

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Meeting of June 15, 2004
Minutes

In the absence of President Strittmatter and President Elect Smithmyer, the meeting was opened by Secretary Rose with the **pledge to the flag**. 10 members were present.

On a motion by Bryan Rabish seconded by Ray Hollen, the **minutes** of the meeting of May 18, 2004 were unanimously approved.

Larry Sutton presented the following **Treasurer's report** for the month of May:

Regular Account

Beginning balance May 1	\$4,424.88
Expenses: None	
Deposits:	
Dues: None	
Bank interest	0.03
Ending balance May 31	\$4,424.91

<u>Grant Account</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>HEINTZ</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
Beg. Bal. May 1	\$ 55.67	\$3,686.10	\$452.00	\$29.93	\$4221.70
<u>Expenses</u>					
Derby exp.		(1,732.20)			(1,732.20)
<u>Deposits</u>					
DEP reimbursement	2,500.00				
Bank interest	.17			0.00	2,500.17
End Balance May 31	\$2,553.84	\$1,953.90	\$452.00	\$29.93	\$4,989.67

Notes: DEP grants require bank interest on their funds to accrue to the project. For simplicity, all interest in the grant account is given to the Klondike project, because the amount is insignificant.

After the end of May, the Fish Fund was increased by \$282.00 from ticket and food sales from the Derby, and decreased by \$86.00 for expenses.

On a motion by Ed McMullen seconded by Bryan Rabish, the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

The Secretary and the Membership Committee had no news to report. Stephanie Wharton was assisting the Secretary by taking notes of the meeting.

In **Public Relations**, an article was published on the Watershed News section of the Clearfield Progress on the Fish Derby and the upcoming road and stream cleanup.

Under **Historical**, it was noted that an article appeared in the Altoona Mirror on the Conservation District Award Banquet, including the award for Special Conservation Service to Arthur Rose.

Under the **Finance Committee**, it was moved by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Bryan Rabish to approve payment of \$91.00 to Alene Smithmyer for expenses. The motion was unanimously approved.

For the **Tech Committee**, Arthur Rose reported that for the **Klondike project**, weirs were ready to be installed on Little Laurel Run.

The **Brubaker Run proposal** for feasibility of mine sealing is nearly ready to be submitted to BAMR. A meeting was held on June 1 with BAMR at which a revised budget of about \$160,000 was presented and discussed. After presentation, BAMR agreed that the proposed funds were reasonable. To obtain a better estimate of drilling costs, invitations for bids

were sent out to about 20 drilling companies. On June 11, 3 companies came to a site visit. Bids are due postmarked by June 18, after which the proposal will be finalized and submitted.

At the recent symposium on mine drainage at Indiana, PA, DEP Deputy Secretary Scott Roberts indicated that the extension of the **Abandoned Mineland Fund** was still in contention in Congress. Senator Specter and most eastern Representatives are pushing a bill to extend the fund and the supporting tax on coal, but western Congressmen favor a bill that would phase out the program. Given the deadline of Sept. 2004 for reauthorization and the lack of agreement, it is possible that a short term extension will be voted, with a continuation of the battle. In PA, POWR is sponsoring a petition drive with watershed groups and others to support reauthorization. The secretary forwarded a copy of the petition to President Strittmatter for submission from the Watershed Association. It was moved to approve this petition and unanimously approved.

Mr Bill Capouilliez of the PA Game Commission arrived at the meeting at this time and presented information on **reclamation of two gob piles in Gameland 108** about 1 mile north of Dean. As part of a proposed coal lease on Gameland 120 east of St. Augustine, EP Bender Co will regrade, topsoil and revegetate these two piles, and will construct a new channel down the hill for the acid discharge (site 45-1) next to one pile. The work has a value of \$102,000. Capouilliez described how these Gameland projects work to provide better habitat for game, and the various parts of this lease, which also provides land acquisition and vegetation improvement on several other sites. Arthur Rose mentioned that the channel on Gameland 108 should be lined with limestone to neutralize acidity. Capouilliez left copies of the plan and Game Commission agenda item for review by Tech Chairman Rose. Capouilliez suggested that CCWA may want to partner on a press release on the announcement of this project and gain publicity as well as attain reclamation and water treatment from the discharge.

Bryan Rabish seconded by Ed McMullen moved that CCWA fully support the Game Commission project described by Capouilliez. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ed McMullen asked about contacts with the Game Commission on cleanup of trash near Frugality, and the lack of followup contact from the Commission. Capouilliez wondered if it was on Gameland, and indicated assistance if it was.

Old Business. Ray Hollen reported a very successful **Fish Derby** on May 22. A total of 89 kids signed up, 90 fish were caught, and prizes were awarded in 3 age groups. About 200 hot dogs and 8 cases of soda were sold, with a profit of about \$100. Thanks to the organizers and to the many sponsors.

Ed McMullen reported that on June 13 a very successful **road cleanup** was held. Eight miles of PA 53 from Dean to Syberton was cleaned of trash, thanks to 32 volunteers. About 60 bags of trash were collected.

Larry Sutton reported that Pat Dumm will work on the **common grant application**, with assistance from other members.

Our **web site domain name** is up for renewal, according to Sean Bartlett. After discussion, it was moved by Ray Hollen to approve payment of \$135 for the domain name for 9 years. The motion was seconded by Jerry McMullen and approved unanimously.

Dick Dotts left information on **enhancement of the Growing Greener** program. Secretary Rose will study this material and consider drafting letters from the Association and/or members to support this initiative. The topic will be brought back to the next meeting.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for July 20 at 6:30 at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club. On a motion by Jerry McMullen seconded by Stephanie Wharton the meeting was **adjourned**.