

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2008
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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 and one visitor-Eric Weaver. Ed welcomed Eric to the meeting. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was 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, 2008	\$6,112.01
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	35.00
Derby 50-50 drawing	152.50
Derby food sales	180.83
Bank interest	<u>0.54</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Water samples. ACE Drilling site	<u>100.00</u>
 Ending Balance, May 31, 2008	 \$6,380.88

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, May 1, 2008	\$36,184.19
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Fish Derby donations	55.00 [Fish Fund]
Derby Ticket sales	1,369.00 [Fish Fund]
Bank interest	<u>2.95</u> [Working Capital]
Total Deposits	1,426.95

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>	
Working Capital	0.00 → \$ 4,795.44
Dominion	0.00 → 500.00
Amsbry – aerial mapping	1,075.00 → 10,809.49
Ferris Wheel – mapping & design	0.00 → (192.30)
KL2 (EPA) – water samples	175.00 → 10,801.51
KL-Rose	0.00 → 2,500.00
Fish Fund	3,768.74 → 3,343.26
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u> → <u>35.00</u>
Total Expenses	5,018.74
Ending Balance, May 31, 2008	\$32,592.40 \$32,592.40

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reported the following deposits that were received from the fishing derby in May; food sales-\$180.83, 50-50 drawing-\$152.50- both deposited in the regular account. Ticket sales were \$1,369.00-deposited in the fish fund. Total expenses for the fishing derby were \$3,860.74 with receipts of \$3,200.00. The fishing derby fund had a loss of \$656.74.

Larry reported that he had two invoices for payment: Earl Smithmyer-\$13.98-reimbursement for cleanup and Alder Run Engineering-\$1,960.00, surveying on West Ferris Wheel site. A **motion** by Brian Rabish and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed accepting the Treasurer's report, authorizing Larry to pay Earl Smithmyer and for approval of payment for an invoice from Alder Run Engineering for \$1,960.00 when funds are received from DEP.

Note: Special thanks to Michelle Merrow and Alder Run Engineering for their generous donation of \$1,216.17 in engineering services towards the West Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had had sent out 12 thank you letters to fishing derby sponsors. He reported that he had received an e-mail from a CCWA member asking if we had any concerns about all the recent inquiries for the drilling in the Marcellus Shale deposits and a possible impact on Clearfield Creek. A brief discussion was held about how this drilling could affect Clearfield Creek.

Jerry also shared a very nice e-mail from Justin Edger thanking us for inviting him to cover the annual fishing derby and for the warm welcome that he always receives from the members.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships this past month.

Public Relations:

Dan was unable to attend this meeting. There was nothing new to report at this time.

Historical Committee:

Ray had a copy of the front page colored photo and the 2 full pages of pictures of the fishing derby that were in The Mainliner for everyone to look at. He will be adding this to the historical book. Dick Dotts also gave Ray a copy of an article that recently appeared on the front page of The Progress. Once again, we want to thank Justin Edger and Jane Elling for the fine articles and coverage in their respective local newspapers.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that he had nothing new under Finances.

Grant Committee:

Shawn stated that he nothing new to report.

Cleanup Committee:

Dave McMullen reported that the cleanup on June the 8th went OK. There were only 14 members present for the cleanup. Since we were doing Rte. 36 from Ashville to the Buckhorn we had enough people. However, as Earl pointed out, this is not nearly enough people for the other cleanups.

The next cleanup is Sunday, August 10th at 9AM. We will be doing our normal cleanup on nine miles of Rte.53. Volunteers are always needed so please come and help for a couple of hours. Please mark your calendar for this event.

Tech Committee:

Art Rose, Tech Committee Chairman, was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment. The following report was submitted by Art and presented by Earl Smithmyer:

Tech Committee Report-June 17, 2008

Klondike Project A revised plan for modification of the KL-1 system has been prepared and sent to John Foreman and Earl Smithmyer... The estimated cost is about \$6000. Measurements in May show that essentially no dissolved iron is leaving the system, and that dissolved oxygen is low in the outflow pond. Mahaffey Labs provided corrected sulfate values for the analyses of 5/20/08.

