

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2005

The meeting was **called to order** by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were nine members present. There were no guests present.

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2005 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Larry Sutton was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report presented by Secretary Jerry McMullen. During the month of May the following activity took place in the bank accounts. Bills paid were from the grant account: \$700.00 for the Klondike project and \$1,900.50 from the fish fund. There was a deposit for the fishing derby of \$525.00 and \$.44 interest in the grant account and interest of \$.16 in the regular account. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Shawn Simmers the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, May 1 st , 2005	\$3,728.27
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	(0.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	0.00
Bank interest	0.16
Ending Balance, May 31 st , 2005	\$3,728.43

Money Held for Deposit at 5/31/05: none

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, May 1 st , 2005	\$5,912.19
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
Brubaker '04	0.00
Klondike '04	0.00
Klondike '03	700.00
Little Laurel	0.00
Fish Fund	1,900.50
Heinz Grant	0.00
	(2,600.50)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards	0.0
Grant Expense Reimbursement	0.00
Donation for Fish Derby	525.00
Bank interest	.44
Ending Balance, May 31 st , 2005	\$3,837.1

Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Secretary's Report:

Secretary McMullen reported that he had received no new membership cards during the past month. He had picked up the six temporary signs for the June roadway cleanup from the PennDOT office in Ebensburg. These are ours to keep for future roadway cleanups.

Membership Committee:

No new memberships were received this past month.

Public Relations and Historical Committees:

There was a small press release in The Mainliner newspaper for the fishing derby. Ray Hollen gave an article and pictures on the fishing derby to Alene Smithmyer for the historical book. This article appeared in the Gallitzin/Cresson Mainliner. We are thankful to reporter Justin Eger for his coverage of the fishing derby and these pictures. Pat McNulty reported that he had contacted both the Altoona Mirror and The Tribune Democrat about the fishing derby. We thank him for his effort.

Web site- Jen Demchak, on behalf of Sean Bartlett, requested that Sean move the web site to a new service provider. There would be no change to the web site and there will be no additional costs from the new service provider. A **motion** by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Sean Simmers was unanimously passed authorizing this move.

Finance Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen presented the following finance report for Larry Sutton. The following bills were presented for approval: to Art Rose for expenses on the Klondike and Brubaker Projects-\$80.69 from the Grant Account, to Art Rose for postage reimbursement from the Regular Account-\$3.13, to Larry Sutton reimbursement for a mouse and number pad for the laptop computer from the Regular Account- \$42.36. Earl Smithmyer also presented a bill for \$198.00 from Mahaffey Labs for May water testing. On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Pat McNulty the above bills were unanimously approved.

President Smithmyer reported that he has money to be deposited from the fishing derby. He would be giving this money to Larry in the next few days.

Tech Committee:

Art Rose was unable to attend the June 21st meeting but sent the following report.

Klondike Project

During the last month, Foreman and Rose have spent parts of three days completing the plans, specifications and bidding documents for the Klondike Project. There remain a few detail diagrams of construction features, and the extension of specifications for the KL-1 facility to the KL-2 site. The signed agreement with the Hite-Dodson family was received and signed by President Smithmyer. After a meeting with PENNDOT, the Highway Occupancy Application was completed by Foreman. Discussion with Cooney Bros. indicates that the lower entrance is actually on Hite-Dodson ground. Fortunately, the Hite agreement was written to allow CCWA to apply for a Highway Occupancy Permit in its name, for the lower entrance. As soon as

President Smithmyer signs the application, it will be submitted. Contact was made with Nancy Rackham of DEP regarding a field visit to examine wetland and stream permitting. This visit could not be scheduled for June, but a visit by Rackham and Tom Pluto of the Corps of Engineers is now scheduled for July 15. A set of samples collected by Smithmyer in May was reported and added to the database.

The Good Samaritan agreement for Klondike was signed by Cooney Bros (actually the Angels Coal Trust) as well as the Hite-Dodson family and previous signing by Blair County Solid Waste, so all property owners have now signed. We now need to get signatures of the Watershed and at least some members, and the agreement can go to DEP for approval.

