

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present for the meeting plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering and Richard Leihart, Jr from GAI. There were two minor corrections to the July minutes: add Dick Dotts to the group that assisted with water sampling and Eric Holtz should read Eric Davis. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the August 19, 2014 minutes, with these corrections. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reviewed the DCNR letter about the upcoming Apple Cider Festival, a solicitation letter on employee posters (not required by CCWA since we have no employees), and a solicitation letter from TU.

Membership Committee:

Jerry reported that he received one new membership this past month. We also gave two honorary memberships to the ladies who assisted in selling the Dam Cleanout tickets. These will be applied to the 2015 membership year.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

There was nothing new to report from the past month. Michelle stated that the past month's minutes have not yet appeared in The Progress newspaper.

Finance Report:

Ray reported that Dam Cleanout ticket sales went well. Ray gave Dane a list of the winners. Three winning tickets, thus far, have not been sold. Members will be meeting at Earl's house to draw out the winner for any unsold tickets on October 1st at 6:30 PM.

CCWA was asked to contribute to the cost of the cutting of the large pine tree at the Dysart dam that had split and was in danger of falling. Board Members voted to spend \$500.00 towards the tree cutting. Actually, a large section of the tree fell prior to the cutting. Fortunately, no one was fishing at the dam at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, September 16, 2014

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report.

Monthly Meeting Activity: September 2014

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
		\$	
	Memberships	10.00	Gen Fund
	DD Tickets	\$ 1,640.00	SGOC

	\$	
Expenses	Mahaffey Laboratory	(40.00) OSM-WFW/KL1
	\$	Valley
	Mahaffey Laboratory	(225.00) Fork
	\$	
	Mahaffey Laboratory	(60.00) Swank
	\$	
	Alder Run Engineering	(2,579.25) WFW Ph1
	\$	
	Earl Smithmyer	(50.00) Gen Fund
	\$	Dysart
	Dean Township	(500.00) Dam
	\$	
	Hedin Environmental	(2,549.90) Beldin

Ticket Winners

	\$	
	David Mihaerck 9/1	(500.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Gerald Burgoon 9/2	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Roy Erdmann**	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Bill Shoff	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Megan Viard	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Bill Conrad	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Rose Taddei**	(100.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Anna Noel	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Chris Dotts	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Tracy McConnell	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Marian Panaro	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Bernie Bender	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Alene Smithmyer	(50.00) SGOC
	\$	
	Nora Hilyer**	(100.00) SGOC
	John Dworak	\$ (50.00) SGOC
	Christine McMullen	\$ (50.00) SGOC

	\$	
Anna Noel	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Dan Jurewicz	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Bill Rice**	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Donald Hale	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Don Dimmick	(100.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Barb DaBella	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Gary Lingafelt	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Shirley Latterner	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Jerry Greiner	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Dan McMullen**	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Bill Strittmatter	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Ruth Miles**	(100.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Cathy Careia	(50.00)	SGOC
	\$	
Helen Strayer	(50.00)	SGOC

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. Also listed are the winners of the Dam Cleanout ticket. We want congratulate all winners and thank everyone for purchasing or help sell these tickets.

A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Please see attached Treasurer’s report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Also discussed was the completion of the KL-I renovation by Krieger Excavating. A **motion** by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Eric Davis was passed “authorizing the payment of the balance of invoices to Krieger Excavating, up to the contract amount, pending patching of the liner and completion of all work for this project.”

Grant Committee:

Dan was unable to attend this meeting due to his work schedule. Shawn stated that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Cleanup Committee:

All members present were reminded that there is a roadway and stream cleanup on Sunday, September 28th, 9 AM, Laurel Run Sportsman in Dysart. Lunch will be provided. This is our final cleanup of the year. Shawn offered to check on some volunteers from SFU. Jerry is to send out an e-mail reminder.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-September 16, 2014**

Klondike Project The new limestone and compost were added to the KL1 pond, with completion of this step on 9/4. Remaining work is to patch at least one tear in the liner, and plant the area disturbed in the work. The coarse limestone added to the pond was analyzed at 84.5% CaCO₃, which is OK but not outstanding. Several students from St. Francis visited the site on 9/16 to discuss senior projects related to the site. A bill and report for Alder Run work on the project was submitted, to be paid from the W Ferris I budget. We need to submit an invoice to DEP-WPCAMR by about Oct. 15 for the work at Klondike.

