

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 15, 2013
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present for the meeting plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. There was one small correction to the September minutes, the contact person at Channel 10 News was Randall J. Wilson (not Wilt). A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the September 17, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had contacted the Patton Legion and we will be sending the Legion a membership card, not the individual on the check. He had also received an e-mail from Al Figula, a recent \$50.00 winner on the Dam Cleanout Ticket. Al donated the money back to CCWA in exchange for a business membership. Jerry also had received \$25.00 from Homer Krug, another Dam Cleanout winner, who wished to donate this money to the Fish Fund.

Robb Piper sent Jerry an e-mail asking him to promote the Laurel Highlands Conservation Coalition Conference, October 29th, on "Trees". Jerry stated that he had heard from Sean Bartlett and the recent check for the web hosting was made out to the wrong party. Jerry and Dane are to look into this.

Lastly, Al Figula had asked for something to post in his store window that shows he is a sponsor of CCWA. Members present thought this was a good idea and we will be working on such a poster for display.

Membership Committee:

In addition to the above mentioned there was one membership received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Jerry had recently heard from Diane Byers, reporter from The Progress, and will have to contact her concerning the "report" she has asked him to write each month summing up the CCWA minutes.

Finance Report:

Ray reported that the Dam Clean ticket sales were successful. We should clear approximately \$1,985.00. Of the 30 days of drawing 5 winning tickets were unsold. A special drawing of all tickets was held at Earl's house to pick a winner for these dates. Ray wanted to thank both those who sold tickets and anyone who purchased them. Special thanks to Ray for keeping track of the ticket sales.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
DEP Reimbursement	\$ 639.59	Gibson
DEP Reimbursement	\$1,597.49	Amsbry
DEP Reimbursement	\$20,992.55	Amsbry
Osceola Moose	\$ 150.00	General Fund
Cresson Legion	\$ 50.00	General Fund
Clearfield Eagles	\$ 100.00	General Fund
Grainger	\$ 450.00	General Fund
Clean Streams Foundation	\$ 230.00	General Fund
Fish Fund Donation	\$ 25.00	Fish Fund
Membership/Donation	\$ 35.00	General Fund
Crick Gen. Store Donation	\$ 50.00	SGOC (Al Figula donation)

Expenses:

Office Supplies	\$ 433.73	Amsbry
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 28.00	Beldin
Alder Run Engineering	\$ 34.85	Gibson
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9/17 Joan Visnofsky	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/18 Bernadette Cowell	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/19 Nate Hilyer	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/20 Homer Krug	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/21 Leo Halerz	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/22 Dan McMullen	\$ 100.00	SGOC
9/23 Bill Wheldon	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/24 Al Figula	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/25 Chip Hanik	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/26 Bill Dunmyer	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/27 Justin Cox	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/28 Dale Conrad	\$ 50.00	SGOC
9/29 Adam Showalter	\$ 100.00	SGOC
9/30 Ray Smyars	\$ 50.00	SGOC

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. Also listed are the winners for the Dam Cleanout ticket that went off during the month of September. A **motion** by Dave McMullen and seconded by Shawn Simmers 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.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that the Cold Water Heritage grants are open. Contact Erin Pierce Program Coordinator, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl reported that John Slovikosky did install the rocks that had washed out in the coffer dam. He also removed the large tree that had fallen into the stream.

Cleanup Committee:

Earl reported that we had 40 people for the last cleanup. Special thanks to Katie who brought about 15 girls from the swim team. Also, special thanks to Morgan Tibbens, SFU, who had brought 9 environmental students. Due to the large group we were able to clean up the 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of Clearfield Creek. Cannot forget to say thanks to Alene, Pat and all who helped with the wonderful lunch.

Tech Committee: The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose: **Tech Committee Report-October 15, 2013**

Klondike Project We await finalization of the construction contract on the renovations at this project. On 9/20 and 10/15 the iron content of the outflow was only 1 mg/L.

West Ferris Wheel Project We await finalization of the construction contract.

Gibson Project At a meeting with the Game Commission on 9/20 we finalized access arrangements. We are ready to bid construction of this treatment system.

Beldin Project A sample on 9/20 continued to show acidity and iron lower than in 2002-3.

