

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JANUARY 17, 2017**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present plus a high school senior- Benjamin Dumm and a representative from Skelly & Loy, Joe Mills. Ed welcomed Benjamin to the meeting. Benjamin is interested in the environmental field in college and came to observe CCWA.

There were two minor correction to the December minutes: under new business, Boat Launch- Ed reported on the boat launch not Eric and the sentence with the motion to accept the November 15, 2016 minutes there was no change.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the December 20, 2016 minutes with the changes.

At this time, Ed turned the meeting over to Dan the new President. Dan's first order of business was to thank Ed for his leadership in the past two years as President.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had sent out the annual mailing of approximately 125 letters. He wanted to thank Art for his assistance in the Watershed News and Dan for his assistance with copying some of the letters. Jerry was asked if he could send a copy to the local newspaper for possible coverage.

He reported that he had dropped off the small games of chance license application, filled out by Dan, at the Cambria County courthouse. Unfortunately, the application needed a copy of our most recent 990 form. Dane is to e-mail this to the treasurer's office.

Jerry went over some of the mail received in the past month- a Christmas card from the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies and a request from TU for CCWA's annual membership, which was approved. Lastly, Jerry reported the following expenses: \$25.00 for security on our computer, \$5.00 for copies run off, \$92.00 for stamps, and \$125.00 for the SGOC license.

Membership Committee:

There were 30 memberships received this past month. We are off to a very good start but there are still lots that need to be sent in. This is the time of the year when I thank all who have sent in their membership and encourage anyone who has not done so to please do. Also, we want to thank the several people who made a donation to CCWA.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Dick reported that the recent CCWA monthly minutes have not been in The Progress newspaper. He did have an article on the recent death of Jane Elling. Jane was a long-time reporter with The Progress. Over the years, she had covered many of our events first-hand in the field. She was also great at putting our entire minutes in the newspaper. We offer her family our prayers and condolences.

Finance Report:

Discussion was held on the upcoming fishing derby on May 20th. Jerry is to get the tickets printed at Damin Printing, to be available for the February meeting. Earl will talk to Blaine Vinglass about ordering the fish- \$1,5000.00 approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Dane Kalwanaski:

Monthly Meeting Activity: January, 2017

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
1/5/2017	Krieger Excavating	\$(21,102.05)	WFW PH2
1/15/2017	Earthshapers	\$(25,963.45)	GIBSON CONST.
12/24/2017	Earthshapers	\$(33,500.00)	GIBSON CONST.
	Mountain Research	\$ (250.00)	Water Sampling
	Gerald McMullen	\$ (122.00)	Gen Fund
	Gerald McMullen	\$ (125.00)	SGOC
	Trout Unlimited	\$ (35.00)	Gen Fund

Deposits

Memberships	\$ 425.00
Donations*	\$ 425.00

*From various businesses and members

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that he had sent in a Dominion’s grant, due by December 31st, requesting \$1,100.00 for a new flow meter.

Election Committee-Elections:

Dan reviewed the nominations for the following positions.

- President Elect- Dane Kalwanaski
- Treasurer- Shawn Simmers
- Board Member- Dick Dotts
- Secretary- Jerry McMullen

Vote was held by a show of hands. There was a unanimous vote for the above positions. Dan took the time to thank both Ed and Dane for their outstanding job. A round of applause was given.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- January 17, 2017**

Klondike Project The outflow was sampled on 1/7 and submitted to Mountain Research, Ph was about 5.6.

West Ferris Wheel Project The project was visited on 1/13 by Taylor and Art to change the flushing days from Thursday-Friday to Saturday-Monday so Taylor could sample on Thursday-Friday when her class schedule allows. Two flushers had a low battery episode in December, which requires checking in the future. Flow rates were higher than before. The settling pond of

System 1 was overflowing; the level control needs a slat removed. The sites are planned for sampling later this week. We still need covers for the flushers, sample points for inflow of System 3 and shortening of the outflow pipe on System 3S. Also, we need to check on the length of the flushes, has the inflow valve to System 2 been fully opened. Dan has a key for this valve. Also, some difficulty was had with padlock keys, and the original Klondike gate key was obtained from Earl to open the locks on the flushers. Our keys do work with a little wiggling. A weir for the inflow of System 2 is being prepared by Dan and will be installed in the next few weeks. Gibson Project This system is treating water. The inflow weir needs to be moved upstream. See later for discussion of construction completion. The site was sampled by Shawn on 1/15. Outflow pH values were near 7.

Beldin Project The proposal for construction funds was submitted to the Growing Greener Program as required to obtain EPA 319 funds. An accounting was compiled for the design grant, and it was found that 5 bills totaling about \$6000 from Hedin and for lab expense had not been submitted to DEP for reimbursement. The bills are now ready for submission. A coordination between the Treasurer and the Tech Chair will be arranged to handle this problem in the future. A crucial need for this project is a landowner agreement with Bender Coal. As yet we have not been able to arrange a meeting with them.

