

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JANUARY 17, 2012
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 22 members present. There were two new members present who had never attended a CCWA meeting, one of these drove up from Hagerstown, Maryland to attend this meeting. Ed had all members present introduce themselves. A **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the December 20, 2011 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits/Expenses for Dec 20, 2011 Meeting

Deposits	Description	Amount	Account
	memberships	\$ 528.00	Gen Fund
	DEP Reimbursement	\$ 353.00	Gibson
	Donation	<u>\$ 273.00</u>	Gen Fund
	TOTAL	\$1,154.00	
Expenses			
	Dan McMullen	\$ 19.07	Gen Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Swank
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 88.00	Gen Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	Swank
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 58.00	Amsbry
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 29.00	Gibson
	Gallaher Supply	\$2,280.00	Reveg
	Gallaher Supply	\$6,360.00	Reveg
	Gallaher Supply	\$5,040.00	Reveg
	Damin	\$ 108.00	Gen Fund
	Gerald McMullen	\$ 85.60	Gen Fund
	Penn Cambria	\$ 300.00	Gen Fund
	<u>Trout Unlimited</u>	<u>\$ 26.00</u>	Gen Fund
	TOTAL	\$14,468.67	

Dane presented the annual financial statements to the members present. They showed a healthy CCWA with a growth in our general and capital funds. There are a total of 16 separate funds listed under the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure financial statement. Special thanks to Dane for all of his time and effort for the very professional financial statements. Next Dane presented the monthly treasurer's report. Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Annual Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report.

Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts and the Annual Financial Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had purchased stamps and labels for the annual mailing. The extra stamps should be enough for most of 2012. He reported the following membership for 2011: annual members-63, lifetime members-49, business membership-5, and youth-4. Jerry reported that 3 members had sent in a donation to CCWA totaling \$165.00. Jerry mentioned the professional printing of the annual letters and Watershed News that was sent out to all members. He asked for a round of applause as a special thanks to Michelle Merrow and Alder Run Engineering for their assistance in printing and overnight mailing of the materials to Jerry. Lastly, Jerry mentioned that he had received an e-mail covering the TIC grant program. Ben Watt mentioned that Penn Cambria has received this information and he has also talked to the teacher at the Glendale School about the TIC program.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing new to report, at this time. Dick mentioned that he talked to The Progress newspaper concerning a new contact since Jane Elling has retired.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend this meeting due to a work commitment, no finance report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that we need to e-mail the final report on the Swank project to Dominion. Art and Dan are to follow through with this report

Michelle reminded the group that there was a \$1000 addition from the EPA 319 Program to the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project. That money was given to CCWA because of Art's attendance at the 319 meeting last March. The money is to be spent on education and sampling associated with the Little Laurel Run Restoration Plan. It does not have to be associated with the reveg project. The reveg project expires on September 30, 2012, but can be extended for up to another two years. Michelle and Art thought that the money had to be spent within one year, but the contract document does not say that. No plans to spend the money were suggested at this time.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl mentioned that he has given all paper work on the permitting to Bryan Rabish, CC Conservation District. Bryan will review and then send in this paperwork. Jerry mentioned that he should contact a possible benefactor for this project.

Election Committee:

At this time ballots were passed out and the election was held for the Board of Directors seat. Votes were then counted. Ray Hollen reported that the election was very close and the winner was Shawn Simmers. We want to congratulate Shawn and thank him for accepting this position.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee. Art mentioned there was very little activity since he was out of town.

Tech Committee Report-December 20, 2011

Klondike Project The site was sampled on 1/9. The treatment system continues to remove most of the acidity and metals. Water to the slag bed was shut off as in the previous month.

W Ferris Project No activity.

Amsbry Project Sampled on 1/17. Invoice to DEP is in preparation.

Gibson Project Sampled 1/17. Logging is underway from the entrance about 2/3 of the way to the discharge.

Swank Project The site was sampled on 1/17. Most iron and acidity is being removed. The flow was very high (800 gpm).

Brubaker Project The three sites were sampled on 1/9. Brubaker Run continues to have considerable acidity. There has been no activity by the Corp of Engineers for several months.

Glasgow Project The passive system continues to do a very complete treatment of the portion of flow it receives.

