

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Meeting of July 20, 2004

The meeting was opened with the **pledge to the flag** by President-elect Smithmyer in the temporary absence of the President, who arrived later. Eighteen members were present.

On a motion by Richard Dotts seconded by Stephanie Wharton, the **minutes** of the meeting of June 15 were approved.

Larry Sutton, the Treasurer, was unable to be present because of another commitment, and no **treasurer's report** was presented at the meeting. However, a report received later is attached.

For the **Historical Committee**, Alene Smithmyer noted a newspaper article describing a \$14,000 fine on Cooney Bros. Coal Co. One cause of the fine was lack of treatment on Brubaker Run.

For the Finance Committee, Earl Smithmyer asked whether we should pursue the **Skeet Shoot** again this year. It was generally agreed that we should, and Earl will contact Jeff Holtz on this event. Earl also inquired about continuing the **Fishing Derby**, which was also positively supported by the group.

For the **Tech Committee**, Arthur Rose asked about installation of weirs on Little Laurel Run for the **Klondike project**. It was agreed that weirs will be emplaced on the upstream site on 7/26 at 6 PM, and on the downstream site on 7/28 at 6 PM. Bryan Rabish and a crew from the Conservation District will place the weir at the mouth, during the week. Cooney is reported to have sold property in the area, and Joe Allison suggested that we should record our agreement regarding access and construction. No information on our Growing Greener construction grant is available yet, but indications are that only about \$8 million is available this year. Joe Allison reported that current work on a the 303d classification for Clearfield Creek will make it possible to obtain funding from the EPA 319 funds.

On the **Brubaker Run Proposal**, Rose reported that only one drilling bid was received, for an extremely high cost (about \$60/ft), so the project is on hold until better drilling arrangements can be made. Also, contact with John Foreman has been difficult. John Strittmatter reported inquiries to drilling contractors who are drilling for prices of \$10/ft and less. He will follow up on these drillers. Possibly we can borrow a borehole camera from DEP-BAMR.

Rose attended the meeting of the **Upper West Branch Watershed Team** in Clearfield on June 24. Talks were given on acid rain and use of limestone sand on acid streams. Mike Smith, who has been the leader of the group, inquired about having the next meeting in our area. After discussion, it was decided that we would be happy to host the meeting, and might be able to arrange a dinner. Rose will transmit this information to the incoming leader of the group.

We received from Bill Capoulliez a copy of the plans for Bender Coal to reclaim **the coal refuse piles** on Gameland about 1 mile north of Dean. The plans include constructing a limestone channel that will treat the 45-1 acid discharge that was sampled in the assessment program. This reclamation is very welcome.

Bryan Rabish will check on the ownership of land with trash near Frugality, to determine if this is on Game Commission land.

On July 27 at 7:30 AM in the Causis Restaurant in Ebensburg, Arthur Rose will give a short talk for the Cambria County Conservation-Recreation Committee **on acid drainage on Clearfield Creek and plans for the Klondike area**.

Under Old Business, Sean Bartlett has paid for our **website name** (clearfieldcreekwatershed.org) for 9 years, as previously approved. He will submit a bill for this.

At the last meeting, Richard Dotts brought in information on the **Growing Greener II** program, and Rose was to report on a letter of support, but was not clear on what was included in this program. After discussion, it was decided that Rose will draft a letter for President

Strittmatter, and will come to the next meeting with a draft of letters that members may send to legislators.

Under New Business, Sean Bartlett reported that the **Kauffman property** near Faunce may be sold by Al Hamilton Contracting to a landfill company. Sean will check on this sale with the idea that possibly a landfill company could provide some support to CCWA for control of AMD in the area as part of its activities. This kind of arrangement has been made at the Babb Creek area.

John Strittmatter commented on the purchase of 6000 acres near St. Lawrence by Cambria Co. Recreation Dept. for a **4-wheeler park** and other types of recreation.

The next **road cleanup** is scheduled for August 8 at 9 AM at the laurel Run Sportsman's Club. All friends should be alerted and encouraged to come.

The updating of our **brochure** was discussed. We could add photos of the Fishing Derby, Klondike project and Brubaker Run. Bryan Rabish will check on this.

The **next meeting** will be on August 17 at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen and Stephanie Wharton, the meeting was adjourned.

TREASRER'S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Jun 1 st	\$4,424.91
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues - none	
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, Jun 30 th	\$4,424.95

Dues Held for Deposit at 6/30/04: \$0

<u>Grant Account</u>	<u>KLONDIKE</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>HEINZ</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, Jun 1 st	\$2,553.84	\$1,953.90	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$4,221.70
<u>Expenses:</u>					
Derby expenses	_____	(91.98)	_____	_____	(91.98)
<u>Deposits:</u>					
Derby food sales		187.78			
Petty Cash return		100.00			
Bank interest	.47	_____	_____	0.00	288.25
End Balance, Jun 30 th	\$2,554.31	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,185.94

Other Notes:

DEP grants require bank interest on their funds to accrue to the project. For simplicity, all of the interest in the Grant Account is given to the Klondike project, because the amount is insignificant.