

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 10 members present and one visitor, Aaron Furgiuele, representing Trout Unlimited. Earl welcomed Aaron to the meeting. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the August minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The following report was presented by Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer.

Meeting of 9/15/09

For: August 1 - August 31, 2009

General Fund

Beginning Balance		\$6,806.85
Deposits	Ace Drilling	\$230.00
	Dues	\$10.00
	Interest	\$0.17
	Mahaffey	
Expenses	Labs	(\$112.00)
Ending Balance		\$6,935.02

Grant Accounts

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,603.71	\$0.98	\$0.00	\$5,604.69
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	\$8,466.41	\$0.00	(\$18,917.00)	(\$10,450.59)
MuR1 Assessment	\$1,270.70	\$0.02	(\$784.00)	\$486.72
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$8,473.49	\$0.00	(\$1,503.49)	\$6,970.00
Ferris Wheel West	(\$2,674.38)	\$0.00	(\$196.00)	(\$2,870.38)
KL-2	\$7,211.96	\$0.00	(\$1,659.00)	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,879.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,879.00
Fish Fund	\$4,134.49	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	\$3,634.49
<u>Total</u>	\$36,325.38	\$1.00	(\$23,559.49)	\$12,766.89

Treasurer's Report Continued:

All invoices from Smith Excavating were submitted to DEP for payment by Larry.

Deposits:

\$1000 into the general Fund: a grant to CCWA from Norfolk Southern. We want to thank Ray Hollen for his assistance in securing this grant.

Expenses:

\$13.99 to Earl Smithmyer for donuts for the cleanup on August 9th- general fund.

\$141.00 to Mahaffey Labs for water testing on Klondike- Klondike Rose fund.

A **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing payment of the above listed invoices and to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had several e-mails in correspondence this past month. He stated that he had personally invited Justin Edger and Kathy Mellot to the TU Mini Symposium and Tour for September 19th and forwarded this information to everyone on the e-mail list.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships this past month.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report under public relations.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had no new articles for the historical book. Earl reported that he had a few photos and an article to give to Ray next month.

Finance Report:

Dane reported that he had given the paperwork, requesting a donation from M& T bank, to Larry to fill out. Larry will then send all paperwork to M & T bank.

Cleanup Committee:

As mentioned after the August cleanup, we were very disappointed in the turnout. **The last cleanup for the year is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th, 9AM. We will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman's in Dysart.** This is both a roadway and stream cleanup. Extra volunteers are needed for this cleanup. If you are able to help with the stream cleanup, please bring a pair of hip boots. I ask you to please put this date on your calendar and give us a hand.

Grant Committee:

Due to another commitment, neither Dan nor Shawn was able to attend this meeting. Therefore, there was nothing new to report, at this time.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-September 15, 2009**

Klondike Project Examination of samples collected in 2009 show that half the iron in the inflow is being removed along the channel and the new ponds constructed in 2008. Samples collected in August continue to show negligible iron in the final outflow, though a large amount is precipitating in the final pond and wetland. However, considerable acidity is currently present in the final outflow. The effect of the four slag dams emplaced last month is uncertain at present, but does not appear to be large. The slag dams were reviewed on 9/9 with James Hamilton and John Foreman. A class from Penn State Engineering visited the site on 9/10 and sampled the KL2 system.

West Ferris Wheel Project The site was sampled on 9/1 with results similar to previous samples. The preliminary design was discussed with Michelle Merrow, and several features examined on a field visit on 9/9, followed by further discussion of the design, which is scheduled to be completed by year end. A letter requesting an extension of the grant to 9/30/10 was sent to DEP, and the extension was approved..

Amsbry Project Two samples were collected on 8/27. A contract for design and permitting at Amsbry was received for signature from Alder Run Engineering.

Glasgow Project Smith excavating has completed nearly all work on renovation of VFP 1, and is well along on rebuilding of VFP2. At the latter site, the iron sludge has been removed and the pond walls steepened to expand the active area of the new treatment system. A bill for \$28,376 was submitted for work up to 9/10. Smith estimates the job will be completed by about the end of September.

Muddy Run Project Lab results were received for the August sampling. A tour of 10 sites was conducted on 8/27 for Drs. Bill Burgos and Norm Folmar of Penn State Engineering in preparation for their use of sites in the senior design course in Environmental Engineering. The September sampling will be conducted on 9/18-21.

Morgan Run Project A tour of the MR Tuff and MR Frog treatment systems was conducted on 9/8 in conjunction with a meeting of the West Branch Restoration Coalition. The systems are performing well and are very well constructed.

Other items discussed under the Tech Report:

Ace Drilling Site-Earl and Dick attempted to sample this site this past week but were unable to due to a lock that had been recently changed. Earl stated that they will be trying again in the next week or so.

The bill for \$28,376.00 from Smith Excavating will be given to Larry, to be sent to DEP for reimbursement.

Old Business:

Trout Unlimited Symposium and Educational Tour: Final plans were made for the TU event to be held on September 19th. Some items discussed were the meeting time, agenda, speakers, advertisement, notification to schools, invitation to local township supervisors, lunch and the bus arrangement. Arrangements were made by Earl for the Solid Waste Authority site to be open for the bus tour.

Fishing Map- Earl stated that he will have the fishing map for Saturday. Art and Earl looked at the map and some of the updates done by Carl Undercofler. They have also color coded some additional streams on the map.

M & T Bank Discussion- as mentioned earlier, all paperwork will be forwarded by Larry to the bank.

Gary Haluska Grant- this grant is still pending and we have not heard anything new, at this time.

New Business:

Apple Cider Festival: arrangements were made to take tables and chairs to the Cider Festival. We will, once again, be sharing a tent with Cambria County Conservation District and the PA Fish Commission. We will also have our banner, fishing map, display board and historical book on display. Please take the time to stop in and say hi.

Winter Meeting Site: we have our October meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman but after that we will have to look at a winter meeting site. Earl is to contact Prince Gallitzin Park and request this location for our winter meetings.

Thank You- Art expressed a sincere thank you for the flowers and cards sent by CCWA.

Final Notes:

Trout in the Classroom: Ben Watt did receive the check and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of the fish eggs in late October. Art requested that pictures of CCWA members visiting the classroom be taken for our website.

Tubes & Stakes- Dick and Earl were trying to make arrangements to place the tubes and stakes soon to protect the chestnut trees at the FW Revegetation site.

Camera Request- Ed requested that CCWA purchase its' own camera out of the \$1,000.00 grant received from Norfolk Southern. It was agreed by all members present that there is a need for our own camera. Earl asked Ed if he would get prices and report at the October meeting.

Additional Stream- It was reported that Al Colian, PA Fish Commission Officer, has had 300 meters of additional stream below the Condrin Bridge approved for stocking. This is a real nice section of stream and we are very pleased with this news.

Stream Survey: Earl would still like to see a stream survey done on the section of Clearfield Creek from Ashville towards the Black Bridge and from Condrin Bridge downstream towards Dean. It is hoped that TU will be able to assist us with this survey through their technical assistance program.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2009, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

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