

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 20, 2012
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present, 3 people from TU who had brought 5 visitors from Beech Creek, Anderson Creek and Moshannon Creek Watershed Associations. Ed welcomed all of the visitors as we introduced ourselves. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the October 16, 2012 minutes with a few corrections: correct spelling of Witmer Run, Pam Milavec works for Bureau of Conservation and Restoration not BAMR and the correct date for the November meeting. Corrections will be made to the official minutes recorded by the secretary. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had several e-mail correspondences this past month. He had contacted Dan Yahner, PA Game Commission, but was unable to find a suitable date to meet and look at the Gibson-Halstock site. Dan had requested a map of this site which Art said he would send. Jerry passed around a thank you card received from Jack Calandra and read a letter from Timothy Yeager, Assistant Manager at Prince Gallitzin Park thanking CCWA for their participation at the Apple Cider Festival.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report under membership committee. Jerry stated that he had received \$10 from Dolores that will be applied to a 2013 membership.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that Dick Dotts had given him an article on our minutes that appeared in The Progress. Dick reported that he will follow through with someone at The Progress to see if we can get our minutes in each month.

Finance Report:

There was no finance report since Larry was not present for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

	Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:			
	Clean Streams Foundation	\$230.00	General Fund
Expenses:			
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	Klondike-Reveg 319
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	Swank
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 90.00	Swank

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report. Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that the Dominion's grant is due on December 14th. He was going to apply for money for a sign similar to the Deercreek watershed Association sign discussed in the past. Rachel explained that there are two different grants: one for up to \$1,000 for operating and one grant will be given for \$5,000 for an AMD or other conservation project. Both Rachel and Rebecca offered assistance to Dan.

Lastly, Rachel reported that the Women's League of Voters will have their WREN (Water Resource Educational Network) grants available beginning in January. This grant does require a Municipal partner.

Nomination Committee:

As this time Ed announced that nominations were being accepted for the following positions: President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member (currently held by Dick Dotts). The following nominations were received.

President Elect-Ed McMullen, nominated by Dick Dotts, seconded by Art Rose

Secretary-Jerry McMullen, nominated by Dick Dotts, seconded by Art Rose

Treasurer-Dane Kalwanaski, nominated by Ray Hollen, seconded by Dan

McMullen

Board Member-Dick Dotts, nominated by Earl Smithmyer, seconded by Don

Sheridan

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl reported that the committee met on October 22nd to discuss an annual fundraiser for the dam cleanout fund. Different ideas were discussed: a gun raffle or bow raffle, a dinner and a lottery ticket. After much discussion the committee agreed on a lottery ticket that would be good for one month based on the daily number. The month chosen was September with the following prize money- \$500 on Labor Day, \$100 each Sunday of the month and \$50 on all other days. 1,000 tickets would need to be sold at \$5/ticket. Any unsold tickets become the property of CCWA. After prize money, printing and the fee for the small games of chance we should make approximately \$2,500.

Earl reminded the members that it will be a commitment to sell all 1,000 tickets. Ray will be in charge of ticket sales and Dane will have to send out the checks to the winners. Earl will bring a proto type ticket to the December meeting.

Dan mentioned that he is finalizing the small games of chance application and will need to put the fishing derby date and the lottery ticket date on the application. Ed explained to the visitors present the need for this fund raiser to build up a fund for a future dam cleanout project.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose. **Tech Committee Report-November 20, 2012**

Klondike Project The system was treating well after the recent maintenance. Visited on 11/20. The slag bed was disconnected from water flow for the cold season. An email from Rachel Brennan says she is essentially through with experiments on the crab shell tests, and if we wish we can keep this system flowing, sample it, and use the remaining funds for the Klondike Project.

W. Ferris Project. The bidding was postponed owing to the arrival of Michelle Merrow's baby. It will probably be rescheduled in the next 2 weeks.

Gibson Project The proposal for construction funds is at DEP. No other activity. Earl suggested we should approach the PA game Commission and ask them to purchase the property at this site.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swank Project The project was sampled with Amanda Conrad, a student at St Francis, on 10/25 and 11/20, and she made measurements on 11/8. She will continue visits for a research project. The limestone channel continues to treat nearly all the iron and some aluminum. Flows are up to about 80 gpm.

Brubaker Project The contractors continue to make flow measurements with the new weir.

