

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 23 members present and one visitor. It was nice to see a good crowd at the meeting. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the May minutes.

TREASURER S REPORT

During the month of **May**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, May 1, 2007	\$4,776.92
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	165.00
Skeet Shoot profit	175.00
Bank interest	<u>0.27</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	
Ending Balance, May 31, 2007	<u>\$5,117.19</u>

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, May 1, 2007	\$7,196.47
<u>Deposits:</u>	
DEP Reimbursement	13,220.00 [Brubaker]
Campaign donations	1,525.00 [Working Capital]
Derby donations	605.00 [Fish Fund]
Cash drawing sales - Derby	1,930.00 [Fish Fund]
50-50 profit – Derby	202.50 [Fish Fund]
Food sales – Derby	192.85 [Fish Fund]
Bank interest	<u>1.27</u> [Fish Fund]
Total Deposits	17,676.62

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Working Capital	242.25	→	\$ 1,282.75
Amsbry	0.00	→	(45.50)
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	14,133.00	→	(1,196.94)
Fish Fund	1,582.98	→	6,087.55
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	15,958.23		
Ending Balance, May 31, 2007	<u>\$8,914.86</u>		<u>\$8,914.86</u>

NOTE: “Working Capital” fund is a newly established fund.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Larry reported that there was a great deal of activity this past month with the fishing derby and the response to the working capital fund drive. There were a total of 6 contractors who picked up a bid package (\$200.00) for the Klondike project. This \$1,200.00 will be deposited in the Klondike account. Next we received a total of \$1,990.00 from the working capital fund drive mailings that will be deposited into the Working Capital account. \$180 will be deposited into the General Fund for new memberships from the fund drive. Two checks were received from DEP - \$629.00 and \$284.00 – reimbursements on the Brubaker project (deposited into the Brubaker account). A check for \$8,000 was received from Robindale Energy for the gob piles being removed at Amsbry, and will be deposited into the Amsbry project account.

Next we had invoices from the fishing derby: Earl Smithmyer - \$54.02 for reimbursement for food purchased for the derby; Laurel Run Sportsman - \$1,370.00- reimbursement for the fish purchased. Other invoices were: ads placed in the local papers for the Klondike project – Altoona Mirror and Tribune Democrat - \$587.39, Centre Daily Times - \$345.52, and The Progress - \$81.22; Slovikosky Excavating invoices - \$250.00 to dig the pits on the Klondike project, \$200.00 for roadwork on the Klondike project, and \$2,320.00 for work on the Brubaker project. Other invoices were Fairway Labs - \$680.00, and Forsyth Drilling - \$8,164.00, both related to work on the Brubaker project; Copy Rite - \$348.87 for bid packages on the Klondike project; and reimbursement to Earl Smithmyer - \$44.00 for postage to mail bid packages on the Klondike project.

Lastly, Larry had 2 invoices for the General Fund: \$6.44 due to him for 2 cent stamps after the postal rate increase; \$10.78 due to Alene Smithmyer for supplies on the road cleanup. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was passed accepting the Treasurer's report and authorizing Larry to pay all bills.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received three e-mails this past month; from Rachael Kester (Clearfield County Conservation District) announcing that Trout Unlimited, a partnering organization of the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition, is seeking an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer (is a paid position). Contact Rebecca L. Dunlap at 570-726- 3118; from Rob Piper announcing the annual statewide conference dealing with abandoned mine related issues in PA to be held in State College on July 20th & 21st. Rob is encouraging us to consider sending a rep to this conference. View info and registration at <http://2007.treatminewater.com/> ; from Malcolm Crittenden who is asking for a copy of the fishing streams in Cambria County, as they are interested in the native Brookie streams. Jerry will have Malcolm contact Al Colian, the local Fish Commission Officer.

Membership Committee:

There were a total of 6 membership cards that came in this past month. Two of these were new members who signed up at the fishing derby and the other four are from the working capital fund drive.

Public Relations:

Jerry reported that he had e-mailed both Justin Eger from the Mainliner and Kathy Mellot from the Tribune Democrat about the Amsbry project. Each of them wrote an article about this project for their respective papers.

Historical Committee:

Alene reported that she had added a few articles to the historical book. An article with pictures about the fishing derby and an article on the roadway cleanup date were in The Mainliner. Jerry had given her an article and Dick Dotts stated that he had one from the Progress for the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that since CCWA income (including grant money) is over \$25,000.00 in 2006 we will have to file form 990 with the IRS. Larry had requested a 90 day extension beyond the May 15th due date. Due to the time limitations and work schedules of the active members, there was a discussion as to whether we should pay a CPA firm to fill out this form. Larry had received an estimate of \$250.00 for this service. After a brief discussion a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Denny Storm was passed stating that we will contact a CPA who is a CCWA member to fill out this form free of charge. If this member is not available then we will pay the \$250.00 fee to the local CPA firm.

Grant Committee:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation project- Shawn Simmers reported that the state has hired a new grant co-coordinator- Steve Kniley. Shawn had to fill out, sign and return a certification of ethics form stating that Steve is not a member of CCWA.

Cleanup Committee:

Chuck Sutton and Dave McMullen reported that the last cleanup (from the Buckhorn to Ashville) went well. The next cleanup is Sunday, August 12, 2007. The cleanup committee will be working on fliers for this cleanup. Please mark this date on your calendar as volunteers are always needed.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report

Klondike Project Invitations to bid were sent out to a list of contractors about May 25, and advertisements were placed in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat, Altoona Mirror, Centre Daily Times and the Mainliner. Six contractors purchased the bidding documents and maps for \$200 each, and attended field tours on June 8 and June 15. Bids are due June 22 and will be opened and discussed later that day. In view of the expiration of this grant on September 30, 2007, a request for a 1-year extension was sent to Donna Carnahan at DEP. She indicates an extension is nearly certain, but we need to check before signing the construction contract.

Brubaker Project Fifteen additional holes were drilled by Forsyth Drilling on May 21-25. These holes were drilled to improve definition of the source of the water and acidity flowing into the system from the East branch of the clay mine, where most of the very acid water is entering the mine. Groundwater levels indicate appreciable flow into this area. Results from two sets of water samples are awaited to further define the source of the acidity. John Foreman is working hard to complete the report by the end date of June 30 for the contract. Macroinvertebrates were sampled upstream and downstream on Clearfield Creek by Bryan Rabish. Essentially no macroinvertebrates were present at the downstream site, which was strongly impacted by aluminum precipitate.

Amsbry Project The three piles of coal refuse were removed by Robindale Energy during the first week in June, and the area is currently being reclaimed. An attempt by Robindale Energy to leave part of the area in a pond-shape for future treatment of the acid discharge was unsuccessful due to shallow water table and unconsolidated ground. CCWA received an access fee of \$8000 for the project. We must install a gate in the near future.

Glasgow Project The “autopsy” of the Glasgow passive system was conducted on May 16-17. Diehl Contracting provided an excavator and pumps. Attempts to back flush the systems do not appear to have been successful. SAP Pond 2 was drained and two trenches dug into the compost and limestone. The system was plugged by several inches of red “mud” on top of the compost, plus compaction of the compost and some precipitate in the limestone layer. Trenches were also dug in the former manganese removal limestone bed. A draft of a report by Hedin Environmental recommends renovating the systems with new limestone and compost, and conversion of the limestone bed to a vertical flow pond. DEP personnel at the Cambria Office have submitted a proposal for funding to accomplish the renovation, contingent on CCWA submitting an acceptable commitment for operation and maintenance of the system. This would involve routine inspection, probably flushing, and minor repairs, plus renovation of the system as needed, using a combination of grants and local funds.

Old Business:

Capital/Operating Fund Drive- Larry reported that the response was lower than we had anticipated from the mailing. We did receive two large-\$1,500.00- donations and a couple of small donations. Once again, it takes a lot of effort to get our name out there so people are familiar with us, our many on-going projects and successes.

PennDOT Building- Earl is to take a water sample at this site this month.

Fishing Derby-As many of you have already heard the fishing derby was a huge success. We did have a prize for all 118 kids at the derby. There was very nice weather and we did have lots of volunteers. At this time a big round of applause was given to any and all who helped make this one of our most successful fishing derbies. As discussed at a prior meeting the fishing derby account is to be capped at \$4,000.00. There was a discussion as to where the balance over this amount should be placed in the general fund or working capital account. A **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Tex Daniels was passed to move the \$663.53-amount over the \$4,000.00 balance-from the Fish Fund to the General Account. There were 3 dissenting votes on this motion.

New Business:

BAMR Meeting-Larry had attended this meeting this past month in Ebensburg. He reported that it was a very informative meeting and people did have an opportunity to voice their opinion and give input.

Blandburg Treatment Plant-John Strittmatter reported that he had recently purchased this treatment plant. His intention is to operate this plant and treat Powell Run. He will be in contact with DEP about the operation of the plant.

Barry Wolfe Retirement-Barry Wolfe is retiring on June 30th. Barry has always been very co-operative with CCWA in allowing us to use the Park Office for our winter meetings. It was suggested that CCWA purchase and send a retirement card to Barry. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

PA Sales Tax Exemption Certificate-Official notice has been received from the State that our sales tax exemption certificate has been approved. Larry had made copies of this certificate for our file.

Next Meeting:

July 17, 2007, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.

Final Note:

Bids for the Klondike Project were opened on June 22nd. There were three bids received. Ligonier Construction is the apparent low bidder. However, all bids were well over the grant amount for this project. We are presently reviewing the job specifications, trying to secure additional funding and attempting to negotiate a contract with the low bidder.

