

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Chuck Sutton the minutes of the meeting of July 19, 2005 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Larry Sutton was unable to attend this month's meeting but sent in the following report listed below for the month of July, 2005. In the regular account the only activity was the \$.15 interest, in the grant account there was a \$300.00 bill paid for water testing and \$.46 interest. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Art Rose the treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

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

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Regular Account

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| Beginning Balance, July 1 st , 2005 | \$3,697.09 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | |
| None | |
| <u>Deposits:</u> | |
| Bank interest | 0.15 |
| Ending Balance, July 31 st , 2005 | \$3,697.24 |

Money Held for Deposit at 7/31/05: none

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Grant Account

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| Beginning Balance, July 1 st , 2005 | \$5,764.85 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | |
| <u>Project costs:</u> | |
| Brubaker '04 | 0.00 |
| Klondike '04 | 0.00 |
| Klondike '03 | 300.00 |
| Little Laurel | 0.00 |
| Fish Fund | 0.00 |
| Heinz Grant | 0.00 |
| | (300.00) |

Deposits:

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had not received any new members this past month. He passed out the e-mail addresses for Senator Byrd (http://byrd.senate.gov/byrd_email.html) and Senator Arlen Specter (arlen_specter@specter.senate.gov). Also, the mailing address for Senator Santorum is listed in the local phone book. CCWA is encouraging all members to e-mail or write these gentlemen to encourage them to support the Abandoned Mine Land Fund, as is, and to emphasize the need for this fund to clean up the acid mine drainage in the Eastern states. A vote is to be taken on any changes to this bill in the fall by the Senate.

Jerry sent out thank you letters to several of the supporters of the fishing derby. A picture, taken at the derby, was sent with each thank you letter. There was a discussion as to the sensitivity of sending out pictures of children, in today's world. We may have to be careful of this at next year's fishing derby.

Membership Committee:

As reported earlier there was one new member this past month.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts presented two articles from The Progress to Alene. It is nice to see the press coverage. Jerry McMullen presented the pictures that he had taken at the fishing derby. Jerry is also to contact a reporter, Justin Eger, from The Mainliner with recent news about the CCWA.

Finance Report:

The only bill to be paid was the monthly \$300.00 from Mahaffey Labs for water sampling.

Tech Committee:

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

KLONDIKE PROJECT

- The Good Samaritan agreement has been forwarded to DEP for approval.
- Rose and Foreman spent parts of 3 days working on the Wetlands-Stream Encroachment Permit Application. The wetlands were mapped and vegetation sampled and photographed. Culvert locations were photographed. Completion of this report awaits calculations by Foreman of expected flows at the culverts, and related information. This should be completed in the next few weeks.

BRUBAKER RUN PROJECT

- Geophysicist Geoff Moret and Art Rose visited Richard Hammack of the National Energy Technology Lab in Pittsburgh on July 22 and discussed methods of detecting the underground mine pools with experts at this Lab. They lent us an EM-34 electromagnetic surveying unit for this purpose.
- Moret, Rose and Smithmyer conducted a survey using the EM-34 on 7/27, and obtained improved results over the previous survey, but Geoff has not yet had time to completely evaluate the data. Art expects to receive an update or additional information from Geoff in the next few days.
- A phone discussion with Sam Lansbury was somewhat more satisfactory than before, but obtaining a map is still in the future. A favorable appraisal of the map for a tax deduction is one consideration. John Foreman has offered to appraise a map for no charge. Rose will pursue this further after returning from a meeting in Pittsburgh on 8/19, and discussions with Foreman.

Additional information presented for the tech report:

John Foreman said that he has a little work remaining on the permit for the Klondike Project. He will be sending a joint permit to the Army Corp of Engineers and DEP concerning mainly the wetlands. John will also soon submit a Soil and Erosion plan to the Cambria County Conservation District.

John stated that a macro invertebrate study is required by the Army Corp of Engineers for the Klondike project. Brian Rabish will conduct this study. This information will be added to the permit application for the ACOE.

President Earl Smithmyer had received the Highway Occupancy permit from PennDOT for the Klondike project.

John Forman stated that Clark Cree has surveyed the property lines and completed most of the field work for the Brubaker Run Project.

A **motion** by Jeff Holt and seconded by Dick Dotts was unanimously approved to give Geoff Moret a complimentary membership to CCWA in appreciation for all of the time that he had donated and work that he has done with Art on the Brubaker project.

Old Business:

Service Plaques-President Earl Smithmyer presented two service plaques. The first plaque was presented to Jeff Holtz. Jeff was a member of the steering committee and the founding president of CCWA. He had put a lot of time and effort into the early years of getting started. We want to thank Jeff for his outstanding service to the watershed association. The second plaque was presented to past president John Strittmatter. Under John's fine leadership we were able to secure funding and move

Skeet Shoot- the date set for the skeet shoot is Sunday September 25th at 1 PM. The shoot will held at Holtz's Range one mile east of the Pirate's Cove on Marina Road. We encourage your participation. This is not only a fund raiser for us but is also a time to sign up new members.

Donna Carnahan, from the Clearfield County Conservation District, has invited CCWA to participate in the Watershed Festival at the Curwensville Lake on September 17, 2005. Festival time is between 10AM and 3 PM. Earl is encouraging members to attend and support this fine group.

New Business:

Roadway/Stream Cleanup- the next cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 9th at 9 AM. We will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsmen (Al's Glass-alternate site) in Dysart. This is a large cleanup where we do both the highway and the stream. Approximately 30 volunteers are needed for this cleanup. A lunch will be provided. Please come and volunteer your time.

Apple Cider Festival- the CCWA has been invited, once again, to participate in this festival to be held in October. There was a discussion on ideas for our display this year. Suggestions made were photos of the fishing derby, photos of both the Klondike and Brubaker projects and displaying the many newspaper articles that are filed in our historical book.

Meeting- Earl recently attended a meeting held by a group named the Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies. Earl stated that the group was primarily interested in the Kettle Creek drainage area. Art explained that this meeting is the result of the recent symposium held in State College on the proposed cleanup efforts for the upper West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

Ed McMullen asked if any work has been done on the site along route 53 approximately on mile north of Dean proposed by the PA game Commission. They were to remove a few bony piles and line the small stream beds with limestone.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for **September 20, 2005** at Laurel Run Sporstmen in Dysart at 6:30PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Brian Rabish the meeting was adjourned.

