

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSJED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 17, 2005**

The meeting was **called to order** by President Elect Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present. There were no guests present.

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2005 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the April Treasurer's Report listed below: during the month of April, 2005 the following activity took place in the bank accounts. Bills paid totaled \$77.07 (regular account) and \$165.00 (grant account). There were deposits of \$20.00 in the regular account and \$1,742.00 in the grant account. On a motion by Art Rose and seconded by Chuck Sutton the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Apr 1 st , 2005	\$3,785.18
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road Cleanup	(77.07)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	20.00
Bank interest	0.16
Ending Balance, Apr 30 th , 2005	<u>\$3,728.27</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 4/30/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, Apr 1 st , 2005	\$4,334.90
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
Brubaker '04	0.00
Klondike '04	0.00
Klondike '03	165.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(165.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards	0.0
Grant Expense Reimbursement	0.00
Donation for Fish Derby	1,742.00
Bank interest	<u>.29</u>
Ending Balance, Apr 30 th , 2005	<u>\$5,912.19</u>

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received 2 membership cards in the past month. He had contacted Gary Davidson at the District 9 PennDOT office concerning the roadway cleanup signs between Ashville and Syberton. Earl Smithmyer met Mr. Davidson and discussed the moving of the Syberton signs north of the Loretto/Syberton road and the placement of the other set of signs closer to Ashville. Also, the 2 miles on these signs will be changed to the correct number of miles-4. PennDOT will have 5 temporary signs made up that can be placed at the roadways intersecting route 53 along this stretch of highway during cleanup times. These will be ready in a few weeks and are ours to keep. We wish to thank PennDOT for their cooperation.

Secretary McMullen had received the signed contract from Art Rose for the Restoration Plan on the Klondike Project.

Jerry received a \$25.00 gift card from Wal-Mart in Ebensburg for the fishing derby.

Membership Committee:

No new memberships were received this past month. Secretary McMullen reported that there is a total of 114 members in CCWA for 2005.

Public Relations and Historical Committees:

Secretary McMullen had sent out a press release on the fishing derby to public relations chair Pat McNulty on May 5th. This press release was also given to The Mainliner. Jerry had also contacted Jason Eger, a reporter for the Mainliner, who will be covering the fishing derby. Dick Dotts took a copy of the press release and was going to drop it off at The Progress newspaper this week.

Dick Dotts presented two small articles about Clearfield Creek Watershed Association that were recently in The Progress. As always we are very happy with any newspaper coverage.

Finance Report:

Larry had received a check from Appleton Papers for \$250.00, an anonymous gift of \$100.00 and \$175.00 of fishing derby ticket sales. He had issued checks to Earl for prior approved expenses for the fishing derby- Bowmans-\$766.00, purchase of the trout-\$1,055.00 and rental on the porta john-\$79.50. There was a bill from Clark Cree for survey work totaling \$700.00. A printer was donated to CCWA by a Bellefonte resident.

Tech Committee:

Little Laurel Run Restoration Plan: Art reported that the contract for the Restoration Plan was drawn up by the officers and signed by Arthur Rose. Two additional days were spent surveying the area for additional acid sources but little was found. The monthly samples taken by Earl from the weirs are proving very useful in the evaluation. Sean Simmers is investigating the revegetation of the area behind the Ferris Wheel. He has begun writing the draft for this plan and will present it at a future meeting.

Klondike Project: The signed landowner's agreement and the Good Samaritan agreement were received from the Hite-Dobson family, ready to be signed by Earl. CCWA has also received these agreements from the Blair County Solid Waste Authority. Clark Cree has marked out the construction area and set survey stations. John Foreman and Art have spent 2 days on the Tech Specs and the Bidding documents and are close to a draft on these. Art has attempted to contact Nancy Rackam, from DEP, concerning a wetland examination. Also, Art has tried to contact Cooney Co. concerning the Good Samaritan agreement and the Highway Occupancy permit. Sean will take care of the GP-7 stream crossing permit for this project. Earl has collected 6 more samples from the weirs on Little Laurel Run.

Art has recommended that a small management group be set up for the Klondike Project; it would help expedite the approval and payment of bills for the project and the group could approve any change orders and review how to pay for any change orders. It was recommended that the following members be a part of this group; Earl, Ed, Larry, Jerry, Art, and Sean. A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Bob Funicelli to delegate the authority of Earl, Ed, Larry, Jerry, Art, and Sean to act as surrogates for payment and change orders on behalf of CCWA for the Klondike project was passed unanimously. Larry recommended that at least 1 technical person (Art or Sean) and at least 2 officers (Earl, Ed, Larry, and Jerry) be used. Any action taken by this management group will be reported at the next meeting.

John and Art continue to work on the technical aspects, contracts and specs for this project. Qualified members will need to meet in the future to review the data prior to releasing any bids for this project.

Brubaker Project: Carl Underkofler has contacted Sam Lansbury for a map of the clay mine. John and Jack Foreman are searching for this map in their map collection. Art Rose has held several discussions with 2 Penn State geophysicists about methods for investigating water flow in strip mines. They are to conduct a field survey on Sunday, May 22nd. A final detailed topographic map should be completed in May. Art and John continue to compile mine data. Clark Cree is surveying the land for this project so we can get the PA Game Commission involved for the roadway and drilling pads.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium: This symposium was organized by Trout Unlimited, DEP, DCNR, Supported by the Governor and Department Secretaries. The symposium emphasized recreational attraction of West Branch, especially if restored- economic benefits. "Visitors like a clean unpolluted environment" and "We have a dream" were used. There were talks on successful cleanup in MD, Kettle Creek, Babb Creek, Stony Creek, and on methods. Prioritization by stream miles restored (small sources) or downstream restoration (big sources). Part of a committee of watershed representatives to interact with the State Task Force are Donna Carahan, Jen Demchak, and Art Rose. Brian Rabish brought out the display on the CCWA. We were very well represented at this symposium.

Old Business:

Service Plaques-there was nothing new to report on these, at this time. Earl will try to contact Jeff Holtz as to the status of these plaques.

Fishing Derby-CCWA has received two additional donations for the derby- Appleton Papers from Roaring Springs-\$250.00 and a \$100.00 anonymous donation. Fish will be stocked at 5 PM on Friday, May 20th. Setting up for the derby will begin at 7 AM on Saturday. \$175.00 of ticket money was turned in at the meeting.

Brubaker Weir Work- Art and Earl have not assessed these weirs yet. They will try to do it in the near future. Each weir will have to be measured for size. John Foreman and Dick Dotts offered to assist them with this project.

Stream Signage Program- CCWA has not been successful in obtaining signs through this state-funded program. Many of the local townships are interested in participating in this program. There was discussion if perhaps we can assist the local townships with the paperwork. It would be nice to mark Little Laurel Run and Brubaker Run since we have a project along each of these streams.

New Business:

Roadway Cleanup-the next roadway cleanup will be on Sunday, June 12, 2005. We will be meeting at 9 AM at Laurel Run Sportsman or Al's Glass (alternate site) in Dysart. We will be doing only the roadway this time. Hope to see you there.

Bland burg Treatment Plant- The C& K Coal Co. bankruptcy case is near completion. C & K Coal Col was owner of this plant. Joe Allison, DEP, suggested that we look into this plant. Art Rose wants CCWA to look at the plant- present condition of the plant, operating costs, etc.

Next Meeting:

June 21, 2005, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned.