

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes
Meeting of November 16, 2004

The meeting was **called to order** at the Prince Gallitzin Park office by President Strittmatter with the pledge to the flag. Fifteen members were present.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen seconded by Stephanie Wharton, the **minutes** of the meeting of 10/19/04 were approved with a correction in the first sentence indicating that the meeting was opened by President-elect Smithmyer, and that President Strittmatter arrived later.

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following **Treasurer's report**:

“During the month of October, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Oct 1 st	\$4,461.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	(0.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	10.00
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, Oct 31 st	\$4,471.04

Dues Held for Deposit at 10/31/04: none

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<u>Grant Account</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>HEINZ</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	
	<u>'04 EPA</u>	<u>'03 DEP</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, Oct 1 st	-0-	\$2,555.63	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,187.26
<u>Expenses:</u>						
Project costs	-0-	651.60				651.60
<u>Deposits:</u>						
DEP Reimbursement		669.04				669.04
Bank interest	-0-	.43			0	.43
End Balance, Oct 31 st	-0-	\$2,573.50	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,205.13

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Other Notes:

1. DEP grants require bank interest on their funds to accrue to the project. For simplicity, all of the interest in the Grant Account was given to the Klondike project, because the amount is insignificant.
2. The Klondike '04 EPA column was added this month in anticipation of the receipt of a 2004 grant from the EPA.”

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Pat McNulty seconded by Jerry McMullen. The Treasurer also displayed a copy of the quarterly report on the Klondike '03 Growing Greener Grant which had just been submitted.

Secretary Arthur Rose noted the receipt of several announcements of **funding** for which proposals were solicited. These include US Dept. of Agriculture Community Facilities Grants (which could pay for an office), US Fish and Wildlife Service Wetlands Grants, US Office of Surface Mining funds up to \$100,000 for acid drainage projects, Coldwater Heritage Stream Protection Grants and EPA Brownfields Grants (which can be used on mine sites). The meeting place for the Association was discussed, and Earl Smithmyer will check on whether the Park Office might be available year round.

For the Membership Committee, Earl indicated that we signed up **18 new members** at the Skeet Shoot. He also suggested that we should stress getting an email address for members if possible, so we can send out minutes and other information cheaply.

Pat McNulty reported for the **Publicity Committee** that an article on the new Klondike Grant appeared in the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat but nothing was noted in the Altoona Mirror.

Alene Smithmyer indicated that the **Historical Committee** has photos of the Skeet Shoot, and also that a note thanking us for the Watershed Group meeting was received from Jen Means of DEP.

For the **Finance committee**, it was reported that we now have the ISIT bill of \$314.40 for registration of our domain name for the web site for 9 years. Payment of this bill was unanimously approved on a motion by Earl Smithmyer and Ray Hollen.

For the **Tech Committee**, Arthur Rose reported on the recent announcement of the **\$391,512 grant** for construction at the **Klondike Mine**. The grant is from US EPA 319 funds, but will be administered through PA DEP. Jane Earle will be the project coordinator at DEP, and Joe Allison will be the local DEP contact. Several email exchanges with Jane Earle indicate that she will visit the site, probably in December, and that we must develop a watershed restoration plan in the next half year or so to satisfy EPA requirements. It will be several months before final papers will be signed on the project.

Priority now will be completing the permits for the project under the Klondike '03 grant. The Blair Co. Solid Waste Authority did not have a meeting this fall, but a special meeting may be called to formally approve our construction and the Good Samaritan proposal for the Klondike facilities. Earl Smithmyer arranged for a work crew on Nov. 21 to replace the upstream weir that was washed out at Klondike. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed on a motion by Chuck Sutton seconded by Pat McNulty that Earl should arrange for filling or draining of mudholes in the access road, using funds available for this purpose in the Klondike '03 grant.

The **Brubaker Proposal** is still in Harrisburg, but about 2 weeks ago, at the request of Pam Milavec and a lawyer of DEP BAMR, Rose made minor changes in the map showing the proposed work. The contract is expected to be received for CCWA signing in the near future (and was received and signed on 11/21). After signing it will go back to Harrisburg for final approval.

Under **Old Business**, the first item was the **election**, which will be held in January. Nominations were discussed for President-elect, Secretary and a director. Ed McMullen was nominated for President-elect by Earl Smithmyer, seconded by Arthur Rose. Art indicated that management of the construction projects would be plenty of work in the coming year, and he does not wish to continue as Secretary. Jerry McMullen was nominated for secretary by Alene Smithmyer seconded by Earl Smithmyer. For director, Bryan Rabish and Ray Hollen were nominated by Chuck Sutton, Ed McMullen and Stephanie Wharton. Treasurer Larry Sutton indicated that he was very busy and would like to have a replacement, but no action was taken. The nominations will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Earl Smithmyer reported that the **Skeet Shoot** went well, with receipts of \$180 for memberships plus a profit of \$84.15 from sales of food, all of which was donated, and \$74 in donations. He suggested that next year we need to attract more beginners, since the experienced shooters are very effective in helping neophytes with shooting.

The meeting of **West Branch Watershed groups** on October 21 went well, with about 20 people attending at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club. Soft drinks after the meeting were furnished by the Association, along with cookies by Alene Smithmyer.

Earl Smithmyer reported that the **trash near Frugality** is at least partly on Park property, and that the Park would be happy with our assistance in cleaning it up, perhaps during our road and stream cleanup in the spring. Earl will check further on whether the park can supply transport and other assistance for large items such as refrigerators.

Bryan Rabish indicates that **updating of the brochure** will require scanning of photos. He will interact with Art Rose to do this on the Watersheds scanner-copier.

Larry Sutton reported no further contact with Pat Dumm on the **Common Grant application**.

Under New Business, it was moved by Sean Bartlett seconded by Ray Hollen that we approve a **Petty Cash fund** of \$100 to replenish the soda and paper products, and for purchase of a storage box for

these items. After discussion, approved unanimously. Earl also requested authorization to buy lumber for weirs. On a motion by Pat McNulty seconded by Jerry McMullen, it was unanimously agreed that he should purchase 5-16 ft 2x12 and 5-8ft. 2x4 plus nails from the Klondike '03 fund. On another motion, the purchase of an **inkjet cartridge** for about \$25 by Secretary Rose was approved.

Stephanie Wharton discussed a **proposal to Dominion Gas Co.** and WPCAMR for a grant of \$1000 to buy a display board and a digital camera for the Association. The grant would require recognition of the grant on all related activities. After discussion, it was moved by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen that Stephanie should clarify the requirements with the sponsors and submit the proposal if they seemed reasonable. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bryan Rabish showed members a **package of maps** he arranged through the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Two large map sheets and a CD of maps specifically designed for the Watershed were provided. The CD will go to the Tech Committee.

The next meeting will be December 21 at Prince Gallitzin Park. The meeting was adjourned for soda and Alene's cookies.