Little Laurel Restoration Project

A draft of this report is largely written, and estimates of costs for treating acid from 5 additional areas (beyond the Klondike area) have been prepared. A plan for revegetating the Ferris Wheel area was prepared by Shawn Simmers. Unfortunately, it appears that appreciable unrecognized sources of aluminum and acidity must exist in the lower watershed, and to a minor extent in the upper watershed. A method of removing this acidity is not obvious, but it can probably be neutralized by excess alkalinity from the other systems. After completion of the report in the next week, it will be presented to the CCWA and to the Cambria County Conservation District for comments and support during the next month. This report will have to be approved by DEP (and EPA?) before construction can start on the Klondike Project.

Brubaker Project

On May 22, Smithmyer, Foreman and Rose assisted Geoff Moret, a PhD. candidate in geophysics at Penn State, with a test electrical survey at Brubaker to see if groundwater in the overlying B coal strip mine could be detected flowing into the clay mine. At the site selected, we were unable to demonstrate this, perhaps because of deep fill at this site in the strip mine. Moret has plans to try a different method later in the summer.

We are waiting for Cree Surveying to locate the approximate sites for drilling at Brubaker, so that we can contact the Game Commission to prepare roads and drill pads.

The final mapping of the Brubaker drainage at 100 ft. = 1 inch was delivered to us by the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, and will allow Foreman to start compilation of geology and mining in the area. Carl Underkofler has as yet been unable to obtain clay mine mapping from Sam Lansbury.

Blandburg Treatment Plant

An estimate of \$130,000 per year to operate this plant has been prepared. A meeting with Gary Dotts has not yet been held. The plant is apparently still in the bankruptcy court. Joe Allison attempted to obtain permission from C&K Coal for us to enter the plant and see if equipment was still in good shape, but was unsuccessful. He suggests pursuing this in a few months when the plant is turned over to a trust.

Ferris Wheel Site- Shawn Simmers reported that he has been working on the area behind the Ferris Wheel for revegetation. He has put a plan together and sent a copy of

the summary to Art Rose for review. Shawn reported that he will have to take a soil sample of this site in the future. CCWA may have to get a stream crossing permit into this site for future work.

Old Business:

Service Plaques- Earl & Alene Smithmyer volunteered to purchase these plaques for the past presidents on behalf of CCWA at Serivnsky Jewelers. Jeff Holtz will be recognized as the founding president and John Strittmatter for his outstanding service. It was also discussed that this is the time of the year that CCWA recognizes an individual(s) for their service to the watershed group. In each of the past two years we have recognized Art Rose for all that he does. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Pat McNulty was unanimously approved to recognize both Earl & Alene Smithmyer. An amount of up to \$40.00 was approved to be spent on each plaque. These will be presented at a future meeting.

Brubaker Weir Project- Earl reported that the clay mine weir was washed out, that the weir near the Bender treatment plant needs to be replaced and that there are several small weirs along Brubaker stream that need to be repaired/replaced. A work date for these repairs was set for 5:30 PM on June 29th.

Fishing Derby-The fishing derby this year was a huge success. There were 109 kids registered, over 100 fish measured, many fish caught and released, 153/4 inch was the largest fish caught and between 250-300 hot dogs sold or given away. There were \$2,145.00 of chances sold and many donations. Besides the top three prizes and trophies for the three age groups, there were 55 door prizes given out. The three chance winners were Greg Vinglas first prize, Dane Kalwanaski second prize and Cathy Caracciola third prize. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the day such a success. Special thanks to Bob Funicelli for the several hundred tickets that he sold and to the many donations that he solicited. Hats off to Bob. Secretary McMullen is to send out a thank you to the many sponsors.

New Business:

Skeet Shoot- There has been discussion in the past about moving this skeet shoot to the end of September. Earl is to talk to Jeff Holt and see if we can set a date for the shoot.

Roadway cleanup- Just wanted to remind everyone that the next cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th at 9 AM.

Clearfield County Clearfield Group- Jen Demcak reported that the Morgan Run Watershed Group has been aggressively working on Morgan Run. Donna Carnahan has been working with BAMR and they do have a couple of grants for design and permitting. The group had also submitted an application for a construction grant. We wish them the best of luck.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2005, Laurel Run Sportsman. Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned.