

**Clearfield Creek Watershed Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**October 16, 2001 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Laurel Run Sportsmen's Club, Dysart PA**

**Call to Order:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Jeff Holtz following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.*

**Minutes & Secretary's Report:** *There were corrections to last month's minutes. "John Strittmatter" should have read "John Foreman" in two places. The September minutes will be corrected and made a part of the Secretary's book. A motion to accept September's minutes anticipating these corrections was made by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Bob Funicelli. Motion passed. No correspondence was received at the post office box.*

**Treasurer's / Finance Committee Report:** *The current balance is \$2372.20 and there were no bills to be paid in the last month. Bryan Rabish will pay John Foreman for his expenses.*

**Membership Committee Report:** *There are 81 members to date.*

**Public Relations Committee Report:**

**Clean Up:** *Bobbie Peltzer contacted the Altoona Mirror and they are sending a reporter. Max Scheeler announced that Dave Hess, DEP Secretary will be attending our clean up. John Foreman made a motion to give Mr. Hess an honorary membership, a T-shirt and a map.*

**Web Site:** *Sean has started to work on the website. Bobbie will provide him with the constitution. Sean and Bobbie will discuss how to get the bulk of the information into the website.*

**Historical Committee Report:** *Sean Bartlett and Bobbie Peltzer will include historical information on the website.*

## **Clean Up Committee:**

*Earl Smithmyer reported that everything is set up for Sunday. There will be coffee and donuts at 9:00 followed by a mandatory safety video. Dean Township is furnishing a truck. Bryan has the landfill pass. Earl and Alene are taking care of the refreshments. Ed McMullen reported that Valewood Farms is donating iced tea. Everyone will be assigned clean up sectors. Jeff will make copies of the waivers. People are encouraged to wear boots. John Strittmatter suggested we video Sunday's event.*

## **Tech Committee:**

**Streams Sampling:** *Bryan Rabish furnished the equipment for the groups that previously hadn't gotten sampling equipment. Earl Smithmyer made a motion that additional pH and conductivity testing solution be purchased. Motion seconded by John Foreman. Sean Bartlett offered to check with USGS to inquire about them donating some equipment.*

**Maps:** *John Foreman prepared 100 maps for all the municipalities, etc. We will be distributing the maps with a letter of introduction. Jeff has the comprehensive list of all map recipients. Art Rose suggested that groups such as the Boy Scouts be contacted. John Foreman will be further modifying the maps for the different stream groups. This will include color-coding.*

**Brubaker Run:** *Max said that Ray Rogers from the Ebensburg office would be happy to go with us and tour the Brubaker Run. Max will try to set this up for Tuesday morning at 9:00 starting. John Foreman said as many members as possible from the CCWA should attend. It was decided that we should meet at the Laurel Run parking lot.*

## **New Business:**

**Future Meetings:** *Jeff Holtz stated that he would like November's meeting to be an open house. He observed that our Mission Statement includes educating people. He would like to see some basic training taking place. Gene Pietrowski said we could utilize about a 20-30 minute segment before the meeting. Jen Demchak suggested that we also invite speakers from various groups to present a variety of topics. Gene suggested that we also have equipment demonstrations. Bryan Rabish offered to demonstrate calibrating equipment. John Foreman and Max Scheeler will take care of getting a speaker for November. In the future, the Tech Committee will handle the education segment and the PR Committee will schedule presenters.*

**Growing Greener:** *Kim Betcher reported that the new round of Growing Greener Grants opens in October with a February 2002 deadline for submitting applications. The CCWA needs funding for weirs, sampling and analysis, monitoring equipment. Kim Betcher, Art Rose, John Foreman and Bryan Rabish will work on writing the grant application. Jon Dietz stated that Growing Greener requires partners. We plan to get support letters from each municipality that gets a map. Jon Dietz also stated that our representatives and school systems should be giving us letters of support. Jen Demchak said we need the letters to specifically state how the partners will support us, in the way of in-kind participation, etc. Bryan Rabish explained "in-kind" contributions can be utilized for match funding.*

*Bryan stated that there is also a \$5,000 WPCAMR (Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation) grant available.*

**Set Next Meeting Date, Time and Place:** *November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ashville.*

**Adjourn:** *A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Holtz and seconded by John Foreman.*