

Clearfield Creek Watershed Association
Minutes of Meeting
November 20, 2001 – 6:30 p.m.
St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Ashville PA

Call to Order: *The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Elect John Strittmatter following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.*

Minutes: *A motion was made by Bob Funicelli and seconded by Denny Storm to accept last month's minutes and the motion was carried.*

Treasurer's / Finance Committee Report: *Since our last meeting we deposited \$10.00 for a new membership and \$0.62 interest earned for October. Our current balance is \$2407.82.*

Secretary's Report: *September's minutes were corrected and the revised minutes were added to the book. There have been reports of people not receiving minutes in the mail. Hopefully this has been corrected. Minutes are being sent to all members and anyone else who attends meetings and signs the attendance sheets and furnishes us with an address. Anyone who is still not receiving minutes, please contact Bobbie Peltzer.*

Membership Committee Report: *There are 82 members to date including David Hess.*

Public Relations Committee Report: *Sean Bartlett has been working on the website. Bobbie Peltzer has been helping. John Foreman stated that there have been positive responses from the municipalities that have received maps. Jeff Holtz stated that he has a list of all people who should be getting maps and he will give it to the members who have offered to distribute maps. Kevin Handwerk stated that the Center for Watershed Stewardship has given a favorable response to us as well.*

Historical Committee Report: *Sharon Miller has resigned from her position and we are currently looking for someone to head this committee. Bob Funicelli will ask Alene Smithmyer to consider taking it.*

Clean Up Committee: *The Clean Up was a big success with 50 volunteers picking up trash along Route 53 and the creek from Ashville to Dean. The group assembled around 9:00 and finished by 1:00. There were over 300 bags of trash collected. Earl Smithmyer did an excellent job coordinated the clean up and Alene Smithmyer and members of her family put out a delicious lunch. Each*

volunteer received a CCWA T-Shirt. There was media coverage and PA Cleanways was in attendance. We also had a special guest – Dave Hess from the PA-DEP who showed support for what we are trying to accomplish. Denny Storm has agreed to make certificates of appreciation for the area businesses that helped us with the clean up. Jeff will compile a list of these businesses, coordinate his list with Earl and give it to Denny.

Tech Committee:

Group A: *To Bradley Run. Almost finished. Four to six more weekends to go. Noted several significant discharges. Also noted some good water with fish. Have noted some geographic and quality changes.*

Group B: *No report.*

Group C: *Bob Funicelli reported that Brubaker Run is completed and they are half done with Laurel.*

Group D: *No report.*

Group E: *Frugality and Fallen Timber through Blandburg. Powell Run is covered. Need rain before more assessments can be done. Art Rose is getting a lot of assistance from Penn State grad students, Mary Moore, Justin Noel and Michael Moulard.*

Group F: *John Palmer needs training for his group to start.*

Group J: *Jen Demchak and Sean Bartlett have been walking the stream. They will be able to do a lot more in the Spring.*

New Business:

Environmental Futures (Watershed Teams): *Sean Bartlett brought up regional public meetings where the citizens gather called the Environmental Futures program. Deb Simko stated that she would notify us when and where the next one will take place.*

Growing Greener Grant: *We want to submit a Growing Greener Grant in February for remediation. A grant committee meeting must be held between now and the January meeting. Jeff Holtz will check with Victor Tranquillo about where we stand on the 501(c)3 corporation status. John Strittmatter will also ask Victor about tax deductions for members who joined this year.*

John Strittmatter stated that we should request a detailed report on the previous \$55,000 Growing Greener Grant received by CCCD on behalf of the Clearfield Creek. A motion was made to request this report by Kevin Handwerk and seconded by Bobbie Peltzer. The CCWA would like a detailed report from Bryan Rabish on the Restoration Plan to date. Jeff will contact Bryan tomorrow. The deadline for the next round of grants is February 11th. The group discussed the importance of hearing from Robb Piper, Bryan Rabish and Jackie Hockenberry on this item.

Sampling Equipment: *Donna Carnahan requested \$5000.00 grant for equipment. Clearfield Conservation District will administer the grant. Earl Smithmyer has some equipment from the prior grant. Donna will also discuss this with Bryan. The motion for equipment was made by John Foreman and Seconded by Ed McMullen. Motion carried.*

Stream Assessment Data: *John Foreman suggested that we adopt the DEP's spreadsheet format for recording the data. He stated that a laptop is necessary for compiling the data. The secretary would compile the data and be in possession of the laptop. Sean Bartlett suggested that each group input their own data. Joe Allison said that we might be able to get hooked up to SIS so we do not have to enter historical data. A motion was made by Kevin Handwerk that the Tech Committee would like to purchase a laptop for data. Motion seconded by John Foreman. There was an addendum to this motion regarding the availability of funds. The vote resulted in one member opposed to both the motion and the addendum (S. Bartlett). The motion passed.*

Educational Segment: *Following the meeting, Joe Allison, Watershed Manager from the Cambria District Mining Office, explained the Environmental Good Samaritan Act and Remining Incentives. We decided that future educational segments should be presented prior to the meeting being called to order.*

Set Next Meeting Date, Time and Place: *December 18, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Ashville.*

Adjourn: *A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Foreman and seconded by Bobbie Peltzer.*