

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes, Meeting of September 16, 2003

The meeting was **called to order** by President John Strittmatter at 6:38 PM, followed by the Pledge to the Flag. Seventeen members were in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes.** It was moved by Larry Sutton and seconded by Stephanie Wharton that the **minutes** of the previous meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurers Report** Larry Sutton presented the following report:

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

**Regular Account**

Beginning Balance, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$3,261.32
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road Cleanup supplies	( 12.78)
Advertising – Mainline papers	( 51.00)
Service Plaque – Art Rose	( 53.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Deposit – dues	0.00
Bank interest	0.13
Ending Balance, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>\$3,144.67</b>

**Dues for Deposit at 8/31/03:** \$10

**Grant Account**

	<u>WPCAMR</u> <u>GRANT</u>	<u>FISH</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>HEINZ</u> <u>GRANT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 616.90	\$1,000	\$ 660.04	\$2,276.94
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Mahaffey Labs			( 50.00)	( 50.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>				
Bank interest			0.09	.09
End Balance, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 616.90	\$1,000	\$ 610.13	<b>\$2,227.03</b>

On a motion by Ed McMullen, the Treasurers report was approved unanimously.

The **Secretary** read a letter of thanks to John Dawes for the grant (“Heinz grant”) used to pay for water sample analysis. It was pointed out that the amount of the grant should be corrected. The letter will be corrected and sent to President Strittmatter for signature.

**Membership.** One new member joined the Association.

**Public Relations and History Committees.** An article on the completion of the AMD survey was published in the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat. Jerry McMullen indicated that he would obtain the email addresses of the Tribune-Democrat and the Altoona Mirror so that minutes can be sent to these papers.

**Finance Committee.** Earl Smithmyer announced that the Second Annual **CCWA Skeet Shoot** will be held October 12 from 12 to 4 PM at the Holtz’s near the Glendale Marina. Jeff Holtz is arranging the details. We need to get notices in the paper. Earl will call Pat McNulty on this. It was moved by Larry Sutton and seconded by Ray Hollen that we authorize a reasonable expenditure for publicity. Unanimously approved.

**Tech Committee.** Arthur Rose reported no word yet on the Klondike Mine Growing Greener proposal, but the announcements are expected soon.

On the **Brubaker Run project** with the Corps of Engineers, Rose reported a phone conversation with Andy Stern of ATS Engineers. Stern indicated that a contract for the first third of the Feasibility Study was signed recently, and he is compiling information on geology, topography, mining, environmental factors, population and similar topics. This phase is to be finished by about November. Possible alternatives will be discussed later in this phase. Rose had sent an evaluation of CCWA sampling in Brubaker Run to Stern a few weeks ago. Three additional sources were identified in this evaluation, two upstream from BBC-28, and one just down-valley from the Bender treatment plant. The latter plant should be back in operation with its new slaker in the next week or so.

Max Scheeler reported that the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation was considering a project on the Blain Run discharge that CCWA sampled in the past year.

Donna Carnahan reported that work was active on the Clearfield Creek Assessment Report by Cambria and Clearfield Counties. Completion is estimated for November.

**Gob Pile testing and WPCAMR Grant.** Three additional piles have been identified for sampling, at Van Ormer, Mountindale and near Glasgow. Earl Smithmyer is organizing sampling of these piles for Saturday, Sept. 20, with help from Bryan Rabish and Max Scheeler. The remaining \$616 must be spent by October 1, and a report with receipts sent to WPCAMR by Oct. 6. Purchase of pH meters and stamps were suggested as additional needs to be purchased on this grant. Earl, Art and Larry are to coordinate the expenditures and report for the grant.

Permitting for gob pile removal was discussed. Permits can be either a GFCC permit which requires a bond and several months elapsed time, or a permit waiver for a small pile. The local mining inspector would assist with deciding the applicable permit.

Mike DiMatteo of the Game Commission reported that tentative agreement was reached with E.P. Bender to reclaim the refuse piles north of Dean, cover them with soil and plant, and to redirect the acid flow along a limestone-lined channel with gentle slope.

**Cider Festival.** The CCWA will have a booth at the Cider Festival at Prince Gallitzin Park on Sunday October 5 (approximately 9 to 5). Several members will man the booth. T-shirts and hats will be on sale, and the Conservation District display will be set up.

**Dysart Dam cleanout.** The dam was cleaned of sediment and is ready to be re-filled, but it was decided to wait until after the expected storm this weekend.

**Road and stream cleanup.** The fall road and stream cleanup will be held on Sunday October 19. Meet at 9 AM at the Laurel Run Sportsmans Club. We will clean an additional section south of Ashville, and need a large group (40-50 people). Bob Mooney will furnish food. It was moved by Jerry McMullen that Earl Smithmyer be authorized to buy drinks and other supplies. Approved unanimously. Earl will work on getting notices in the paper.

**Brochures.** The color brochures prepared by the Cambria County Conservation District have been used up. Dustin Drew of the Conservation District will send the computer file of the brochures to the Secretary who will try to print brochures on the Association's color printer. Several prospective members expressing interest at the Cambria County Fair will be sent brochures and membership applications.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held October 21 at 6:30 in the St Thomas Aquinas church in Ashville.

**Adjournment.** On a motion by Stephanie Wharton, the meeting was adjourned, followed by soft drinks and cookies supplied by Alene Smithmyer.