Swank Project No Activity.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Valley Fork Project At this project on the most downstream trib of Clearfield Creek, Penn State student Logan Adams is doing an assessment of the AMD as a Senior Thesis. So far there are at least 5 significant discharges on which he is installing weirs.

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

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—The application for reimbursement and status report through 8/15/13 was signed by Art and submitted to DEP. A final report has been submitted to Shawn and Art for review and will be submitted as soon as it is signed by Art.

West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2 —All paperwork has submitted to OSM, and we are awaiting a grant contract for \$100,000 from them. The paperwork is in the Pittsburgh OSM office for processing. With the government shutdown, no contract was received, so we are just waiting.

Krieger Excavating will honor their bid as long as it takes, but are understandably wanting to get started. ARE has some concerns about working through the winter, and with Krieger Excavating wanting to split the contract so they don't have to bond the entire site at once. A solution may be to allow them to get started and do the KL work, with opening the WFW site to occur in the spring.

ARE developed a contract for the KL work, as discussed by the Board of Directors.

A meeting with the National Fish and Wildlife Service is being scheduled.

Applications for payment to DEP and progress reports were submitted to DEP following Art's review.

As soon as a contract is received from OSM, CCWA will be ready to go into contract with Krieger Excavating.

Klondike Rehab— Same as above.

Gibson-Halstock – A PGC Special Use permit was received from PGC.

A final billing and status report will be prepared through 9/30/13.

A draft landowner agreement was prepared and submitted to Art and Dan Yahner (PGC) for review and comment. It was based on prior PGC agreements developed by ARE.

A gate detail from PGC was brought to the meeting to be given to Sonny.

Seeding revisions were submitted to PGC for their comment, as suggested by Dan Yahner.

Amsbry – No activity.

Morgan Run Ross—Treatment system is online and working well. Some supplemental seeding and mulching is planned for this fall under the project warranty.

Morgan Run 7—Treatment is online. Samples are being collected. The bioreactor seems to have more aluminum in the discharge than the vertical flow pond, but samples are at the lab to verify this. Some reseeding will probably be necessary in the fall. As soon as the site has a little better vegetative stabilization, final paperwork will be submitted. The contractor is going back out to reseed and do some fine grading.

Data Logger –Bryan stated that they will be checking the data loggers in the next week or so.

Ace Drilling Site-Site will be sample in December. Special thanks to Dick Dotts who has been working on the application for the Access Permit to this site required by the PGC, Huntingdon Office.

Old Business:

Office Equipment Purchase: The purchase of the office equipment was completed by Dan and Dane.

Board of Director's Meeting: The Board of Directors, Art, and Michelle met with Dan Yahner, PGC, on September 20th. It was a good meeting. Discussed were the Landowner's Agreement Permits for each of our sites on the Game Commission property. Also, discussed was installation of a gate for the Gibson-Halstock site. Michelle was able to clarify some of the design requirements for this site.

Winter Meeting Site: Earl contacted the Prince Gallitzin Park Office and we will be able to use their conference room for our winter meetings.

Apple Cider Festival: CCWA had a display at the Apple Cider Festival held on October 6th. It was reported that this was one of the largest crowds ever. Lots of people stopped to look at the CCWA display and talked to us. Special thanks to Ed, Dan, Bryan and Ray for helping to set up and man our display. Also, special thanks to the Cambria County Conservation District for inviting us to share their tent.

Meet the Legislators Luncheon: Ed and Ray attended this luncheon held on October 4th as CCWA representatives. The main talk was on the Stony Creek River that had received the River of the Year award in 2013.

Rebecca Holler Brochure Report: Rebecca had brought a copy of the new brochure for members to review. She asked for input from any member present before final design of the brochure. She also had a project list for the members to go over.

Finally, Rebecca reported on the success of the Researchers Teen Camp held on August 4th- 8th. Six campers from PA and Maryland attended this week long camp. Students learned about watersheds, stream ecology, fish biology, and AMD. During their field trip they saw firsthand treatment systems and completed a stream assessment. Lessons were taught to the campers by the county Conservation District, DEP, Fish & Boat Commission, WHM Group, SRBC, and volunteers.

New Business:

Board Election-One Member: The Board of Directors seat held by Dan McMullen expires on January, 2014. Nominations will be accepted beginning at the November meeting.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2013, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Conference Room, 6:30 PM. Note this is our winter meeting site.

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