

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 15, 2007
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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 and one visitor, Carol Logenecker. It was nice to see Carol and Tex back again. We always welcome new faces. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the April minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

During the month of **April**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, April 1, 2007		\$4,934.27
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Dues		30.00
Bank interest		0.24
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Road & stream cleanup expenses		87.59
Water analysis – ACE Drilling project		100.00
Ending Balance, April 30, 2007		\$4,776.92

Money Held for Deposit at 4/30/07: \$0

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, April 1, 2007		\$7,479.84
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Bank interest	.63	[Fish Fund]
Total Deposits	.63	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Amsbry	0.00	→	\$ (45.50)
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	284.00	→	(283.94)
Fish Fund	0.00	→	4,738.91
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	284.00		

Ending Balance, April 31, 2007	\$7,196.47	\$7,196.47
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Money Held for Deposit at 4/30/07: \$1,500.00 for Fund Drive

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Larry reported that he will be adding a new column to the funds that he tracks each month. This column will be for the Working Capital Fund Drive. As discussed and reported a few months ago CCWA is very clear about the integrity of any money collected for this fund. Larry has already received a \$1,500.00 donation from this fund drive from Jack Calandra. We want to thank Jack for this generous donation and getting the drive off to a successful start.

Larry has received a reimbursement check from DEP for \$13,220.00, Brubaker project. This is to cover lab analysis from Fairway Labs. He has also received a statement from Fairways Lab showing a past due invoice of \$1,296.00. Larry stated that he will talk with John Foreman and look into this. Larry has also received an invoice from Mahaffey Labs-Brubaker Project- \$284.00. This will be paid and the request for reimbursement will be sent to DEP.

Larry had the following for deposit: Fish Fund, two donations- Ashville VFW- \$300.00 and Gibbon's Funeral Home-\$50.00, Dues- \$20.00, and money forwarded by Jeff Holtz- \$175.00 (skeet shoot funds). The dues and skeet shoot money will be deposited in the general fund.

The following expenses are related to the Fishing Derby: Laurel Run Sportsman-\$723.00 and Bob Funicell- \$270.00, reimbursement for prizes and Johnstown Johns-\$89.98 for the porta john. There are \$686.00 for deposit from ticket sales-\$300.00 of this will be kept for start up money at the fishing derby. Larry will also have 3 checks ready for the ticket prize money.

Lastly, Larry presented a bill for printing and labels, material from Staple's, and stamps totaling \$242.25, all for expenses related to the Capital Fund Drive. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Brain Rabish was passed to pay the bills and to accept the treasurer's report.

We want to thank Dick Dotts for the donation of a lock for a gate on Morgan Run. Dick would not accept reimbursement for this lock.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received a few e-mails inquiring about the rules and regulations for the fishing derby. It was suggested that next year we place this information on our website a few months before the derby. Jerry stated that he had received an e-mail from Rachael Kester, Clearfield County Conservation District, stating that DEP is announcing a series of town hall meetings seeking public input on expenditure of funds from the recently passed Federal Surface Mining and Control Act. One such meeting is scheduled in Ebensburg at the DEP Cambria Office on May 31st beginning at 6:30 PM. For more information contact the DEP office or Rachael Kester at rkesterccd@atlanticbbc.net or call (814) 765-8130.

Membership Committee:

As mentioned above, there were 2 new membership cards that came in. Bob Funicelli continues to solicit for new members.

Public Relations:

Jerry reported that he has e-mailed Justin Eger with information on the fishing derby. This is to appear in the Mainliner this week prior to the derby. As always, we want to thank Justin.

Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts presented an article that was in The Progress, to be given to Alene for the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that approximately 440 signed letters were sent out for the Working Capital Fund Drive. This was quite a task with several members signing different letters and President Ed McMullen signing the vast majority of them. All this had to be co-ordinated, letters stuffed, addressed, stamped, etc. We want to thank Larry for his hard work on this project. Larry wants to make sure that thank you notes/letters are sent out to all donors.

It was also suggested that we should solicit the local Co-Gen plants. Dan McMullen reported that he had received a letter from the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Revenue. They need a copy of the Articles of Inc. for the sales tax exemption application.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen reported that he had received an e-mail from Sharon Hess stating that we did not receive the grant requested from the Women's League of Voter's. There were numerous applicants and not nearly enough funds. We will try again in the future.