Ace Drilling Site- site is to be sampled by Earl and Dick in later March. It was mentioned that Malcolm Crittendon, DEP, is asking for two additional samples from this site.

The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—The project has started. All of the ash and compost were moved to the site. Michelle presented bills from Meadville Land Service and Gallaher Trucking, plus an application for reimbursement to the DEP. The PA DOT road permit was to be inactivated on January 18 because the heavy hauling is done. It can be re-activated in the spring when construction starts again, but DOT will inspect the road on the 18th so if there is any damage over the winter, CCWA and Meadville Land Service is not responsible. All materials were incorporated and placed, but there is still some tilling and most of the seeding and mulching to be done. The weather has been so wet that tilling is creating big ruts, and making a mess. We will keep an eye on the weather so it can be completed as soon as possible. The grant completion date is September 30, 2012. The project will be done, but we may consider extending the grant to keep an eye on the vegetation next spring.

Morgan Run Frog—The landowner called ARE and said that the site was discharging through the emergency spillway again. There had been a similar situation this fall, but ARE had visited the site in late January, and the spillway was not activated. A stoplog was removed from Basin B-3, which should help to lower water levels and allow more flow to leave the system. Inflows are extremely high due to the wet weather.

Morgan Run Ross—The contractor has started on the site. Progress is very slow due to the wet weather. Work activities will speed up when the weather dries up or the ground freezes. The site has been cleared, and some good clay materials were located. The goal is to have the bypass drain system in before spring so the site can dewater.

Morgan Run 7—Michelle returned a copy of a letter from Clearfield County Conservation District regarding minor revisions to the E&S plan. Michelle presented paperwork to add E.M. Brown, Inc. as the co-permittee to the NPDES permit for stormwater associated with construction activities. This action will transfer permit responsibility to the contractor for construction activities. After construction is complete, the permit will be terminated, as has been done with the other construction projects, to relieve CCWA of permit obligations. The group approved the motion, and Ed signed the paperwork after the meeting.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed authorizing the signing of this paperwork by President Ed McMullen.

Old Business:

Data Logger: Bryan Rabish reported that he has placed the data logger on North Witmer Run above the fish hatchery of Glendale Sportsman. There is some concern as to whether any salt runoff from the nearby roadway would affect the data logger. Bryan reported that the data, at 15 minute intervals, from this instrument can be downloaded into an excel spread sheet. Dan is to provide 2 pieces of rebar for Bryan to use.

Fishing Derby Tickets: Jerry reported that he had picked up the 3,000 fishing derby tickets. Ray will coordinate the distribution of the tickets and is asking anyone who can to please help sell some tickets. These are a very large part of the money that we need to raise for the fishing derby.

Penn Cambria TIC Project: Ben Watt, Penn Cambria Middle School teacher, reported the following- PC is continuing the TIC program for the students. He has approximately 150 brook trout that have developed from egg sac to swimming. Due to the large number he will decrease the temperature in the tank thus producing a smaller fish.

In addition they have set up another 130 gallon tank and purchased certified rainbow and brown eggs for the students to raise. Approximately 200 of these have developed with the brown trout being the largest.

There is also another tank sponsored by the Cresson Sportsmen's. They have lost the eggs in this tank twice with only about 4 or 5 fish developing. TIC is to do sampling to determine the problem.

The school is planning for an extended field day for their students to release these trout. Ben asked for support from CCWA as a partner in supporting the TIC program at his school. A unanimous **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed to donate \$300.00 to Penn Cambria Middle School for their fish fund. This money will be used to purchase test kits, charcoal filters, equipment, etc.

Tree Order: Jerry reported the he is not sure of the status of this order with Dan Yahner and the PA Game Commission. Ben reported that he could get a few hundred trees through his school and we could possibly make the tree planting a field trip for the students.

New Business:

Facebook Account: Dane reported that he had looked at the facebook account originally set up by Madeline Wolf, SFU student. He has talked to CCWA member Katie Snyder who is willing to help expand this account.

Trout Unlimited Membership: A solicitation from Trout Unlimited for membership was sent to CCWA. Discussion was held on how cooperative and helpful TU has been to CCWA. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed to join Trout Unlimited for one year. Cost is \$26.00.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2012, Conference Room, lower level at Prince Gallitzin Park, 6:30 PM.

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