

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
May 15, 2012  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the April 17, 2012. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Deposits/Expenses for Meeting		
Description	Amount	Account
<b>Deposits</b>		
Ray Walker-dredging	\$1,000.00	Dam cleanout
Dimick Funeral Home	\$ 100.00	Fish Fund
Ashville Bass Club	\$ 150.00	Fish Fund
Slovikosky Excavating	\$ 50.00	Fish Fund
K of C #9622	\$ 25.00	Fish Fund
Ticket sales	\$ 130.00	Fish Fund
 <b>Expenses:</b>		
Bob Funicelli	\$(1,481.52)	Fish Fund
Mahaffey Labs	\$ (50.00)	Swank
Cresson Feed Mill	\$ (706.32)	Revegetation

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Larry Sutton was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report. Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry stated that he had little to report other than a few e-mail correspondences.

**Membership Committee:**

Bob reported that there was no new activity for membership.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that he had the article on the TIC field day that he would be adding to the historical book. He also had a picture of Earl and Alene accepting the Dominion's grant. Cambria County Conservation District has named Ben Watt, Penn Cambria Middle School, teacher of the year. CCWA is mentioned in this article. We want to congratulate Ben on receiving this award. Special thanks to Justin Edger for this coverage and great articles.

**Finance Report:**

Larry reported on a recent article that he had read in the Wall Street Journal. The article mentioned that Growing Greener funds are harder to get because money from this Federal Fund is being diverted elsewhere, ex-used to build a sports complex at the University of Wyoming. The Western states, that are very large coal producers, feel that they are contributing unfairly to a fund that they are not receiving any benefits from. PA needs approximately \$1.6 billion for cleanup projects left over from the heritage of past coal mining.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan mentioned that CCWA received notice that it was turned down for a DEP 2012 Environmental Education Grant.

**Cleanup Committee:**

Earl mentioned that we have been cleaning up the roadway from Ashville to Dean for 10 years and should be eligible for a 10 year roadway sign. Next cleanup is Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the Burger Hut at the end of the Coupon Road, 9 AM. At this time we are planning to do a section of Route 36. This may change since another group has adopted a section of this highway. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

**Dam Cleanout Committee:**

Earl mentioned that he has reviewed the list of donors both monetarily and pledged time and equipment, totaling \$12,560.00. He feels that we have enough funding, at this time, to proceed with the dam cleanout. We are still soliciting funds for this project and have a few other people that we are going to approach. Larry mentioned that he has talked to someone who is willing to make a donation to help with any shortfall in funding.

We are planning to drain the dam on June 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, start the cleanout on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The cleanout should take approximately one week. Afterwards we will begin to fill the dam and hopefully it should be full by the middle of August.

John Slovikosky mentioned that he will be cutting down the large pine tree that is hollow and use his equipment to move the log. We will save this for the breast of the confer dam that is to be built.

Jerry is to send a notice out to the Ashville Fire Company and the Dean Township supervisors announcing our schedule.

**Tech Committee:**

Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee, was unable to attend the May meeting. Below is the Tech Report submitted for the May meeting.

**Tech Committee Report-  
May 15, 2012**

Klondike Project The site was visited and sampled on 5/12. Samples for the last few months indicate that treatment has diminished considerably, and we will need to do maintenance on the vertical flow pond. We can probably use a small tracked scraper to

remove accumulated iron, and will want to investigate the state of the underdrain piping. We await pipe burial at the slag bed by Slovikoski.

West Ferris Wheel Project A phone discussion with Donna Carnahan indicates that this contract is being finalized and will be received shortly. We should make plans to start the bidding procedure.

Gibson Project The discharge was sampled in April. No further logging has been done, but access is considerably impeded by branches lying on the ground.

Amsbry Project No Activity.

Brubaker Project No activity.

Swank Project No activity

Ace Drilling. An invoice was sent to Crittenden on 5/14.

DEP invoicing The invoicing on Amsbry, Gibson and West Ferris Wheel has been turned over to Alder Run Engineering. Invoices are in preparation for these projects, but are delayed because some Mahaffey bills have been lost.

Glasgow field visit. The West Branch Coalition field trip visited the Glasgow site on April 28. The passive system is working very well, completely treating about 50 gpm of very bad water. The active system is having difficulty adapting to varying flow and discharges within the treatment ponds, so that Mn treatment for the active system is being accomplished in the passive system. The trip also visited the new active Lancashire 15 plant near Barnesboro. This plant treats about 5000 gpm of iron-rich water.

Earl reported that some water is short circuiting the ditch into the first pond of the KL-1 system.

Data Logger- Robb Piper reported that personnel from his office have been checking on the data logger and it is functioning fine.

Ace Drilling Site- Next scheduled sampling at this site will be done in the middle of June.

### **Old Business:**

**Fishing Derby Tickets/Fishing Derby: May 19<sup>th</sup>, Laurel Run Sportsman's Dam, Dysart, 9AM.** Ray reminded everyone to keep selling tickets. Earl asked if volunteers could meet at the Laurel Run Sportsman's dam on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> with one or two chain saws, weed eater, rakes, etc. to help clean up around the dam. We will be stocking fish on Friday evening at approximately 5:30 PM. At this time the members present went over a lengthy check off list for the upcoming fishing derby.

**Field Trip-May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Tree Planting:** There were 47 students and 3 adults from Penn Cambria Middle School for this field day. The students had over 400 trees to plant at our Ferris Wheel Revegetation-1 site. Ray reported that it was a good day- the kids did an excellent job in tree planting, were given a tour of the BCSW site, had lunch, saw the Laurel Run Dam where Dick explained the cleanout project to them and lastly visited both the KL-1 and KL-2 sites. Special thanks to the many volunteers who stepped forward to make this a successful field trip; Pat, Ray, Dick, Margie, Mary and Pat.

**New Business:**

**West branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium:** Jerry and Ray reported that they, along with Art, attended this symposium in State College on April 27<sup>th</sup>. It was very informative and CCWA was well represented with their display board. They also reported that many of the talks mentioned CCWA and that a lot of people stopped to take the time to look at our display board and handouts. We want to thank TU for a great symposium.

**Weir Replacement:** Earl mentioned that since we did not get this weir installed in April, due to inclement weather, that we will have to pick a date soon to get it installed.

**Rebecca Holler-** Dan mentioned that he had recently talked to Rebecca, education specialist from TU, and that she will be attending the fishing derby. Rebecca will have a hands on interactive display for the kids.

**Facebook Account-** Larry mentioned that Dane and Katie have been maintaining the CCWA facebook account and perhaps we should include this in with the PR report.

**Apple Cider Festival-** Earl mentioned that we have received a letter from the Prince Gallitzin Park office inviting us to attend the Apple Cider Festival on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Robb invited CCWA to join the Conservation District under their tent, as we have in the past.

**Busing Reimbursement-** The following motion by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed. A **motion** to use the supplemental money from the Revegetation II fund to reimburse Penn Cambria Middle School for the busing cost for the field trip on May 2<sup>nd</sup> not to exceed \$200.00. Jerry is to get an invoice from the school before any reimbursement will be made.

**Next Meeting: June 19, 2012, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart 6:30 PM. Note: this is our summer meeting site.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski the meeting was adjourned.