Brubaker project A quarterly sampling is planned for June. A letter has been received from the Corps of Engineers asking whether we want to proceed with the project.

West Ferris Wheel Project The signed grant agreement was received from the DEP for this \$40,828 design and permitting project. CCWA should sign the engineering contract with Alder Run Engineering. The QA/QC protocol was approved by EPA so we can have water samples analyzed by Mahaffey Labs.

Glasgow (C&K) Project Curt Sober and Doug Renshaw, representatives of the Hommer Family, have signed the landowner access agreement, which was forwarded to Malcolm Crittenden. The grant agreement for this project is expected soon, though minor modifications are apparently being required by the state. A Good Samaritan Agreement for the project has been signed by the Hommer ownership and by Phil Schreyer. Schreyer is writing a letter agreeing to access and preservation of this system. CCWA and some individual members should sign this application.

Swank 13 (Gameland 108) A conversation with John Dawes indicates that they would be very receptive to a proposal for limestone to treat the acidity of this discharge. Earl stated Rob Clauto would do an on-site visit to help determine the amount of additional limestone rock needed for this site. Earl also stated that the PA Game Commission would place this rock for us.

Muddy Run Assessment Several groups have been active walking the streams. Members are reminded that they should record their time and mileage on the sheets provided, so we can submit this with quarterly reports and get credit for the inkind work. We need to compile the progress of the field work, with the intent to finish by the end of the summer and get weirs installed. The grant agreement should be completed soon.

Amsbry Project The contractor is working on making a detailed map.

Blandburg Treatment Plant Malcolm Crittenden indicates that DEP has Growing Greener funds for treating water at Blandburg. A meeting with John Stritmatter and Gary Dotts is being arranged

Other Items Discussed-Tech Report:

Klondike Project- Larry stated that we are still holding \$7,400.00 retainage from Ligonier Construction for work that needs to be completed; reseeding of some areas that washed out and the cutting in of the stream rechannelization, etc. Earl stated that he would be talking to Art or John Foreman about this work.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl stated that he would be taking a sample at this site on June 20th.

The following was reported by **Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering:**

Ferris Wheel—Michelle met with a representative of the Cambria County Conservation District and Bob Cadwallader of the DEP to discuss the E&S controls for the project and try to either have the E&S requirements waived and/or find alternate E&S controls to reduce costs. The idea of permitting through DEP Mining was discussed with DEP, but DEP felt CCCD should issue the permit. Michelle is working with Shawn Simmers regarding bidding and construction, which is expected to start in August.

West Ferris Wheel AMD--DEP paperwork was received. ARE staff started the wetland delineation so it could be done before there were too many leaves and mosquitoes. The site is very, very wet, and Michelle is concerned about wetland impacts and the ability to permit the project. After Art Rose gets back, she will set up a day to look at the site again.

Amsbry—Land and Mapping was given photos of the site with the area to be mapped indicated. They should be setting survey control soon.

MR 7 and MR 8—No new news.

MR Tuff Wetland Mitigation--Construction has started. Contractor has been working hard on the access road, which is still really wet, but improving. They are working at site A, and things are going well.

MR Frog--Construction is ongoing. The contractor did compaction testing, and we are waiting for the results. Progress has still been slow due to wet weather. Hopefully in the next few weeks they will start to make more progress. We have been withholding payment on some invoices until more work is completed.

MR Tuff AMD Treatment System Construction--Work has been stopped while the contractor works on MR Frog, except for maintenance of E&S controls.

The Morgan Run Watershed Group met on May 22, 2008 to tour the MR FROG and TUFF sites. 3 members attended to take the tour.

Old Business:

Media Day Date- the date for the Media Day is Friday, August 8th at 1 PM. Jerry went over the list of people to be invited that he had compiled. A few more names were added to this list. A meeting of the media day committee members was scheduled for June 25th, 7PM at Ed's house.

New Business:

Rachel Kester reported that a West Branch Restoration symposium is scheduled on July 18th in State College. Also, there is an AMD conference scheduled from August 12th – 14th in State College. For more information please contact Rachel at the Clearfield Conservation District (814-765-8130) or e-mail at rkesterccd@atlanticbbs.net.

Next Meeting:

July 15, 2008, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.