

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 18, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dott was then passed accepting the April 20, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

For April 1 – 30, 2010

General Fund

Beginning Balance		\$8,340.54
Deposits	Bank Interest	\$0.21
	Memberships	\$142.00
Expenses	Neo Nexus	(\$59.85)
	Earl Smithmyer - Supplies	(\$154.05)
	POWR - Insurance	(\$30.00)
	Dan McMullen - Glass Etching	(\$40.00)
Ending Balance		\$8,198.85

Grant Accounts

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$30,708.29	\$1.04	\$0.00	\$30,709.33
Dominion II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	CLOSED
Blandburg Active C&K	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
Passive(Glasgow)	(\$12,163.83)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12,163.83)
MuR1 Assessment	\$4,915.01	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$4,915.13
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$5,662.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,662.96
Ferris Wheel West	(\$225.00)	\$0.00	(\$9,458.12)	(\$9,683.12)
Ferris Wheel Reveg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,059.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,059.00
Fish Fund	\$3,809.49	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$4,159.49
MuR Mapping	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	(\$5,675.00)	\$4,825.00
<u>Totals</u>	\$49,778.88	\$351.16	(\$15,133.12)	\$34,996.92

Respectfully

Submitted:

Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits:

\$250.00; Donation from M&T Bank; General Fund
\$250.00; Donation from Jack Calandra for web fees; General Fund
\$36.00; Memberships; General Fund
\$989.00; Fishing Derby Ticket Sales; Fish Fund
\$25.00; Shawn Simmers; Derby Tickets; Fish Fund
\$5.00 Harold Corle; Derby Tickets; Fish Fund
\$25.00; Alder Run Engineering; Derby Tickets; Fish Fund
\$50.00; Slovikosky Excavating; Derby Donation; Fish Fund
\$100.00; Montgomery Bros. Plumbing; Derby Donation; Fish Fund
\$100.00; Cambria Co-Gen; Derby Donation; Fish Fund
\$25.00; Cresson Ambulance; Derby Donation; Fish Fund

Expenses:

\$636.35; Laurel Run Sportsman's; Fishing Derby Prizes; Fish Fund
\$384.97; Robert Funicelli; Fishing Derby Prizes; Fish Fund
\$350.00; Wessel & Company; Tax form 990 Preparation; General Fund
\$2437.50; New Miles of Blue Streams; Work on Muddy Run Assessment; MuR-1 Fund
\$210.00; Mahaffey Laboratory; Water Testing; Klondike - Rose Fund
\$112.00; Mahaffey Laboratory; Water Testing; Ace Drilling Site; General Fund
\$25.00; Mahaffey Laboratory; Water Testing; Amsbry Fund
\$50.00; Mahaffey Laboratory; Water Testing; Klondike - Rose Fund

Dane also reported that the Dominion II grant was closed out since all of the money from this grant was spent. The final report was sent in by Shawn Simmers.

A motion by Larry Sutton and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had sent out the recent CCWA press release to the four local newspapers. He also reported that he had several e-mail correspondences this past month. Jerry had copies of the sign-up forms for the renewal effort for Growing Greener 3 that is underway. These were passed out for signatures to all members present and Brian Rabish volunteered to send these forms in. For further information please contact Andrew Heath, Executive Director, Renew Growing Greener Coalition at 717-230-8044, X23

Jerry also had an e-mail sent to him by Rob Piper concerning the need for a Right to Know Law officer for CCWA. After a brief discussion it was agreed that we would table this matter for further discussion next month.

Membership Committee:

Bob reported that 2 memberships have come in this past month, one of these a business membership. Bob continues to work on new memberships.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had lots of articles for the historical book. There were excellent articles on the Jack Calandra donation in both the Altoona Mirror and The Mainliner. Ray also had an article from The Mainliner on the Trout in the Classroom Project and fly tying as part of this. Dick had an article from The Progress. We want to thank the reporters and their respective papers for this fine coverage.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he had recently contacted Randy Frye at St. Francis University about a new booklet for CCWA. Randy agreed to help us out in the fall semester with an intern or a class project. Earl mentioned that he noticed at the meeting in Williamsport that we are lagging in this area.