Cleanup Committee:

Chuck Sutton and Dave McMullen reported that they have made up new fliers for the June 10th cleanup. They requested anyone at the meeting to take a flier for posting. We will be meeting at the Burger Hut, Coupon Road and Route 36 at 9 AM. Coffee and donuts will be available. We are hoping for good weather. Please come and bring a friend.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee:

Tech Committee Report

Klondike Project The Specifications and Bidding/Contracting requirements were completed and reviewed during the month. Announcement of bidding on the project is scheduled for about 5/25, using newspaper ads and a list of contractors. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the cost for a set of plans and bidding documents was to be \$200. John Foreman explained that a potential contractor will have to provide a Bid Bond, Surety Bond and a Performance Bond. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed setting the fee for the bid package on the Klondike Project at \$200.00 with advertising to begin on May 25th.

The Hite-Dodson access agreement was recorded in the Cambria Co. Courthouse. Art gave this to Jerry to file.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project Shawn Simmers has not heard from Michelle Merrow concerning the contract that was signed by President McMullen and sent to her for this project. Dan is to check on the trees for this project.

Brubaker Project. A few days additional drilling will be conducted the week of May 21 to further investigate sources of water and acidity in the clay mine discharge. A set of water samples collected to verify high bromide in a previous set of samples showed low values, suggesting that the earlier values were erroneous. Bromide was used as a tracer for the water from the area of Bender treatment.

Glasgow Project. The Autopsy of the treatment system is scheduled for May 16 and 17. Dick Dotts arranged permission from Phil Schreyer, the property owner, for access to the site.

Amsbry project. The agreement with Robindale Energy for removal of the refuse was signed by them and received back from Robindale. An insurance binder protecting CCWA was also received from Robindale's insurance company.

West Branch Restoration Coalition Symposium. Art Rose presented a short discussion of CCWA projects and activities. It is good to know that many others are hearing about the many projects and activities that CCWA is involved in.

John Foreman discussed the SRBC low-flow project covering the flows from the Cresson 9 area, the Gallitzin Borehole, the Sugar Run area and 23D. John reminds us that this project will not happen any time soon but he is very excited about the long-term of this project and how it will eventually affect the low flow in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

Jen Demchak stated that bids for the Morgan Run Project will be opened on June 8th in Philipsburg for MR Tuff and MR Frog. Rachael Kester from the Clearfield County Conservation District is the grant administrator for this project.

Old Business:

Capital/Operating Fund Drive-As reported under the Finance Report we are moving right along on this project. Dick Dotts, John Foreman, and Earl Smithmyer met with State Representative Bud George and talked about this fund drive.

PennDOT Building- It was agreed that a few water samples should be taken at this site. Ed stated that he will talk to Earl and set up this sampling. It is just another example of the great lengths that CCWA goes to protect the local environment and Clearfield Creek.

Fishing Derby-Much was covered about the derby in the treasurer's report. Chuck stated that he has fliers announcing the fishing derby to be distributed. Ray announced that ticket sales are brisk but we still have lots to sell. Fish are to be stocked on Friday evening at 5 PM. Setup will begin on Saturday morning at 7 AM. At this time a big round of applause was given to Bob Funicelli. Bob spends a lot of time soliciting donations, selling tickets, purchasing prizes, helping with the setup and promoting the fishing derby. We can't thank Bob enough for all that he does to make the fishing derby a success each year.

New Business:

The Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program- Bob Eyers had sent Ed information on this program. It was suggested that we contact John Dawes and perhaps invite him to a meeting to discuss a project/proposal for Clearfield Creek watershed.

Cambria County Conservation District-A reminder from Rob Piper that May's breakfast meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th, 8:30 AM at Kosta's in Ebensburg. The Bureau of Forestry will present a program about their deer browse studies.

Recycling/Illegal Dumping Course-Art announced that a course will be presented on this subject in Harrisburg. For more information please contact Art at rose@ems.psu.edu

Next Meeting:

June 19, 2007, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen the meeting was adjourned.

Final Notes:

The fishing derby was a huge success with 118 participants. We want to thank everyone for their support. Information and photos about the derby can be seen at **standingstonebassmasters.com** I encourage you to visit this website. They have a great article and lots of photos about our fishing derby. We want to thank Bob Stiver and members of the Bass Masters who come to the derby each year to offer their support.

Don't forget the roadway cleanup on June 10th, 9 AM, Burger Hut.

Ferris Wheel Project-in a recent e-mail from Art- Alder Run Engineering has the mapping and will have the E & S plan ready to submit in a few weeks.

