

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reviewed the monthly treasurer's report with the members. Larry also had the annual report for the members and spent a great deal of time explaining the various accounts and activities in these accounts. There were two changes suggested: on the Comparative Statement of Financial Position report the Amsbry account will be moved from the Unrestricted Accounts to the Temporarily Restricted Accounts, since there are restrictions as to what this fund may be used for. Also, on the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures report, under Amsbry Fund, the \$318.80 amount is to be moved to the line item below (stream restoration). As a matter of record there were many very positive comments about the thoroughness and professionalism of the annual report. A big round of applause was given to Larry for all his hard work and fine reports.

Larry reported the following business: 28 dues were received- 4 lifetimes, 3 businesses, 21 annual dues for a total of \$685.00, to be deposited in the general fund. Larry received a reimbursement check from DEP- Klondike project. Of this \$6,000.00 is owed to US Environmental Services and \$129,238.33 to Ligonier Construction. Also received were two DEP reimbursement checks of \$6,017.50-Ferris Wheel project and \$230.00-Ace Drilling Site (deposited in general fund).

Larry reported that he had received a request from DEP-Donna Carnahan- for a final report on the Klondike project. However, CCWA is holding \$7,400.00 of funds until the project is completed in the spring. Larry, stated that he failed to mention last month that included in the final invoice from John Foreman was a donation of 22 hours, value of \$1,375.00, to CCWA. We want to thank John for his generous support.

The following invoices were also reported: \$59.85, Neo-Nexus-3 months internet service, (general fund), \$132.00- Mahaffey Labs- Klondike project (paid out of funds from John Dawes), \$38.95-reimbursement to Earl Smithmyer-ropes and No Trespassing signs- Klondike Project (paid out of funds from John Dawes), \$35.26-reimbursement to Jerry McMullen- office supplies (general fund).

Lastly, a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by John Strittmatter was passed to accept the treasurer's report and the annual financial statements (with the two changes listed above) and to pay the invoices.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had sent out 135 mailings this past month. He had received 9 membership dues, included in the total in the treasurer's report. The office supplies were: ink cartridge, labels, glue stick and ink for the return address stamp. Jerry also received the following e-mails: a request for proposals for grants from the National fish and Wildlife Foundation Chesapeake Bay-forwarded to grant committee, notice from the Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable about the upcoming symposium in WV, and an e-mail from a DCNR forester from Jefferson county who is interested in a statewide initiative to reforest ground that has been strip mined in the past. He thought that the information may be helpful on the Ferris Wheel project. This info, with a web site, was also turned over to the grant committee. This forester has a friend who owns property along Clearfield Creek. It is nice to hear from someone who has heard about our group and wants to help.

Finally, Jerry wanted to remind everyone that if you look at the many accomplishments on the Watershed News that was sent out, we should be very proud of

all that we have accomplished and this would not be possible without the support of many. Thank You!

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli was unable to attend this meeting. He had spoken to Earl to report that he will need some of the membership cards and will be continuing his solicitation for 2008.

Public Relations:

Dan stated that he has made a contact with a person at the Altoona Mirror who will be able to assist us in getting articles into the paper.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing to report for this month. Ed had an article for the historical book from the Altoona Mirror about the funding for abandoned mine sites.

Finance Report:

Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Shawn stated that no word has been received about the recently submitted Dominion Peoples grant. Shawn stated that both he and Dan receive numerous e-mails for grant applications. He asked the group, in general, if they had anything in particular that they would like the grant committee to pursue. Art suggested that we take a close look at the Ferris Wheel project and total costs for the site. We may not have enough money for this project and perhaps may need additional grant funds. Rachael suggested that we should look at money for design and permitting for future projects.

Election Committee:

Ray, election committee chair, reported that the nominees for the open Board position were Bryan Rabish and Dan McMullen. At this time the ballots were passed out to the CCWA members present. Ballots were then collected and counted by the election committee. Dan McMullen was elected to the Board of Directors. A special thanks and round of applause was given to Bryan for all of his hard work and a job well done.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report

Klondike Project Art reported that he had made a site visit that afternoon and the ponds are full at the 2 sites and they are treating the water as designed. There was a brief discussion about the planting of a wetland area in the spring.

Brubaker Project A meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 12th, with the Bureau of Abandoned Mines to see where we go from here. Art is suggesting that an additional geophysical study is needed to clarify data at this site.

