

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF May 20, 2008
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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. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen was 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, 2008	\$6,746.92
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	65.00
Bank interest	<u>0.54</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Accounting fee	250.00
Liability insurance	296.00
Road cleanup	94.60
Web host, 2 nd quarter	<u>59.85</u>
Ending Balance, April 30, 2008	\$6,112.01

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, April 1, 2008	\$33,523.71
<u>Deposits:</u>	
DEP Reimbursement	1,398.90 [Ferris Wheel]
New Grant for PR & marketing	500.00 [Dominion]
Fish Derby donations	825.00 [Fish Fund]
Derby Ticket sales	324.00 [Fish Fund]
Bank interest	<u>2.88</u> [Working Capital]
Total Deposits	3,050.78

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>	
Working Capital	0.00 → \$ 4,792.49
Dominion	0.00 → 500.00
Amsbry	0.00 → 11,884.49
Ferris Wheel – mapping & design	192.30 → (192.30)
KL2 (EPA) – water samples	198.00 → 10,976.51
KL-Rose	0.00 → 2,500.00
Fish Fund	0.00 → 5,688.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u> → <u>35.00</u>
Total Expenses	390.30
Ending Balance, April 30, 2008	\$36,184.19

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reported that he had the following for deposit: \$1,329.00 from chances sold- fishing derby account; \$55.00- donations-Paul Kenner Construction- \$35.00 and Dan McMullen-\$20.00 (50/50 winner)-fishing derby account; \$152.50- 50/50 tickets sold, \$179.83- food sales, \$35.00 from two memberships- general fund.

Larry stated that the three winners for the cash prize drawing at the fishing derby were- Claire McMullen- \$250, Brian Krug-\$150 and Deb Barrett- \$100. He will be mailing a check to each of the winners. Invoices related to the fishing derby were: Laurel Run Sportsman, reimbursement for fish purchased-\$1,490.00 and \$858.54 for prizes; Bob Funicelli-reimbursement for prizes he purchased- \$781.90; T.P.Sanitation- \$90.10- Porta John; Earl & Alene Smithmyer- food purchased-\$49.01.

Other invoices for this past month were: Mahaffey Lab- \$175.00- Klondike Project (KL-2 Fund); Mahaffey Lab- \$100.00- Ace Drilling Site sampling (General Fund); Alder Run Engineering- \$1,075.00- mapping services for the Amsbry site (Amsbry Fund).

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed authorizing Larry to pay all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received an e-mail this past month from PA Fair Share for Clean Water Funding Plan asking for our support. After a brief discussion, it was decided that he will register CCWA on line in support of their initiative.

Jerry reported that he had contacted several businesses asking for a donation to the fishing derby.

Membership Committee:

Two membership cards and dues were received this past month. One of these was from a business and the other was from an individual who lives in VA but got the membership application off our website and wishes to support CCWA.

Public Relations:

Dan had little to report at this time. Jerry gave him a copy of a small article from the Tribune Democrat that stated procedures and contacts for news items. Jerry stated he had contacted Justin Edger from The Mainliner for the fishing derby coverage.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that he had nothing new under Finances.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that he has been on-line and looked at several display boards. A decision will soon be made and a board will be purchased. There was a discussion about the need for a case for this display board. However, this may be cost prohibitive, at this time.

Ed reported that he and Brian had attended the luncheon and presentation at Chestnut Ridge to receive the grant award and plaque. Over 30 watersheds were represented at this affair sponsored by Dominion Gas.

Cleanup Committee:

The next cleanup is Sunday, June 8th at 9AM. We will be doing a section of Rte. 36 from Ashville to the Buckhorn. We will meet at the Burger Hut at the intersection of Rte. 36 and the Coupon-Gallitzin road. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Volunteers are always needed so please come and help for a couple of hours.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-May 20, 2008**

Klondike Project Samples and observations from 3/18/08, plus other samples and observations, indicate that this system is treating well, but has 3 potential problems. The very high iron content is precipitating in the vertical flow pond and may eventually plug the compost layer. Some precipitated iron is passing out of the final pond into the wetland and the outflow. In addition, at high flow, the system is only removing about 90% of the acidity, though at normal flow it should be able to remove all the acidity. However, samples show that essentially all dissolved iron and aluminum are precipitated, and the outflow contains only manganese acidity and suspended iron. Several modifications to correct these problems are recommended, and will consume some of the remaining funds.

