

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2005**

The meeting was **called to order** by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. Seventeen members were present. Members introduced themselves with one guest present- Malcolm Crittenden from the DEP Cambria Office, Ebensburg. Malcolm is taking Joe Allison's place, working with watershed organizations, at the DEP Office. At this time Malcolm gave a brief explanation of the growing Greener II Fund (Democratic sponsored) versus the Growing Greener PA Fund (Republican sponsored). He emphasized the importance of contacting our local representatives to ask for support on a compromise so that the state can move forward on funding for these Growing Greener projects.

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen the **minutes** of the meeting of February 15, 2005 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the **February Treasurer's Report** listed below: during the month of February, 2005 the following activity took place in the bank accounts. Bills paid totaled \$785.75 (regular account) and \$247.68 (grant account). There were \$220.00 of dues deposited. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Chuck Sutton the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

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**Regular Account**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005 | \$4,595.41               |
| <u>Expenses:</u>                              |                          |
| Laptop Computer                               | (785.75)                 |
| <u>Deposits:</u>                              |                          |
| Dues  | 220.00                   |
| Bank interest                                 | 0.04                     |
| Ending Balance, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2005   | <b><u>\$4,029.70</u></b> |

**Dues Held for Deposit at 2/28/05:** none

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**Grant Account**

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|---|--------------------------|
| Beginning Balance, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005 | \$4,933.38               |
| <u>Expenses:</u>                              |                          |
| Project costs:                                |                          |
| Brubaker '04                                  | 0.00                     |
| Klondike '04                                  | 0.00                     |
| Klondike '03                                  | 165.00                   |
| Fish Fund                                     | 82.68                    |
| Heinz Grant                                   | <u>0.00</u>              |
|   | (247.68)                 |
| <u>Deposits:</u>                              |                          |
| New Grant Awards                              | 0.0                      |
| Grant Expense Reimbursement                   | 142.74                   |
| Donation for Fish Derby                       | 0.00                     |
| Bank interest                                 | .09                      |
| Ending Balance, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2005   | <b><u>\$4,828.53</u></b> |

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| <u>Grant Account</u>              |                   |                   | <u>BRUBAKER</u>   | <u>KLONDIKE</u>   | <u>KLONDIKE</u>   |
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| <u>FISH</u>                       | <u>HEINZ</u>      |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| <u>FUND</u>                       | <u>GRANT</u>      | <u>TOTAL</u>      | <u>'04 DEP</u>    | <u>'04 EPA</u>    | <u>'03 DEP</u>    |
| Beg Balance, Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>  |                   |                   | (124.56)          | 0.00              | \$2,431.24        |
| \$2,249.70                        | \$ 377.00         | \$4,933.38        |                   |                   |                   |
| <u>Expenses:</u>                  |                   |                   | 0.00              | 0.00              |                   |
|                                   | 0.00              |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Mahaffey Labs                     |                   |                   |                   |                   | 165.00            |
| Derby Tickets                     |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| <u>82.68</u>                      | <u>          </u> | <u>247.68</u>     | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| <u>Deposits:</u>                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| New Grant Awards                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Expense Reimbursement             |                   |                   |                   |                   | 142.74            |
| Donations                         |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Bank interest                     |                   |                   |                   |                   | <u>.09</u>        |
|                                   | 142.83            |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| End Balance, Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> |                   |                   | (124.56)          | 0.00              | \$2,409.07        |
| \$2,167.02                        | \$ 377.00         | <b>\$4,828.53</b> |                   |                   |                   |

**Notes:**

1. DEP grants require bank interest on their funds to accrue to the project. For simplicity, all of the interest in the Grant Account was given to the Klondike '03 project, because the amount is insignificant.
2. The Klondike '04 EPA Grant has been approved, but funds have not been received yet.
3. Expenses in the Brubaker '04 EPA fund will qualify to be paid retroactively when the funds are received for the 2004 PA Growing Greener grant.

**Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received 19 membership cards in the past month. He had added 11 new names and addresses to the e-mail file to which the minutes are sent each month. That brings to 51 the total members, groups or newspapers that receive the CCWA minutes each month by e-mail.

Jerry purchased a file cabinet. The receipt for this bill was given to Larry Sutton for payment. Jerry also reported that he would like to contact PENNDOT to see if we could perhaps obtain signs under the PA Stream Signage Program to mark Laurel Run and perhaps Clearfield Creek. Earl mentioned that there are two signs in Ashville that mark the stream where it crosses under route 36. Jerry will report on this at next month's meeting. Also, Jerry will solicit both Wal-Mart and the Coca-Cola plant in Ebensburg for a donation to the fishing derby in May.

### **Membership Committee:**

President Earl Smithmyer had received 3 membership cards in the mail plus 1 card presented at the meeting. Membership chairman Bob Funicelli reported that he had 3 additional membership cards. These were given to secretary McMullen for recording.

### **Public Relations and Historical Committees:**

Alene Smithmyer has a large number of photos of various CCWA activities for the members to look at. These will be added to the historical book that is kept by Alene. Pat McNulty reported that he had recently gone to the local newspapers with a copy of the Watershed News asking for any news coverage. There were no new recent newspaper articles, at this time, in the local papers. Dick Dotts gave Alene an article that had appeared in the Clearfield Progress for the historical book.

### **Finance Report:**

Larry Sutton reported that he has not purchased the software for the laptop computer yet. He was hoping for better pricing on the software. Larry presented signature cards, required by the bank, for the officers to sign. The waiver of liability presented at last month's meeting is not complete. Larry will have this for the April meeting.

Larry presented bills of \$165.00 from Mahaffey Labs (Klondike account), \$100.69 for the file cabinet (Regular account) and \$3.13 to reimburse Earl for postage (petty cash account). On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by John Srittmatter these bills were unanimously approved for payment.