CCWA members stabilized the liner on the channel into the KL2 system, using wood slats held by pieces of rebar.

St. Francis students visited the site and are going to investigate several possibilities for improvement of the Klondike systems.

West Ferris Wheel Project We continue to await word from the new property owner concerning an agreement with the Cooney trust. Apparently an agreement is being discussed. We need to encourage the owners to finalize this, and make agreements with the new owner regarding access and timber. The US Fish and Wildlife office was contacted regarding a waiver on tree cutting, and they requested detailed project information, most of which is already in their files.

Gibson Project No activity. We still await the agreement with the Game Commission, which awaits a signature by the Attorney General.

Beldin Project Hedin Environmental submitted a bill and short report on work at this design project. Since the visit to the site in August, no work has been done. We await surveying of Game Commission property by the Game Commission. An insurance certificate was received from Hedin.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swank Project The site was sampled on 8/29. The limestone channel continues partial treatment of the discharge.

Brubaker Project Rose, Smithmyer, Hollen and McMullen met with Pam Milevec, Dave Leiford and other DEP personnel on 9/3 to discuss plans for Brubaker. We proposed that CCWA obtain a grant, probably from Growing Greener, for design of an active treatment plant at Brubaker. We would release a Request for Proposal to several selected engineering firms, to obtain a cost for the design. The proposal for these funds might be submitted in mid 2015. Construction might be funded by Growing Greener or AML funds, with operating funds provided by a trust set up by money from Act 13 and AML sources. The DEP personnel seemed receptive to this approach.

Valley Fork Project Eight sites were sampled on 9/12. With sampling in October we will have a year's worth of sampling, and plan to write a report on the results. Attempts

to use our flow meter in August were unsuccessful – the meter does not respond at low flow rates. It was sent to the manufacturers, who said that re-calibration was needed. It should be returned in the next few days.

Muddy Run The Moshannon DEP office is preparing a TMDL for Muddy Run. A meeting will be held on 9/23 at 10 am in Philipsburg to discuss the project. Our Muddy Run report was sent to them.

WBSRC meeting At a meeting on 9/9, we visited the new Dimeling site on Clearfield Creek. This treats a moderate flow of Fe-rich water, using a bioreactor type of design. It is functioning well.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: September 16, 2014

KL-I- Art covered the updates on this project. Once Krieger's completes a few punch list items we hoping to close this project out.

Gibson-Halstock- CCWA is still waiting for the agreement with the PGC. Several calls have been made to the PGC.

West Ferris Wheel- CCWA is also still waiting for the Landowner's and Good Samaritan Agreement with the new landowners for this project.

Data Logger – Bryan reported that he had checked the data logger on September 15th. He will be sending the information to Art. Everything looks good on the data.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl, Dick, Chuck and Ray sampled this site on August 15th.

Old Business:

Shoff Mine Discharge: Dick reported that the area of this discharge has been sold and may be stripped soon. He will try to find out a little more information on this site by the October meeting.

Website Update: Jerry reported that he had received an e-mail from Rebecca stating that the website is up and running. Rebecca is to get a manual and forward the user id and password for the site. She also offered to give some initial training to us.

Dane reported that the problem with our Neo-nexus bill still has not been resolved.

CCWA Water Sampling: Ray reported that he is waiting to hear from Joe Hoy on the next water sampling date. He will inform the others once he hears from Joe.

K-II Stream Repair: A large group of volunteers met on August 26th for this repair. The repair went very well. Special thanks to Earl and Dick. Dick had purchased the rebar, took the time and effort to bend the end of the rebar and Earl had drilled all of the holes in the blocking. Also, special thanks to all the volunteers.

Brochure Placement Project-Kayakers: Updates to this project have been reported in recent minutes. At this time, it was decided to table this project until the spring when we will follow up with the installation of the poles and boxes for the brochures.

Project Booklet: Members present continued to talk about this project and the list that Rebecca Holler produced of our many projects. Several people offered to work on writing something up for some of the projects on the list. We continue to look for a volunteer to work with Rebecca on this project.

Art was to write something up for several of the projects. Jerry was to talk to Rebecca about some of the projects; Ray was to review the historical book for any articles on the list.

New Business:

Apple Cider Festival, October 5th: Arrangements were made to pick up the tables and chairs, display board, brochures, membership cards, etc. for the festival. Ed and Ray will man our display in the morning, Dane and Katie in the afternoon.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2014, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

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