Little Laurel Sampling Lab analyses of stream samples collected by Dan McMullen on 12/11 show acidity and metals as low or lower than previous samples, indicating the effect of treatment by the W Ferris and Gibson systems. However, the stream is still net acid. In addition to completing treatment at W Ferris, we need to evaluate the metals and acidity from the upstream Cooney area south of PA 36. Replacement of the weir just upstream of the highway and sampling of the loading from this area will be initiated.

Swank Project No activity.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Glasgow Project No activity.

Brubaker Project The upstream area will be sampled by St. Francis students in February. Dan has obtained a landowner agreement for the Watt property.

To Do As of 1/20/17

<u>Project</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Last Done</u>	<u>Do by</u>
KL1 Inspection and monitoring	Q	Art	1/17/17	4/20/17
KL2 inspection and monitoring	Q	Dan	12/11/16	3/15/17
WF Inspection and monitoring	M	Taylor	1/19/17	2/20/17
Gibson insp. And monitoring	M	Shawn	1/15/17	2/20/17
Beldin insp. And monitoring	Q	Dan	12/11/16	3/15/17
Swank insp. And monitoring	Q	Art	12/5/16	3/15/17
Little Laurel sampling	Q	Dan	12/11/16	3/15/17
Clearfield Creek sampling	Q	Ray	11/15/2016	3/31/2017
Ace Drilling inspection	Q	Ray	11/14/2016	3/31/2017
Beldin Quarterly Report	Q	AWR	1/17/17	4/31/17
Gibson Quarterly Report	Q	Michelle	?	1/31/2017

Bender agreement-Beldin	Shawn	12/31/2016
WF weirs	Taylor/Mem	1/15/17
WF flushing observation	AWR-MM	1/15/17
Gibson flushing observation	Shawn-MM-AWR	1/15/17
Gibson weir – move	Shawn-Dan	2/28/17
Bold Due in next month	M Monthly	
	Q Quarterly	

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow’s Report, Presented by Shawn Simmers:
January 20, 2017.**

WFW-Michelle would like the Board's permission to have John Slovikosky do the remaining pipe modifications to make the ALD outflow easier to sample and the inspection port Art requested at a cost not to exceed \$1500 (and likely closer to \$1000). This money is in CCWA's account for that purpose. Michelle will coordinate a day with Art.

Dan received the valve key from KE so we will get the inflow valve on System 2 VFP opened as soon as we can.

The site is still covered by performance and payment bonds which covers CCWA until the bonding co-writes a maintenance/warranty bond.

Final OSM reports were submitted but we haven't received any final closeout confirmation. That may take a few months.

EarthShapers would like a key to the gate so they can remove the wood they purchased from BCSWA. Michelle is to give them a key so they can remove the wood.

Michelle still owes Art a copy of the O&M plan, and have drawings for Taylor that will be mailed to them.

Gibson-Michelle met with Mike Lepley and went over the remaining completion items. It was a good, productive meeting, and he agreed to fix/complete anything CCWA requested to your satisfaction. There was discussion on whether to address the remaining items now or wait until spring, and Mike is willing to do either. The reason for doing them now would be that DEP holds 15% until the project is completed, and Mike didn't want to be out the last 15% until July or later.

An application for reimbursement was sent to DEP following Malcolm's recommended reimbursement amount, although Michelle doesn't necessarily agree with that amount. Most of the retainage was requested for reimbursement. A quarterly report covered through 12-30-16 and was submitted to DEP.

Both systems-We need to be keeping an eye on both because since it's been so dry, we are now just starting to see some higher flows, and need to be keeping a lookout for things like erosion at the rock aprons, seepage, etc. (which sometimes happens with startup adjustments), and also to keep an eye on the intake valve settings at WFW and any necessary adjustments to the v notches for more/less flow. Michelle is to keep an eye on this, but if CCWA notices anything, please advise.

Data Logger: Art reported that readings for both sites were received from Bryan through mid-December.

Ace Drilling Site: This site will be flushed and inspected in late March for the first quarter.

Old Business:

Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System: Dick continues to follow up with John Mital. Dick has no new information, at this time,

Gas Well Drilling-Powell Run: Eric mentioned that they are drilling a new gas well in an area above Powell Run. He suggested that perhaps we should move one of the data loggers to this area. Dan is to contact Bryan about moving one of our data loggers.

DEP Plant-Cresson Area: Robb Piper asked the members present if we had heard any new information on this plant. There was a lengthy discussion on what is rumored or in the local paper. Robb is to follow up with this and perhaps contact Eric Cavazza at the DEP office in Ebensburg.

New Business:

Board Meeting-January 4, 2017: As a matter of record the Board of Directors met on January 4th to discuss the WFW project.

Boat Launch- Near Madera: Dick reported that he had stopped and looked at this boat launch reported last month. Dick had also contacted the father of Hunter Ream, the Moshannon Valley student who did this project. Dick stated the launch was well done.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2017 Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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