

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes, August 17, 2004**

The meeting was **called to order** by President Strittmatter with the pledge to the flag. Ten members were present. Carl Underkofler, a volunteer working with Donna Carnahan, was introduced.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen seconded by Earl Smithmyer, the **minutes** of the meeting of July 20 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Larry Sutton was unable to be present, but sent in the following **Treasurer's Report** read by Earl Smithmyer:

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Jul 1 st	\$4,424.95
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues - none	
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, Jul 31 st	\$4,424.99

Dues Held for Deposit at 7/31/04: \$0

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<u>Grant Account</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>HEINZ</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, Jul 1 st	\$2,554.31	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93		\$5,185.94
<u>Expenses:</u>						
None						
<u>Deposits:</u>						
Bank interest	.43			0		.43
End Balance, Jul 31 st	\$2,554.74	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93		\$5,186.37

Other Notes:

DEP grants require bank interest on their funds to accrue to the project. For simplicity, all of the interest in the Grant Account is given to the Klondike project, because the amount is insignificant.”

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The secretary had nothing to report, and there was no report from the Membership Committee.

In **Public Relations**, it was noted that an article had appeared in the Clearfield Progress last month, based on a writeup by the Secretary. No other papers seem to have carried any news of the Association. It was suggested that the date of the Skeet Shoot should be passed along to Shawn Bartlett for the website.

The Historical Committee had nothing to report.

Under **Finance Committee**, Earl Smithmyer indicated that the church in Ashville will charge \$50/meeting to meet there this winter. The possibility of meeting at the Villa in Dysart or at Prince Gallitzin Park was discussed.

For the Tech Committee, Arthur Rose reported that 3 weirs had been set on **Little Laurel Run** by Earl Smithmyer, Ed McMullen, Bryan Rabish and others. These will allow collection of

flow and chemistry above and below the Klondike treatment system, and good data for the quality and flow at the mouth of Little Laurel Run.

Considerable progress has been made on the **Brubaker Run** project. A quotation of \$145/hr for a heavy duty drill rig has been obtained from Guelich Drilling of Clearfield, after a field visit with them arranged by John Foreman. John Strittmatter obtained several quotes in a similar range from drillers, so we can be confident that the drilling can be accomplished for this price. John Foreman and Arthur Rose will meet early next week to finalize the proposal to BAMR (it has since been submitted). The possibility of obtaining a detailed map of the clay mine from Sam Lansbury, the present owner of Harbison-Walker files, was discussed. Carl Underkofler indicated that he knew Mr. Lansbury, and would try to contact him on the subject.

Arthur Rose gave a brief talk using the Powerpoint presentation he had used at a talk on July 27 for the **Cambria County Conservation District**. The talk described the acid load and stream biota in Clearfield Creek, and the proposed treatment on Little Laurel Run.

Under Old Business, Earl Smithmyer reported that the **Road Cleanup** on Aug. 8 successfully cleaned up 8 miles of PA 53. A total of 21 people collected 61 bags of trash between Dysart and Syberton Road.

Bryan Rabish reported that the **trash near Frugality** appears to be on Game Commission land, based on property maps in the Courthouse. This information will be passed on to Barry Zaffuto of the Game Commission.

No information was available on the **Common Grant** application.

Secretary Rose prepared a letter of support for improved **Growing Greener II** funding for President Strittmatter to send to State Representative Haluska and Senator Wozniak. Copies of the letter were distributed for members to send in personally.

No new information was available on the possibility of a **landfill** at the Kauffman project in Clearfield County.

Bryan Rabish had no information on updating of the **brochure**, but will work on this.

Under new business, the secretary announced that the CCWA has partnered with the Clearfield County Conservation District on a \$10,000 proposal to the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program (John Dawes) for partial costs of design and permitting of treatment systems on **Upper Morgan Run**. Partial support of \$21,500 had already been received from the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Initiative for this \$41,000 project. A description of the proposal was sent to all board members. Based on telephone and email communications, all board members supported the submission, and President Strittmatter signed the proposal about a week ago. The project will be administered by the Clearfield County Conservation District.

The date for the **Skeet Shoot** was discussed. We are scheduled for a Road and Stream Cleanup on October 10, and the Cider Festival is October 3, so it was decided that the Skeet Shoot should be planned for October 17. Earl Smithmyer will discuss this with Jeff Holtz.

No contact has been received on the possibility of a meeting of the **West Branch Watershed Group** at Laurel Run. Arthur Rose will check on this.

The **next meeting** will be September 21 at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club.

On a motion to adjourn by Earl Smithmyer and Jerry McMullen, the meeting was adjourned for Alene's cookies and drinks.