

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 11 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the November 16, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Not available due to computer problem.

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits

\$7,300.00 – Community Foundation for the Alleghenies – MR Ross

\$3,572.86 – DEP – Amsbry Project.

\$11,782.76 – DEP – West Ferris Wheel

Expenses

\$19.95 – NeoNexus – Webhosting – Gen Fund

\$67.80 – Gerald McMullen – Stamps/Supplies – Gen Fund – ck249

\$719.96 – Dane Kalwanaski – Laptop/Office/Publisher – Gen Fund – ck250

\$84.00 – Mahaffey Labs – Ace Drilling – Gen Fund – ck251

\$15.00 - Mahaffey Labs – Slag Project – KL-2 – ck388

\$121.50 - Mahaffey Labs – KL-Rose – ck388

\$2,400.00 – Land and Mapping Services – MuR Mapping – ck389

A **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had a few e-mail correspondences this past month. Jerry stated that he purchased stamps for the upcoming annual mailing and a box of Mid's candy for the Prince Gallitzin Park Office.

Jerry also mentioned that he has been working on the list of accomplishments for the upcoming annual mailing.

Membership Committee:

There were no new members for this month. Membership cards for 2011 will go out with the annual mailing.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts had an article from The Progress for the historical book. Earl also gave Ray a copy of Dr. Brennan's article on the crab shell project at the Klondike. Lastly Ray stated that he had a picture of the Person of the Year for the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend this meeting due to his work schedule.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he and Shawn have been working on a couple of Dominion grants; one for reclamation, up to \$2,500 that could be used for the Swank Mine site; another grant for promotional items, watershed awareness or perhaps the TIC project, up to \$1,500.

It was noted that after the discussion at the November meeting about the need to raise funds to support the TIC project at Penn Cambria and the field trip, including the additional busing and students for this year, that Shawn Simmers approached the plant manager at his place of work, the Cambria CoGen plant. The plant manager agreed to provide \$500.00 for this project. Special thanks to Shawn and the Cambria CoGen plant for their generous donation.

Election Committee: The following nominations were received at the October meeting:

Secretary- Jerry McMullen- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second
Treasurer- Dane Kalwanaski- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second
President Elect- Earl Smithmyer- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second
Ray Hollen- nominated by Alene Smithmyer, Larry Sutton second
Board Member- Dan McMullen- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second

Earl mentioned that he would like to withdraw his name from the President Elect nomination. He noted that he appreciated the thought but has served two terms and would like to see someone else take over.

President Earl opened the floor for additional nominations, at this time. No new nominations were received. Nominations were then closed until the January election.

Therefore, the nominations are:

Secretary- Jerry McMullen
Treasurer- Dane Kalwanaski
President Elect- Ray Hollen
Board Member- Dan McMullen

Brochures Update:

Jerry reported that he had a few e-mail correspondences with Rebecca Holler. She was more than willing to attend the December meeting. However, the brochure committee did not have a chance to meet and gather the information requested by Rebecca.

Earl asked the committee members to meet on January 6, 2011, 6:30 PM at his house to work on the updated brochure.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee. **Tech Committee Report- December 21, 2010**

Klondike Project Flow of water through the slag bed was stopped about Dec. 10 in order to avoid freezing the pipes. Lab analyses show alkalinities from the slag bed of 300 to 450 mg/L, distinctly higher than the field analyses, and high enough to neutralize the untreated acidity.

W Ferris Wheel Project Three L.Laurel Run sites were sampled on 12/21/10 to establish the current state of this stream.

Amsbry Project Flow from the additional discharge was negligible on two dates.

Swank 13 Project No activity.

Muddy Run Mapping A report on ground surveys was received from Land and Mapping Co., along with a bill for \$2400. Presumably the detailed maps of the site are underway.

Brubaker Project A CCWA lock is now on the Brubaker gate, courtesy of the Game Commission.

St Francis Student Project The upper Brubaker watershed was visited on Dec. 14 with Drs. Bill Strosnider and Joel Bandstra of St. Francis Univ. to evaluate it for a project by environmental engineering students. It looks like a possible site for elaborating on problems in the upstream watershed.

Ace Drilling Project As soon as we receive a bill for paint, we can submit a bill for the September and November sampling at this site. Earl reported that he and Dick did the sampling for the 4th quarter.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Grant: We have received the signed contract for this Department of Community and Economic Development Grant.

Brubaker Study-Army Corp of Engineers-Art has not heard anything recently from the Army Corp Of Engineers.

Trout in the Classroom Project-Penn Cambria-the following e-mail was received from Ben Watt, Penn Cambria science teacher. On December 17th.

My students and I would like to thank CCW for their generous donation to our Trout in the Classroom project. We were able to hatch approximately 150 fish this year. Of those 150, about 125 are just over a month old and have completely consumed their sacs and are currently feeding on size 0 fish food. We are still losing a few fish here and there, most of which seem to be due to deformities. (We had a couple of 2 headed fish, a one headed fish with 2 bodies, and some other abnormalities. All of which make for some interesting lessons.) Our goal for the year is to release 75 healthy fingerling trout. That seems to be the maximum number of fry that the 55 gal tanks will hold. Last year we released 62. You and the other members are welcome to stop in any time. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks, Ben Watt

CCWA Computer: Dane had purchased a new HP computer and the necessary software for it and was using it at the meeting.

Promotional Items: Dane reported that he has placed the order for the promotional items and we are waiting for delivery.

Flow Meter: Art reported that he had checked on the price of a flow meter. One type cost approximately \$709-\$805. The other type, sliding rod, cost approximately \$1,800-\$2,200. It was agreed that the least expensive meter should suit our needs. Dan will look into any possible grant for this. Art is to check with St. Francis University about possible funds.

PA Clean Ways- Earl mentioned that he has received a letter stating that PA Clean Ways has changed their name to Keep PA Beautiful.

New Enterprise Account-discussion was held about the need to set up an account for CCWA at New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. since we will be purchasing limestone for the Swank Mine 13 project. Dan & Shawn are to look into this.

New Business:

Christmas Cards- Earl mentioned that we had received several Christmas cards and he passed them around for all to see.

Fishing Derby Tickets- It is not too early to start planning for our annual fishing derby. It was decided that we would have 3,000 tickets printed. Jerry is to order these at Damin Printing in Ebensburg and they should be available for the January meeting.

Board of Directors Report-Jerry presented to the members a report on the Board of Director's meeting that was held after the regular November meeting. The Board met to discuss the endowment document with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies

The following motion was passed at this meeting- a **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to accept the legal document with the Community Foundation For The Alleghenies for the purpose of setting up an endowment subject to clarification of Section 11.

Section 11- Larry talked to Mike Kane at the Foundation. As explained by Mike this section is a succession clause that provides for, in the event that the Foundation would cease to exist, some other organization that would honor the purpose of the endowment. The Board members were comfortable with this clarification.

It was also noted that there is language in the CCWA by-laws that will have to be changed.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2011, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Lower Level, rear of Building, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our winter meeting site.

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