Brubaker Project A phone discussion was held with a geophysicist from the University of Oklahoma regarding geophysical tracing of the source of water in the Ridge Mining spoil. She may visit later in the year.

Glasgow Project A proposed Landowner agreement and a Good Samaritan agreement were sent to Curt Sober, the representative of the Hommer Family Partnership which owns the surface at the site. The signoff by the DEP on this grant apparently awaits the landowner agreement.

Muddy Run Assessment A field meeting of about 13 members and several others was held on May 6, at which the watershed was divided into 5 sections with 3 members to walk streams in each section. Each group was issued a pH meter, conductance meter, GPS unit and pH buffers. Letters to streamside property owners in Clearfield County will be delivered by Chris Clevestine. Art Rose compiled a list of Cambria County owners for preparation of similar letters. The grant agreement has not yet been received, and an email from DEP on 5/19 indicates that some budget items should be in different categories.

Amsbry Proposal This design and permitting proposal for \$44,821 with \$20,575 match was submitted for Growing Greener funding on May 16. A treatment system for the AM-5 discharge on the former Larue property will be designed on receipt of this grant. Air photographs were taken by Land and Mapping Service prior to leafing out of trees for preparation of a detailed map of the area.

West Ferris Wheel Design and Permitting Project The signed grant agreement has not yet been received from DEP but is expected soon. A reconnaissance of this area shows that small amounts of acid drainage are seeping out in many places on the south side of the valley above the two weir sites. This distribution indicates that the treatment systems must be placed near the weir sites, rather than upstream.

Swank 13 (Gameland) Site Discussion with Nathan Havens of the Game Commission indicates that they cannot require Bender Coal to do any more work on this channel, but if CCWA can obtain limestone for the channel, the Game Commission will be able to place it in the channel. CCWA should consider a proposal to W. PA Watershed or other sources to obtain funds for the limestone.

The following was reported by **Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering:**

Ferris Wheel—Design is complete. Permitting is ongoing. Michelle is working with Shawn Simmers regarding bidding and construction.

West Ferris Wheel AMD--DEP paperwork was received. CCWA is holding off signing the mapping and Alder Run Engineering's contract until the final contract is executed by DEP. ARE will hold off working on the project until the contract is executed. Michelle noted that CCWA can't be upset later this summer when the work is behind schedule because ARE doesn't have authorization to start.

Amsbry—The site was flown, and ARE forwarded an invoice for the mapping to CCWA. Michelle gave the aerial photos to Art Rose. Land and Mapping has a separate set.

MR 7 and MR 8—Applications for construction funding were submitted on May 16 for the 2008 round of Growing Greener

MR Tuff Wetland Mitigation--Construction will begin as soon as weather permits (i.e. site conditions get drier). Some equipment has been mobilized, and brush cutting along the road was done.

MR Frog--Construction is ongoing. The contractor will be doing compaction testing shortly so that they can begin installation of the limestone.

MR Tuff AMD Treatment System Construction--Work has been stopped while the contractor works on MR Frog.

The Morgan Run Watershed Group will be meeting on May 22, 2008, at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Ohio Church near Morgan Run, and carpooling to see the Morgan Run construction sites. All interested CCWA members are welcome to attend.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby Summary: there were 71 participants in the fishing derby, 130 fish were turned in for measuring (fish were biting), largest fish caught was 16 inches (we did stock a few lunkers), \$2,184.00- in tickets sold (thanks for all your support), 26 sponsors (the most ever & thank you). Once again, it was a very successful fishing derby. Everyone had a great time and thanks to anyone who bought a ticket or helped in any way.

Watershed Award: Ed and Jerry attended the Cambria Conservation District's banquet. A very nice plaque was presented to Ed and Rob Piper spoke very kindly about the good number of active members in the group.

Klondike Media Day Date- the committee has been working on the media day. Shawn with Art's assistance has written a press release. Jerry has been working on a guest list for the event. The tentative date for the Media Day is Friday, August 8th. We will have more information in next month's minutes.

New Business:

Earl mentioned that we have a bunch of catty nine tails that were donated to be planted. A work evening was scheduled for May 28th at 6 PM at the Klondike site.

Next Meeting:

June 17, 2008, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.