Glasgow Project No word has been heard from DEP about the status of this project. Art had recently talked to Cree Surveying about work to be performed at this site and is waiting to hear from them.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project Neil Korostoff, of the Department of Landscape Architecture from Penn State, is to visit this site on Friday, January 18th, with about 12 students. Art, Michelle and Earl will assist the group. The students will be using the site as a design project for their class. Shawn will notify Terry Stacey from the Blair County Solid Waste Authority about the group's visit. Shawn stated that the mapping for this site needs to be converted to digital at a cost of approximately \$125.00. It was agreed this should be done and paid out of the grant for the project.

West Ferris Wheel Project There has been no announcement on this proposal. Funds are very limited.

Swank 123 Site The discharge is located on State Game Lands 108. Art recently talked to Nathan Havens of the Game Commission about the lack of limestone in the new AMD channel from the discharge. Nathan indicates that some limestone was recently added to the stream channel by EP Bender. Art will check on the amount and effectiveness.

Ace Drilling Site- nothing new to report, at this time.

Amy Dugan, from Alder Run Engineering, gave the following report on behalf of Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation: The final few sheets of the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project plans are being copied, and we anticipate submission to the Cambria County Conservation District at the end of this week. No further design actions will be necessary unless the Conservation District requests revisions.

We have provided a statement of our outstanding invoices, as well as invoices through December 31, 2007. We have also provided a report that can be submitted with your request for reimbursement. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help with the invoicing/reporting for this project.

MR Tuff- Construction started in late December and has been progressing as much as the weather allows. Construction is going very well, and we were encouraged to find some good clay material at site b which can be used in other locations of the project. We do not expect construction to be completed before mid-summer due to the wet conditions of the access and the site at this time of year, and the conditions are likely to get worse in the spring thaw before they get better.

MR FROG- We have almost all of the paperwork in place for this project, and will be starting by the end of this month. We have brought along a NPDES Co-Permittee form, which we request a motion to be signed. This form will transfer responsibility for E&S controls on the site to the construction contractor, who is Earthmover's Unlimited of Kylertown, PA.

MR TUFF Wetland Mitigation- We have almost all of the paperwork in place for this project, and will be starting on approximately February 1. We have brought along a NPDES Co-Permittee form, like the one for MR FROG, which will transfer site responsibility for E&S controls during construction to the site contractor, which will be E.M. Brown, Inc., of Clearfield. We have also brought along a copy of a Good Samaritan Form. The group has seen these forms before for MR TUFF and MR FROG, and the

form serves to limit the liability of the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association for the project. I advise the CCWA to sign this form.

The following **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed: “recommend CCWA sign the NPDES Co-Permittee form, like the one for MR FROG, which will transfer site responsibility for E& S controls during construction to the site contractor, E. M. Brown, Inc.”

OTHER MORGAN RUN CONSTRUCTION

We have had no word on any Growing Greener Grant awards, so the construction of MR7 and MR8, which have been designed, is on hold. Design of MR Smith and MR 1-6 is also on hold pending the Growing Greener Grant announcement.

MORGAN RUN 8- We received E&S Plan Approval and the NPDES permit from the Clearfield County Conservation District this month. We made 1 minor plan revision as requested by the PA DEP, and will be re-submitting one plan sheet to the DEP in anticipation of Joint Permit approval in the next month or so.

MORGAN RUN ROSS- Design is progressing and will be completed this spring.

Old Business:

PA Game Commission Discussion- Earl reported that he did not have an opportunity to talk to anyone at the PA Game Commission. He will follow through and report at the February monthly meeting.

Fishing Derby-tickets: Earl reported that he had ordered the tickets for the fishing derby. They will be available for distribution at the February meeting.

New Business:

Thank You Note-President Ed McMullen shared with the members a thank you note received from Malcolm Crittenden, DEP office-Ebensburg, congratulating CCWA on the completion (near completion) of the Klondike project.

Newsletter-Rachel Kester mentioned a recent article that was in the River Chatter, a Clearfield County Senior Environment Corps Newsletter. CCWA is invited to submit an article for inclusion in the newsletter each quarter.

Conference-Rachel also mentioned the upcoming Keystone Coldwater Conference that will be held on February 22nd & 23rd in State College. Registration forms must be sent in by February 1st. For more information, see the website www.outreach.psu.edu/programs/coldwaterconservation.

Meeting- a meeting is scheduled with Gary Haluska, local State Representative, to discuss a couple of proposals sent to DEP and other CCWA related issues.

Get Well- Alene had a get well card for members to sign. The card will be sent to Art's wife, who recently fell and broke her hip. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Next Meeting:

February 19, 2007, Dean Township Municipal Building, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Earl Smithmyer the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

