

**Clearfield Creek Watershed Association**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 21, 2002**  
**Laurel Run Sportsmen's Club, Dysart PA**  
**Website: [www.clearfieldcreekwatershed.org](http://www.clearfieldcreekwatershed.org)**

**DON'T FORGET!!!**  
**SUMMER CLEAN –UP**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Call to Order:** *President Jeff Holtz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Following the opening we toured a V-notch weir at a small discharge.*

**Treasurer's / Finance Committee Report:** *Our current balance is \$2868.64. Earl Smithmyer stated that he spoke with the accountant and our audit will be completed on May 28. We should also hear shortly on the 501(C)3.*

**Secretary's Report:** *Minutes for May will again be sent to members only.*

**Membership Committee Report:** *No report.*

**Public Relations Committee Report:** *Pat McNulty was hegely responsible for getting the nice Earth Day write-up in the Altoona Mirror and the Mainline papers. The Tribune will run an article in several weeks.*

**Historical Committee Report:** *Photos were taken of the clean-up.*

**Clean Up Committee:** *Next cleanup will be Sunday, June 23 at 9:00 a.m. and will include only areas "guardrail to guardrail." Should be completed by 11:00.*

**Tech Committee:**

*Art Rose reported that sampling continues. Some property owners have been giving us problems.*

**Groups B & C:** *Sampling is being done*

*Jeff Holtz said his area needs help and he would like to find some students willing to help out. Art Rose said that he could contact some students from Penn State Altoona to help.*

*Art mentioned we should update one of John Foreman's maps to show our progress.*

*Earl Smithmyer stated an explanatory letter to give the property owners with an informational pamphlet similar to the one that the Conservation District used would be a good idea.*

*Richard Dotts said the property owners would like to have some kind of insurance that they are not responsible if someone should get hurt while working at a weir on their property. Joe Allison and Art Rose explained again how the Good Samaritan Act can protect the members of the CCWA and the property owners. Joe stated the application could be sent in at one time for all applicable properties.*

*A motion was made by John Strittmatter and seconded by Earl Smithmyer to put together a Good Samaritan application for DEP coverage and work on landowner consent situations. A committee entitled the Landowner Consent Committee was formed comprised of Joe Allison, Richard Dotts, Art Rose and chaired by John Strittmatter.*

#### **New Business:**

*A check was received from Western PA to fund additional water sampling. Robb Piper suggested that the grant money be put into a separate account. No logo would be necessary on the checks. Bills from sampling to date will be paid from that grant account. Bobbie Peltzer will prepare two letters of thanks. One will be to the Community Foundation and the other to John Dawes with an invitation to come to see us.*

*Ralph and Mary Louise Holtz have donated \$1000.00 for fish stocking or any other project approved by the President of the CCWA.*

*Robb Piper reported that his staff will coordinate the Dysart Dam project with the Army Corps of Engineers.*

*Jeff Holtz stated that a special meeting was held to discuss how to raise money for the watershed. Barry Wolfe from the Prince Gallitzen State Park stated that educational programs regarding watersheds will be handled by new staff personnel, Rorey Bower and Michelle Shetler. Fund raising opportunities were also discussed at the special meeting. Barry handed us the rules of an Agreement that would be required and the Park is willing to co-sponsor almost any event with the CCWA. The topic of canoe races was raised and Earl suggested that Donna Carnahan contact the Clearfield Canoe Club. Jennifer Demchak suggested we also contact Tussey Mountain Outfitters in Bellefonte about canoe races.*

#### **Upcoming Events:**

*Cider Festival, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in October. CCWA will have a booth at the festival.*

**Next Meeting Date, Time and Place:** *Open meeting, June 18, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. at the Laurel Run Sportsmen's Club in Dysart.*

**Adjourn:** *A motion to adjourn was made by Art Rose and seconded by Pat McNulty.*