in Pittsburg and Ebensburg.

Brubaker Project Drilling on this project started June 26, and has continued to the present. We now have three drillholes into the mine workings at site A just above the outflow, two holes into the eastern branch of the mine at site D and one hole into the Haws clay mine which will be used for a tracer test. We also have 3 holes into deeper horizons to test for water coming into the clay mine from beneath. We anticipate another 10 days of drilling, mainly at site B over the upper part of the mine, plus an additional hole for tracer tests. Bill Ehler of the US Office of Surface Mining brought their borehole camera to the site on July 11. Based on the camera work, we were able to confirm open haulageways at sites A and D, and to recognize the correct location to hit the second haulageway at Site D. Water samples have been collected and sent for analysis from most of the completed drillholes. A sample was collected at the weir on the Highland Fling tributary to Brubaker Run, but the weir at site BBC-28 on upper Brubaker is partly washed out and needs repairs. One day was spent by Foreman and Rose on compilation of drilling and mining in the area. Geophysical tests by Geoff Moret

over the eastern branch of the mine show an anomaly over part of the water-filled stoped area.

Ferris Wheel Project Updated letters were obtained from Blair County Solid Waste and Robindale Energy, and sent to support our Growing Greener application. Shawn reported that the value of the promised work from Blair County Solid Waste will more than meet our 15% match for this project.

Amsbry Project A field discussion was held with Mr. Larue, his real estate salesman, President Smithmyer and Arthur Rose. Mr. Larue indicated he can probably agree to our project. Several changes were made in the easement agreement to accommodate his questions and problems, mainly dealing with the Good Samaritan agreement. The revised agreement was sent to Mr. Larue on about July 9. Malcolm Crittenden confirmed that CCWA can receive funds from the refuse removal and still be covered by the Good Samaritan coverage, because we are a non-profit organization. We hope to get Robindale Energy on the property sometime soon to evaluate the access road alignment, possible tree cutting and quality of the coal refuse.

Glasgow Project Email and phone discussions were held with Doug Renshaw and Curt Sober, the managing partners of the Hommer Family Partnership, surface owners of most of the area of the treatment ponds. They indicate that they are agreeable to our proceeding with the autopsy of the system but want a more formal agreement before any further construction at the site. This sequence was confirmed by Malcolm Crittenden of DEP. An application for a Technical Assistance Grant to conduct the autopsy was submitted to Trout Unlimited in late June, and specific tasks and contractors are being evaluated by TU and Hedin Environmental. CCWA suggested several possible contractors for excavator work as part of the autopsy. Monthly flushing continues.

Blandburg Treatment Plant A cost-benefit evaluation was prepared and submitted to DEP Cambria office for inclusion in back-up submissions to the C&K trust fund. A visit is planned with Jon Dietz, an engineer, to further evaluate possibilities for the plant.

SRBC Low-Flow Investigation The Cresson-Gallitzin-Amsbry minepools are included in Phase 2 of this project, which could lead to a treatment plant for the Cresson Borehole, 23D and Bradley Run discharges. The CCWA sampling in 2002-03 provided a key historical set of data to justify this project.

West Branch Watershed Restoration Coalition. At a meeting on July 11, projects discussed included a compilation and restoration plan to be prepared by SRBC, and an economic study of West Branch Restoration being arranged with Penn State. Also, extension of our fishing study to other parts of the WB watershed is being proposed.

Old Business:

Weirs-Brubaker Run: A work crew was meeting in Dean on Tuesday, July 25th to install a 24 foot weir near the mouth of Brubaker Run.

Grant Committee: grant committee co-chair members Shawn Simmers and Dan McMullen were present to discuss potential grant applications and projects for the committee. Many suggestions were made; to apply for small grants that could assist us with current projects, Art suggested perhaps a grant for water sampling on Muddy Run, Earl suggested grants for the purchase of lumber for weirs and additional water sampling on Clearfield Creek. The grant committee will look into potential grants and report back at a future meeting.

Trash Dump-Utahville area- Earl and Jeff Holtz are to make an on-site visit the week of July 24th. Earl was to contact Rachael from the Clearfield Creek Conservation District to see if she would like to join them.

Boat Tour-Glendale lake- President Smithmyer is waiting to hear from the Glendale Park Office as to the scheduling of this boat tour.

New Business:

Roadway cleanup- a reminder to all members that our next roadway cleanup is scheduled for **Sunday, August 6, 2006**. We will be meeting at **Al's Glass, Dysart, at 9AM**. Additional volunteer are always welcome.

Annual Skeet Shoot- Earl had spoken to Jeff Holtz and Jeff is not sure, at this time, whether the site will be available for the shoot. Earl discussed that additional shooters are needed for this to be a successful shoot. Earl will report on the status of the shoot at the August meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM, August 15, 2006. Please come and join us for this meeting.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.

