

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
MARCH 15, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present for the meeting two SFU students, and Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the January 19, 2016. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had picked up the fishing derby tickets. He also had the SGOC license laminated for any future display. Dick and Mabel Dotts will represent CCWA at the annual Clearfield County Conservation District awards banquet. Jerry stated that he has ordered the laptop computer and it should be shipped within the next week or so.

**Membership Committee:**

There were a total of 13 new memberships received this past month- 9 individual 2 business renewal and 1 business that sent a \$100 check. We also received a \$25 donation and a book of stamps to help with the monthly mailing. I want to thank everyone who has sent in their membership for 2016 and this is the time of the year when I remind you to please send in your membership, if you have not done so. For some reason, they are coming in very slow this year.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Dick gave Ray an article on the CCWA minutes that was in The Progress, a nice article about ¼ page. We want to thank The Progress for this coverage. Shawn mentioned a recent article in The Tribune Democrat about DEP releasing a contract to cleanup a large bony pile near Ehrenfield in Cambria County. Contract is with Rosebud Mining Company who is to remove the bony pile and place it in an abandoned coal mine. There is approximately 3 million tons of refuse in this pile. This is one small step to help clean up the Conemaugh River.

**Finance Report:**

Ray reported that he still has fishing derby tickets for anyone who would like to buy or help sell some of these tickets. Also, discussed was the dam cleanout ticket that we sell. Jerry is to check with Damin Printing to see if we can get these tickets printed by the April meeting.

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, March 15, 2016**

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Memberships	\$ 330.00	Gen Fund

<b>Expenses</b>	POWR-Insurance	\$ (353.00)	General fund
	Ray Hollen - FD Prizes	\$ (747.20)	Fish Fund
	Dan McMullen	\$ (60.00)	General fund
	Gerald McMullen	\$ 125.00)	SGOC
	Damin Printing	\$ (130.00)	SGOC
	Earthshapers	\$(5,866.75)	Gibson
	Mtn Research	\$ (125.00)	General fund
	Gerald McMullen	\$ (985.75)	General fund

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed “authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer’s Report.”

We want to thank the organizations who have sent in donations to CCWA and also those individuals who gave a donation with their membership renewal.

Dane mentioned accounting software that is available to assist him in his financial record keeping. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed “to proceed with the 60 day free trial on accounting software for Dan.”

**Grant Committee:** Dan McMullen reported that he had sent in the final report for the 2015 Dominion Grant. Dan stated that CCWA received a \$600 Dominion grant for 2016. This money is to be used for 3 new meters and solution. Earl and Alene will attend the luncheon in Blairsville on April 6th to accept this grant.

**Shawn Simmers Presentation:**

Shawn reported that it is very quiet on both of our major projects. We are still waiting for two miscellaneous permits for the WFW project. All information has been sent to DEP months ago but we have not heard from them.

**Tech Committee:** The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-March 15, 2016**

Klondike Project An outflow sample on 3/15 showed pH 4.7. About half the flow was overflowing from the treatment pond rather than going down thru the pond, perhaps because of iron precipitate on top of the compost. The flow was very high, and perhaps the system will recover at lower flow. We need to watch this.

W Ferris Wheel Project See later discussion

Gibson Project See later discussion.

Beldin Project Awaiting word on our construction proposal. Landowner agreement recorded?

Swank Project No activity

Amsbry Project Awaiting word on our construction project.

Brubaker Project Awaiting word on our Growing Greener proposal. A copy of our QHU proposal was sent to Skelly and Loy, who inquired about its status. They talked to DEP and were told that some further info on upper Brubaker and on Clearfield Creek Tribes was needed, as we know. Work on these items is planned.

Clearfield Creek Sampling Arrangements were made with Dave Leiford of DEP-BAMR to continue this work quarterly. Ray Hollen has conferred with Leiford and prepared for this sampling, which will include the 2 Clearfield Creek tributaries noted above.

Glasgow Project The system continues to perform well.

Valley Fork Project No activity.

WBSRC meeting The Restoration Coalition met on 3/8 in Clearfield. Some additional funds from the Abandoned Mineland Fund are being discussed in Congress, as are a federal Good Samaritan Law. The next West Branch Symposium will be held April 14-15 in State College, with a workshop on grant administration on 4/14 and talks on 4/15. Art Rose will attend and we plan to display our exhibit. The Centre Co. Senior Environment Corps reported their website was held for ransom. Rebecca Holler is backing up our website.

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: March 15, 2016.**

Gibson--Earthshapers worked last week. They are off until later this week, at least, due to the wetness, but will be working as site conditions allow. I did receive an app for payment from them for last week's work, but I received it last night and am not through it yet. I will try to distribute today. That project is going well. I do expect to see a request for change order for a little bit of seepage associated with the road coming down over the edge of spoil, which is wet enough now that it probably should have some pipe in it. Earthshapers is asking about putting stone over the entire road, but we don't have money in the budget for it, and by the time we could find money, the project will probably be done. They are getting close to the point where they'll have to get their stone and pipe in, and they don't want to wait until June to do so. It's been either terribly muddy, or frozen and slippery down over the hill. Not sure what to do about that.

WFW--KE is scheduled to be back full time on April 8. They are trying to let some things thaw and dry out. They have been working with us on compost delivery, etc. I did not get a response yet from Shawn Smeltzer on the trees at the entrance.

I understand that everyone is anxious to get moving again. Last week was so warm, but a lot of these sites are still just a mess, with the frost coming out of the ground last week, now the rain. I try to let me staff see the sites that they work on, so last week I took Jackie to a site, which was fine the weekend before when frozen, and we spent the day with the vehicle stuck up over its' tires in mud. Good times.

**Carolyn Itle Sherry's Report:**

Carolyn Itle, Watershed Scientist from Western Pennsylvania Conservancy provided an update on the outreach conducted this past November with Saint Francis University students. Ed McMullen allowed access to his property for outreach purposes. Data collection was only a snapshot for demonstration purposes. The data collected from the field demonstration of macroinvertebrates, water chemistry, visual assessment, and electrofishing showed positive results

for watershed health. Carolyn would like to return to the site in the future to gather long-term snapshot and extend the opportunity for Saint Francis University students to learn more about the Clearfield Creek watershed and the important efforts the Watershed Association has implemented. Carolyn Itle will be returning to the site and an AMD location to conduct another outreach event with Saint Francis University student. Carolyn will notify the CCCWA if future opportunities become available with WPC and appreciate the enthusiasm and cooperative efforts to educate about the watershed.

**Rachel Kester Report- Given by Jerry:**

I wanted to remind the group that registration is now open for the 8th West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium coming up on April 14-15th at Toftrees Golf Resort and Conference Center near State College. The 14th will be a workshop for watershed groups and others who have moved out of the assessment phase and into constructing AMD treatment systems. Topics will include working with a consultant, permitting, working with landowners, bidding and choosing a contractor, financial management, construction oversight, OM&R, and post-construction biological monitoring, to name a few. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and includes all materials plus lunch and a snack. The 15th will feature as the keynote speaker, Eric Cavazza, Director of DEP's BAMR, followed by a variety of AMD-related talks. The reduced rate for volunteers to attend the Friday symposium is only \$35 and CCWA would be eligible for a free display as in years past. Here is a link to the symposium website: <http://www.wbsrc.org/eighth-symposium.html>. If you want to print out a couple paper registration forms and take them to the meeting for those that don't have internet access, I have attached the file to this email. Let me know if you have any questions...hope to see you guys there again this year!

I don't have any updates for Potts Run...basically they are just waiting for GG and Act 13 to announce the grants so we can see if we will be able to address the No. 3 Mine discharge this round. I'm sure you guys are anxiously awaiting the announcement as well.

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**Data Logger:** Read-outs for December thru February were received from Bryan Rabish. No anomalies were noted.

**Ace Drilling Site:** Ray reported that the sight was sampled on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The systems are treating well. Art questioned that not all of the data from the samples was on the reports from Allegheny Mountain Research (the field and flow data and Ph). Some consultation on reporting is needed with them.

**Old Business:**

**Website Update:** Not much new to report but Tegan has been putting the minutes on the website.

**SGOC License-** As reported, Jerry has picked up this license and submitted the invoice to Dane for payment-\$125.00

**Special Events Permit, Fishing Derby-** Ed reported that he had taken care of this permit required by the F&BC for the fishing derby.

**New Business:**

**Dick Dotts-Dump Site:** Jeff Holtz contacted Earl about a dump in Beccaria on Sunshine Mine Road. This would be near a tributary to Muddy Run. CCWA had assisted in the past with cleaning up a similar dump site by contacting Clearfield County Conservation District and Clearfield Solid Waste Authority. Dick is to follow up by contacting Kelly Williams and/or the Beccaria Township supervisors.

**Forcey Coal Inc., Passive System:** Dick also looked into the passive system that Forcey Coal Inc. installed between Glen Hope and Madera. Dick spoke to John Mital of DEP and was told that Forcey's first report is due the end of March. Dick can then pick up the information from DEP.

**Cleanup Dates-** The following are the cleanup dates for 2016:

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Roadway-Rte. 53 and Stream Cleanup

July 10<sup>th</sup> - Roadway-Rte. 53 Cleanup

September 25<sup>th</sup> -Roadway- Rte. 53 and Stream Cleanup.

We will be meeting at the Municipal Building in Dysart, at 8:30 -9 AM. Lunch will be provided for the Spring and Fall cleanups. Please put these dates on your calendar and come out to help. This is lots of litter after the long winter.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> Kayak Trip-** Eric Davis reported that there is a kayak trip planned on the Clearfield Creek from Coalport to Glen Hope on this date. He would like to set up the CCWA display board for the kayakers.

**Field Day- April 6<sup>th</sup>:** Jerry reported the following from Ben Watt, Penn Cambria science teacher. "The trout are doing well and the kids are getting very excited about the upcoming trip. There will be 70-75 students attending. We will be following the same procedure as in the past. Looking forward to seeing you." Plans were also made to plan a lunch for the students and teachers.

**Fishing Derby Items:** Discussed was the ordering of the fish for upcoming fishing derby. We are going to spend \$1,500.00 on fish and order 5 fish that are approximately 20 inches long. Dane is to order the Porta John for the derby and it is to remain on site for the Wounded Warriors Fishing Derby on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CCWA Donation:** Bob Funicelli asked if CCWA would consider making a donation for the stocking of trout prior to the first day of trout season on April 16<sup>th</sup>. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed "to donate \$400.00 to the Glendale Sportsman for the stocking of fish in the Laurel Run Sportsman's Dam."

**Board Meeting-January 26, 2015:** The Board of Directors met in a special meeting with Roy Holtz to discuss investing \$70,000 in a fixed annuity account, 3 years at 1.9 % interest. \$20,000 will also be placed in the CCWA endowment set up in 2011 with the Community Foundation.

**Next Meeting: April 19, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.**

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