Larry continues to work on the endowment information. He has investigated the Clearfield County Charitable Foundation (no officers and staff) and the John Dawes Foundation (they have a board of directors and staff). The latter is more devoted to the cleanup of streams and seems a better fit for CCWA. Also discussed was the possibility of setting up all documents but not funding, at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that neither he nor Shawn have heard from Home Depot about the pending grant application. Earl stated that he had signed the grant application for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation project. We are not sure when we will begin this project- in the fall or next spring.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose and presented by Jerry McMullen.

Tech Committee Report-May 18, 2010

Klondike Project Sampling in early May continues to indicate that KL-1 system is removing about 95% of the Fe and 75% of the acidity. Dr. Brennan informs us that her proposal for tests of chitin at KL-1 has been funded by the Foundation for PA Watersheds. The project was visited by a group of 3 South Koreans on 4/21.

West Ferris Wheel Project Permitting continued on this project. Rose and Merrow discussed the property ownership and recognize that we should contact Blair County Solid Waste, Cooney and the Hite-Dodson family before applying for construction funds.

Glasgow Project Based on sampling on 5/10, the first VFP continues to treat the highly acid and metal-rich water to a net alkaline condition, and the final outflow is good quality. The active treatment system is expected to be activated in the next few weeks. A visit of Chinese and American researchers to this project and Brubaker Run has been arranged with Dr. William Burgos of Penn State. The three South Koreans also visited this project.

Muddy Run Project An attempt to measure flow at the Brookwood shaft on 5/12 was only partially successful owing to a beaver dam plus significant inflow from the stream from up the valley. The database for the monthly sampling was finalized, and work continues on the report.

Amsbry Project Sampling indicates that the chemistry of this discharge continues as before.

Swank 13 Project We await work on whether this project will be funded by the Foundation for PA Watersheds.

Symposium of Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds This organization held a meeting with numerous talks and breakout groups on 5/1. A major emphasis was on renewing the Growing Greener program. A session on Marcellus Shale Drilling provided information on environmental consequences of this activity.

Symposium of West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition Smithmyers, Rabish and Rose attended this meeting on 5/6 and displayed out poster. The CCWA received the award as the Outstanding Watershed Association for 2010. Arthur Rose received an award as Outstanding Volunteer of 2010.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick will be taking this sample in late June.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Grant-there was nothing new to report about this grant.

Tree Planting: Earl also mentioned that he would like to get the apples trees that we had purchased from the Conservation District fenced in. Dan mentioned that we could purchase fencing from the Cresson Feed Mill using part of the Dominion's grant. Jerry reported that he could get a couple of rolls of the orange fencing. Earl stated that we would need a lot of posts. Jerry had dropped off 10 posts and Earl has cut 70 posts. Dave will donate staples for the fencing and Dick is to contact someone about a post driver. No date has been set for this project but, as usual, volunteers will be needed.

Fishing Derby Tickets/Planning: Ray reported that ticket sales have gone well and we have saved some tickets for the day of the fishing derby. Earl had a checklist of items to go over for the fishing derby.

Award/Plaque-Jack Calandra: Earl thought that Jack Calandra was very happy with the plaques presented to him. We want to thank Dan for his work on this plaque and Justin Edger for the picture and the fine article in The Mainliner.

CCWA Brochures: Brian reported that he had printed up 50 additional brochures for us. We hope to print an updated brochure in the near future.

Headwater Estuary: Brian mentioned that the Research Institute of St. Francis University is working with Penn Cambria and Cambria Heights on items that must be incorporated in their curriculum for the schools. One of the items covered is watersheds. Art and Brian agreed to help and would like to take the teachers on a field trip to see acid mine discharge at a site and perhaps do a micro invertebrate study. Dates for this are July 19th - 23rd. On July 20th they will be visiting Clearfield Creek and perhaps the Klondike or Ferris Wheel sites. CCWA members are invited to attend and participate. As stated by Brian "this is a great opportunity for us to help the teachers develop their curriculum". Brian will have the particulars at the June meeting.

New Business:

Cleanup-June 13th: the next cleanup is on Sunday June 13th. We will be meeting at the Burger Hut, route 36 and Coupon road, at 9 AM. We will be cleaning route 36 from the Buckhorn to Ashville. Refreshments and donuts will be provided. Volunteers are always welcome.

Apple Cider Festival: Earl reported that we have received a letter from Prince Gallitzin Park inviting CCWA to participate in the Apple Cider Festival.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2010, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.