

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present and one visitor- Julia Rose who is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Rose. On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen the minutes from May 16, 2006 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report was not available this month. Earl reported that he had a bill for reimbursement of donuts and drinks (\$10.58) for the roadway cleanup. He had also received a check from the Commonwealth of PA (\$1,750.00) for reimbursement of the mapping services on the Brubaker Run project. A **motion** by Jeff Holtz and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing payment of this bill.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had a \$25.00 donation (fishing derby) from the Sherwin Williams store in Ebensburg for deposit. He has purchased a roll of stamps for the mailings. He had 50 copies of CCWA letterhead printed at no cost. Jerry also reported that he had made copies of the pictures of the fishing derby that were in the Mainliner and will be sending these out with a thank you letter to our many fishing derby sponsors.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that he had no new memberships at this time.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report for this month.

Historical Committee:

Alene Smithmyer reported that she had received a copy of the pictures taken by reporter Justin Eger that were in the Mainliner. We want to thank Justin for this full page of fishing derby pictures. Alene also reported that she had many pictures of the derby that were given to her and she will be adding them to the historical book.

Finance Report:

There was nothing to report.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee:

TECH COMMITTEE REPORT
Clearfield Creek Watershed Association
6/20/06

KLONDIKE PROJECT

We await word from DEP about our Joint Permit Application. A final report with maps is due to DEP by the end of the month to obtain our remaining payments on this project.

BRUBAKER PROJECT

About 4 hours was spent on compilation of past drilling and geologic data at Brubaker during the past month. The drilling is now scheduled to start on June 26. Additional geophysical measurements will be conducted on Saturday, June 24, and sampling of upstream discharges is also planned. Extension of the ending date is underway with DEP.

FERRIS WHEEL PROJECT

DEP requested finalized support letters from Blair County Solid Waste and Robindale Energy, to be submitted by 6/31. We are in the process of obtaining these.

AMSBRY PROJECT

Jeff Holtz discussed the project with the property owners, the LaRues, and they have discussed the site with President Smithmyer. Details remain to be finalized at another meeting, but it appears likely they will agree to our conducting the refuse removal and reserving a site for AMD treatment. Earl stated that he is to meet the LaRues again on-site and answer any questions about the project. A voice of thanks was given to Jeff for his assistance.

GLASGOW PROJECT

The ponds were flushed on 6/20. Attempts to determine surface ownership are underway. Submission of a TAG application awaits discussion with property owners.

BLANDBURG TREATMENT PLANT

A review was received from Jon Dietz on the costs of operating this plant. It appears that costs will be somewhat higher than the previous estimate owing to recent increases in energy and chemical costs. A visit to the plant with Dietz is planned for the next few weeks. A cost-benefit discussion has been requested by DEP and will be prepared.

Additional Tech Items

John Foreman talked about a project that he is working on. He is evaluating the 10 largest abandoned deep mine pools in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. Purpose is to pump/treat water stored in pools to augment flow in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River during low flow periods. Initial selection has been reduced from 10 to 5 project areas. Qualifying projects are: Cresson area- Cresson shaft borehole, 23D Shaft pool, and Gallitzin pool, Sugar Run-Argyle/stone bridge pool, Little Conemaugh River-Hughes borehole. There is also a single mine pool at Broadtop in Huntingdon County. John explained that nothing will happen overnight but long-term this treatment and pumping of this water will be very good news for this area.

Old Business:

Weirs-Brubaker Run: there was discussion about repairs to a couple of weirs on Brubaker Run. Art would like a weir placed near the mouth of Brubaker Run, again. This is a 24 foot long weir. Earl was to purchase the lumber and build a weir. He will then contact some of the members for assistance in installing this weir.

Grant Committee: members of the grant committee met on May 30th. Present were Shawn, Dan Earl, Jen and Larry. Shawn and Dan agreed to be chair persons with assistance from Jen Denchack. The committee will be looking at funding for small projects initially. It was suggested that perhaps funding would be available for the printing of an educational booklet about what we are trying to accomplish as a watershed group. We wish this committee the best of luck and are still looking for volunteers.

Glendale tour: President Smithmyer is to contact the park office to set up a date and time for the boat tour to look first-hand at the bank erosion around the lake. Earl will report on this matter at a future meeting.

Fishing Derby: Earl reported that he was very pleased with the fishing derby. The weather was a little rainy and cold but we still had 88 kids for the derby. There were a lot of volunteers to help with the stocking of the fish the evening before and on the day of the derby to help with the setup, the derby itself and the cleanup. It was great to see every child get a nice door prize. We want to especially thank the Laurel Run Sportsman for their assistance

Roadway cleanup: 18 volunteers showed up for the roadway cleanup on June 11th. We picked up the trash along route 36 from Ashville to the Buckhorn as part of our Klondike project. Lots of trash and numerous tires were picked up. We want to thank the volunteers for their assistance with this successful cleanup.

New Business:

Trash Dump-Utahville area: Jeff Holtz was on hand to discuss a trash dump on a piece of property off Mine 10 road near the old Eureka Mine site. This is a very large dump site above and next to Muddy Run in Clearfield County. Jeff would like to see if there is a grant available for this cleanup, perhaps through PA Cleanways or the regional District Mine Office. A **motion** by Jeff Holtz and seconded by Ed McMullen was unanimously passed to explore the possibility to clean up this site and to involve the Clearfield County Conservation District in this cleanup. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Jeff and John Foreman would work on some type of map and assess the amount of material that is dumped at the site. Jeff further agreed to supply a small plane for aerial photography of this site. Results will be made available at a future meeting.

Awards presentation: at this time President Smithmyer eagerly presented not one, but two, outstanding service awards to two special individuals who have greatly helped CCWA. The first award was given to an individual who has been here from day one to help get CCWA started, and has volunteered in numerous ways from water sampling to donating lumber for making weirs to helping building and installing the weirs. This individual has donated countless hours of time on both the Brubaker and Klondike projects. Hats off to a special guy-**John Foreman**.

The second award was given to an individual who has spent many hours telling people what CCWA is all about and soliciting memberships from them. He is always there to help with the roadway cleanup and is truly the one individual who has made the

fishing derby such a success with the many donations and prizes. At this time we want to congratulate another special guy- **Bob Funicelli**.

We want to give a “**special thanks**” to both of these fine gentlemen for all their support and hard work.

Next Meeting:

**The next meeting, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM, July 18, 2006.
Please come and join us for this meeting.**

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Brian Rabish and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.