Data Logger-Ed noted that Bryan was not present to report on the Data logger but as reported last month by Bryan, Nate from the Conservation District has been routinely checking on the device and no problems have been reported.

Ace Drilling Site-This site is to be sampled on November 23rd by Earl, Dick and Ray. An e-mail was received from Malcolm, DEP office, reminding them to flush this site. Earl mentioned that they would be wearing orange since it is hunting season and this site is located on State Game Lands.

The Following Was Michelle Merrow's Report: Michelle was unable to attend the meeting but did send the following e-mail.

As far as project work, WFW construction is about the only activity. Bids were due to come in at the end of October, but I unexpectedly had to start leave, and we really couldn't have them come in without anyone to answer questions. I apologize for that situation, which deteriorated before I could get some things addressed. There are two sets of plans, and 4 addenda that are being sent to Art for his records, and we can set a new date ASAP, although next week most places are probably shut down. I apologize for any inconvenience. The only other news, which may have been covered last month, is that the money for phase 2 will not be released until 2nd quarter 2013, which is when DEP feels that construction will start in full, based on the weather.

The only other issue is Gibson, and I have some revised cell locations for Art. A set of plans was sent to Donna Carnahan and Malcolm Crittenden some time ago, and we received no comments from them.

Rachel Kester Reported The Following on Morgan Run:

M R7-this site is under construction and looks good for now.

MR Ross-this site is completed, grass is growing. Everything is working well. Kelley and Carl Undercoffer have sampled this site and the Ph is below 5 versus 3 in the past.

Potts Run Assessment- Rachel and Carl have been installing weirs and have done one round of assessment. They have one more weir to install but may wait until after hunting season. Rachel is asking for any volunteers who would like to assist with the assessment. Rachel also reported that a gentleman from BAMR has been out and looking at a highwall area near Potts Run area for a possible reclamation site.

Old Business:

Klondike Gate: Earl reported that Ed did drop of materials for the gate repair. An attempt was made to repair the gate but unfortunately the generator was not big enough to run the welder. Arrangements are being made to borrow a smaller welder for the repair.

Boy Scout Event: Earl mentioned that he had not heard from the scouts in over 2 months. He also has not heard from Glendale School District so we will be dropping these for now.

Display Board: Rebecca Holler reported that the TAG grant has been submitted and she is waiting for approval of the scope of work by DEP since money is from a Growing Greener grant. Once approval is received she can start working on updating our display board. She is hoping to have something for the December meeting.

Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations: Discussion has been held on whether CCWA needs to register and file with this bureau. Since we are a 501(c)3 organization that receives less than \$25,000 per year in annual contributions we are exempt.

New Business:

Roadway signs: Earl reported that PennDOT installed the 10 year signs for the section of roadway that we have been cleaning up for 10 years, Dean to Ashville. The sign on the north end of route 53 was installed near Tiptletown not Dean.

Final Note: We want to thank Rebecca, Rachel and Becky from TU for bringing several visitors from Anderson Creek, Beech Creek and Moshannon Creek Watershed Associations to our meeting to observe the CCWA organization. At this time the floor was opened up to the visitors. Listed below are some of the questions and discussions:

- How long have we been in operation? Earl stated that CCWA has been in operation about 12 years but it took about 3 years to get set up and get going.
- How many active members? This can vary for each monthly meeting depending on the time of the year. On an average of 16-20 members attend the monthly meeting. Other members are very good at volunteering their time for the cleanups fishing derby, tree planting, etc.

- How are you able to be so successful? Various answers were given: many of the active members are related or close friends. This has bonded us together. Earl stated there is a lot of interest in fishing. Our annual fishing derby is a huge success. We get a lot of support from the local people and businesses.
- How many members do you have and how are you able to retain and recruit new members? CCWA average approximately 120 members each year, 50 of these are lifetime members. We work very hard at this each year. We have had displays at the outdoor show in Altoona, the Apple Cider Festival held each year at Prince Gallitzin and the West Branch Susquehanna Symposium held in State College. We also invite outside volunteers to participate in our 4 roadway and/or stream cleanups. We also do an annual mailing called the Watershed News to all members. This one page mailing lists all our accomplishments the past year and goals for the following year. Jerry has a very long e-mail list of people that receive our monthly minutes. CCWA also has a facebook page.

In summation the visitors were very impressed with the active members, membership, organization and success of CCWA.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2012, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM. Note this is our winter meeting site.

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