

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes
Meeting of December 21, 2004

The meeting was **called to order** with the pledge to the flag by President Strittmatter. Fifteen members were present.

In discussion of the **minutes of the meeting of November 16, 2004**, an error in the nominations for director was pointed out. The sentence regarding nominations (under Old Business) is to be revised to read "For director, Bryan Rabish was nominated by Ray Hollen, Chuck Sutton was nominated by Ed McMullen and Stephanie Wharton was nominated by Alen Smithmyer." With this correction, the minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Dick Dotts seconded by Ray Hollen.

Visitors Shawn Sutton and Mike Wills were introduced.

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following report:

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Nov 1st \$4,471.04

Expenses:

Office Supplies	(8.79)
Road Cleanup	(76.45)
Web Site Domain, 9 years	(314.40)
Petty Cash – initial deposit	(100.00)

Deposits:

Dues	215.00
Skeet Shoot Profit	74.00
Food Sales	84.50
Bank interest	0.04

Ending Balance, Nov 30th **\$4,344.94**

Dues Held for Deposit at 11/30/04: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, Nov 1st \$5,205.13

Expenses:

Project costs 342.36

Deposits:

New Grant Awards	0.0
Grant Expense Reimbursement	0.0
Bank interest	.46

Ending Balance, Nov 30th **\$4,863.23**

The Grant Account consists of (5) separate funds, each one for a specific restricted use. The summary above is for brevity in the minutes. Details of the activity in each fund is provided by separate page to all members attending the monthly meeting.

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Larry Sutton noted that he planned to transfer \$29.93 from the Grant Account to the Regular account at the end of 2004, because this interest was earned from the Fish Fund and the Heinz Grant which did not require the interest to be retained for the specific Grant. Arthur Rose noted that in the Grant Account, the item of \$124.62 under Klondike '04 grant should be under the Brubaker '04 grant, since this was the cost of copying the Brubaker proposal. With this

correction, the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved on a motion by Jerry McMullen and Ed McMullen.

Larry Sutton also suggested that the Association should buy **an accounting software program** for non-profit organizations named Quickbooks, and obtain a computer to apply this program. This will make the book-keeping much easier. He is conferring with Shawn Sutton on this purchase.

Secretary Arthur Rose distributed a draft of a Newsletter that he proposed to mail to members in the coming month. The Newsletter summarizes accomplishments during the past year, announces the election in January and solicits dues for 2005. Also, Rose listed announcements of grant availability from the US EPA Community Intern Program, the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant Program, and the National Fish and Wildlife Five-Star Restoration Grant Program.

For the **Membership** committee, Chairman Bob Funicelli announced 1 renewal for 2005.

For the **Public Relations** Committee, newspaper articles were reported in the Johnstown Democrat, the Mainliner and the PA Business Central. Arthur Rose indicated that several new write-ups had been sent to Sean Bartlett for the Web site, and that another on the Dysart Dam was to be sent, with a photo available from Bryan Rabish.

For the Finance Committee, Earl Smithmyer suggested that we need to start planning for the **2005 Fishing Derby** soon. Earl will assemble a committee for this.

For the **Tech Committee**, Arthur Rose reported that he had communications on the **Klondike '04 grant** with Jane Earle of DEP, who will administer the grant, and planned a field meeting soon. We will have to write a Reclamation Plan for the Little Laurel watershed as part of the grant requirements. During the past month, a group of about 6 members replaced the upstream weir on Little Laurel, and **Michael Wills donated backhoe time** to drain serious mudholes on the access road to the project. Earl Smithmyer collected a set of samples at 5 sites and sent them off to the lab.

The proposal for the **Brubaker Run project** is in Harrisburg, having been signed by President Strittmatter during the month. Minor changes in the map depicting project tasks were made at the request of lawyers in Harrisburg.

At a meeting in Ohio, Arthur Rose learned that the **Abandoned Mineland Fund** has been extended to June 2005, but long-term reauthorization in Congress may be tied to drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve. Also, WPCAMR informed us that the grants from the Appalachian Clean Streams Initiative were in danger of losing funding, and Rose wrote to Jeff Jarrett, Director of the Office of Surface Mining, to urge their continuation.

The first item under Old Business was the **Election** scheduled for January 18, 2005. After discussion, nominations will remain open until then, so that members receiving notification of the election can add nominations if they desire. Provision of ballot papers was discussed.

No information was available on the **proposal to Dominion Gas** for a display board and a digital camera by Stephanie Wharton. Bryan Rabish will contact Stephanie on this.

Bryan Rabish showed a draft of the **updated brochure**. A few modifications were discussed, but it generally looked good.

Regarding the trash at Frugality, Prince Gallitzin Park can furnish a dumpster which we can fill, possibly at one of our spring cleanups. Earl Smithmyer will follow up on this.

Under **New Business**, a proposal from Al Cohen of the Fish Commission for extending the **stocking of Clearfield Creek** from Condron down to Brubaker Run was reported by Earl Smithmyer. Earl will write a letter of support to the Fish Commission.

The next meeting will be on January 18, 2005 at the Prince Gallitzin Park office, at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Earl Smithmyer and Dick Dotts, the meeting was adjourned for Alene's cookies and discussion.