### **Tech Committee:**

**Klondike Project-**Art Rose reported that the contract for this project that was signed and sent to Harrisburg has not been sent back yet. Art had talked to Chris Howard from the Blair County Solid Waste Authority. The authority is to have a meeting on March 22, 2005, at which time they are to sign the landowners' agreement with CCWA.

Art had also contacted Bill Barbin (Johnstown lawyer) for assistance in writing up new agreements for this project. The Klondike Project's passive treatment system is located on the Hite/Dobson property. An improved agreement is needed with the family for permission for this plant. Also, CCWA will need a Good Samaritan agreement and a sign-off for the highway occupancy permit. Mr. Barbin was very helpful and agreed to work with CCWA on this.

Art has also contacted Gloria Bender-a Dobson daughter- for a signature for the Dobson half of the estate.

Surveyor Clark Cree gave an estimate of \$200.00 to survey for the highway occupancy permit. Art requested stakes for the corners of the passive treatment system. No cost estimate was available for this survey, at this time.

Earl Smithmyer continues water sampling at 3 sites on Little Laurel Run. Art had given Earl a copy of the proposed Restoration Plan for Klondike Project. Earl had presented this plan to Steve Lathrop at the DEP office. Steve suggested that CCWA check on cost estimates for the plan. John Foreman and Jen Demchack are to meet with Earl and review this. There is a grant of \$3,500.00 for this Restoration Plan-separate from the construction contract.

**Highway Occupancy Permit**-there are two options for the location of the roadway into the Klondike Project. One is to come off the old strip road directly to Rte. 36. Some guardrails would have to be removed to accommodate the roadway. The other option is to follow the old Rte. 36 roadway and come out in the dip directly across from the Cooney strip road. This route is favored for the following reasons: would have 500 feet line of sight in both directions as required, Cooney's are the landowners (easy to obtain the landowners' agreement from them), and would allow access to a possible future sight located behind the Ferris Wheel. A GV7 permit would be required to cross the 2 small streams for the latter route.

Clark Cree had contacted Jeff Fyock at PENNDOT for a site visit. PENNDOT had not responded and may be waiting for the application. Art Rose and John Foreman will be in contact with Clark Cree and follow up on this permit.

**Brubaker Project**-CCWA has received approval of a grant totaling \$211,620.00 for this project. Art will be contacting Clark Cree to survey the locations for the drilling at this site. He will also contact the PA Game Commission for the roadway into the project.

John Foreman reported that he has a good digital map from BAMR for this site. Art is still waiting to hear from Carl Underhofer concerning the clay mine map from Sam Lansbury. Jen Demchak will also contact Carl for this map.

Art Rose would like to attend the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium in State College on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. One of the discussions is to be on Clearfield Creek and its' watersheds. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to reimburse Art for the registration fee to attend this symposium.

Art has received a message from Beth Dillon. She would like an opinion on the TMDLS-total maximum daily loads- of the tributaries that have an impact on Clearfield Creek. Art suggested a downgrade of the list of streams located in Clearfield County and the adding of some streams in the upper end of Clearfield Creek, Cambria County. Ed McMullen suggested that the Cresson Shaft tributary be added to this list. The SRBC has a contract with the state to do the TMDLS in the local streams.

Dick Dotts presented a letter from DEP for a meeting on water quality in the entire Susquehanna River Basin on March 30<sup>th</sup> in Williamsport, PA. Although many topics will be covered, the main focus will be on nutrients and sediments. Dick and John Foreman will attend and represent CCWA at this meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Service plaques- Earl had contacted Jeff Holtz and Jeff will have these plaques for the April meeting.

Skeet shoot- Jeff will schedule this event for the end of September. He will give us a date, depending on the skeet leagues, at a later time.

Blandburg Treatment Plant-Powell Run- Earl asked Malcolm to talk to Joe Allison as to the status of this plant. The plant was owned by C & K Coal Co. who is now in bankruptcy.

### **New Business:**

Bob Funicelli reported that help will be needed to stock fish on March 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting in Ashville at 11AM near the Rte. 36 bridge.

President Smithmyer had received a letter from the PA Organization for Watersheds and Rivers concerning the cost of various insurances for watershed organizations. The letter was given to Larry Sutton for review.

Earl had also received a letter from the Chesapeake Bay River Foundation concerning a tree giveaway. You must apply by April 15<sup>th</sup> to qualify for this tree giveaway. No action was taken at this time.

Malcolm Crittenden suggested that CCWA should contact a local scout troop to see if any scouts need an eagle project that may benefit Clearfield Creek. He also suggested that both St. Francis University and Mount Aloysius College may be a source for a student (s) who may need a 3 credit hands on environmental project that may be beneficial to CCWA.

Earl reminded all members that we need to sell the raffle tickets for the fishing derby. There are still many tickets available to sell. Please contact Earl if you need tickets. Once again, this is a major fund raiser for the fishing derby and CCWA.

Bob Funicelli announced that he had received a \$100.00 donation from the Ashville Bass Club for the fishing derby. Special thanks to them for this donation.

The roadway/stream cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Laurel Run Sportsmen in Dysart. We will need lots of help for this cleanup since we will be doing both 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of the stream. Ray Hollen is to contact the railroad to see if we can get permission to travel the railroad to assist in the steam cleanup rather than carry the garbage to the roadway. A lunch will be provided after the cleanup. Cost is to be taken out of petty cash.

The next meeting was announced for **April 19, 2005** at the Prince Gallitzin Office at 6:30 PM. Earl suggested that a tin of Alene's cookies be given to the Park Office as a thank you for their hospitality.

On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Pat McNulty the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.