

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 15, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by John Strittmatter followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Eight members were in attendance.

A motion to approve the **Minutes** for the March 18, 2003, meeting was made by Ray Hollen, seconded by Jerry McMullen, and approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report: In the Grant Account, the beginning balance of \$4182.17 on 3/18/03 was decreased by payment of \$948.00 for lab fees and increased by \$0.27 interest for a new balance of \$3234.44. In the Regular Account, the beginning balance on 3/18/03 of \$3334.81 was increased by dues of \$235.00 and a Growing Greener payment of \$231.44 (for Bobbie Peltzer expenses), and decreased by \$231.44 paid to Bobbie Peltzer, leaving a balance of \$3570.01. The amount of \$118.45 is due to Alene Smithmyer for Cleanup Day expenses, and \$170.00 have been received but not yet deposited for dues (Jeff Sutton, Dave Cowfer, John Martyak, Gary Fischer, Carl Fischer, Pat McMullen, Joe Zupon Jr., Sam Kipp) plus a \$15 donation by Sam Kipp. One dues payment is being returned as a duplicate. Funds from WPCAMR Grant have not yet been received. The credit card application was submitted through First National Bank of PA but the card has not yet been received. It was moved (Bryan Rabish) and seconded (Stephanie Wharton) to accept the Treasurer's Report and unanimously approved.

Membership Committee: No report.

Public Relations Committee: Pat McNulty has sent information to Representative Haluska and Senator Wosniak asking for their support for the Klondike proposal.

Finance Committee: No report.

Historical Committee: John Dawes of the Heinz Foundation (who provided the grant to analytical expenses) visited for the trout stocking. Mr. Dawes visited several AMD sites in our area along with members of the Cambria Co. Conservation District and CCWA. We will have pictures later. A hat and T-shirt was presented to Mr. Dawes.

Tech Committee: A report from Arthur Rose was read at the meeting. Art met with the Blair County Solid Waste Authority to ask for their support for our endeavours on their property to correct the Klondike and Ferris Wheel AMD sites. They voted to approve our access to the site, and asked about liability and legal agreements when a facility is built. Their next meeting will be Oct. 14, 2003 at the compost facility at the head of Little Laurel Run, and they asked if they could visit the Klondike site at that time. Art indicated we would welcome this visit.

Bylaw change: Directors met prior to the regular meeting. The amendment to the procedure for change of Bylaws, as attached to the March Minutes, was approved unanimously.

Road and stream cleanup was done on April 6, 2003. Thirty people attended and picked up lots of trash. A lunch was provided by Alene Smithmyer and helpers. Thanks to all participants.

Coal Refuse: Max Scheeler compiled maps and other data on many sites which will be helpful for future use.

Bryan Rabish met with Rusty Taylor from Robindale Energy. He did not look favorably on these small refuse piles in our area. Due to permitting and access to these sites they would not be economically suitable. It was decided that we would put our efforts into the two piles on Game Commission land north of Dean. Bryan Rabish is to contact Bill Capoulliez on this matter.

Aquatic Survey: Bryan Rabish and Stephanie Wharton are to conduct a demonstration aquatic survey on Little Laurel Run and one other stream to be decided. The meeting place is Earl Smithmyer's house on May 6 at 6:00 PM. All members are invited to attend for a demonstration of how these surveys are done.

Litter Dump site: Ed McMullen and Ray Hollen checked the litter dump site at Frugality. We need to determine who owns the property before a cleanup can commence. Bryan Rabish is to find out who owns the property.

Watershed Awareness Month: May is Watershed Awareness Month and Jerry McMullen is to write an article and put it in the local papers. Permission was given to Jerry to spend up to \$200.00 on this advertising.

Next meeting: Laurel Run Sprotsman's Club, Dysart, May 20, 2003 at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: It was moved by Bryan Rabish and seconded by Jerry McMullen to adjourn.

(Minutes were taken by Alene Smithmyer in the absence of Art Rose.)