

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Meeting of September 21, 2004

The meeting was opened by President John Strittmatter with the **pledge to the flag**. Ten members were present.

On a motion by Earl Smithmyer seconded by Pat McNulty, the **minutes of the meeting** of August 17, 2004, were unanimously approved.

The **Treasurer**, Larry Sutton, presented the following report:

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Aug 1st \$4,424.99

Expenses:

None

Deposits:

Dues - none

Bank interest

0.04

Ending Balance, Aug 31st **\$4,425.03**

Dues Held for Deposit at 8/31/04: \$100 (one lifetime membership)

<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, Aug 1 st	\$2,554.74	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,186.37
<u>Expenses:</u>					
None	_____	_____	_____	_____	0
<u>Deposits:</u>					
Bank interest	_____	_____	_____	0	.46
End Balance, Aug 31 st	\$2,555.20	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,186.83

Other Notes:

1. 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.
2. bills for payment in September include:
 - a. \$53.00 - Servinsky Jewelers, Appreciation Plaque [operating account]
 - b. \$11.07 – Hite Locksmith, gate lock on access road [operating account]”

On a motion by Jerry McMullen seconded by Ed McMullen, the Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

The Secretary had nothing to report.

On **membership**, the Treasurer indicated that he had received a life membership from Jack Calandra, who is also supporting our website. After discussion, it was concluded that we had adequate membership cards for 2005, and that the secretary will send out notices in December, including a membership card.

Pat McNulty reported for the **Publicity Committee** that he had made contacts with all the local papers. Secretary Rose indicated that he would send out a press release this month dealing with the road cleanup and skeet shoot. Jerry McMullen indicated that the Web site needed to be updated on the Road and Stream cleanup, and on the Skeet Shoot. Arthur Rose had already been contacted by Shawn Bartlett on the date of the Skeet Shoot and will get back to him on that.

Finance Committee chair noted the receipt of a check for \$669.04 for the Klondike project.

For the Tech Committee, Earl Smithmyer reported that all three weirs recently installed for the **Klondike Project** on Little Laurel Run had been washed out and will have to be replaced. He will schedule a date and let others know. Water samples were collected and are at the lab. Earl also indicated that his pH meter was no longer working, and we have no more new ones. Arthur Rose will order more pH meters.

On the **Brubaker Run Project**, Arthur Rose reported that the proposal was submitted to the PA Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation on August 27, and several phone and e-mail discussions had been held with Pam Milavic at BAMR. The proposal should go to Harrisburg within days, for approval by BAMR, after which a contract will be sent to CCWA for signature in about 2 weeks. The contract will then go back to Harrisburg for execution by higher level authorities in possibly 2 weeks. A draft of the contract had been sent to Rose. Concerns over insurance requirements by CCWA were largely alleviated by advice from BAMR that insurance coverage by the driller and by Foreman and Rose should be adequate. A field meeting with Art Hamley of the Game Commission led to a tentative proposal that costs of building roads and drill pads would be covered by sale of timber removed for the roads, rather than by construction by the Game Commission. Arthur Rose indicated a need for close consultation within CCWA in order to accomplish this complex project without problems. Drafting of contracts for drillers and consultants was discussed. The possibility of a Good Samaritan application to protect CCWA and members was suggested, and Arthur Rose will look into this.

Earl Smithmyer announced that the **Road and Stream Cleanup** will be held on October 10 at 9AM. Although on 9/21 it was announced that participants should meet at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club, Earl later found that another activity was scheduled at LRSC at that time, and we will meet at Al's Glass in Dysart. On a motion by Jerry McMullen seconded by Ray Hollen, Earl was authorized to spend up to \$100 for soup, sandwiches, drinks and other necessary supplies. Several members discussed contact with PENNDOT regarding the need to move the sign near Syberton Road.

Earl also reported that the revised date for the **Skeet Shoot** will be October 24 at 1 PM at the Skeet Field at Holtz's about 1 mile south of the Marina at Prince Galitzin Park, as in previous years. Trophies will be supplied by the Holtzes. We need to bring membership cards.

There was no further information on removal of **trash near Frugality** on Game Commission ground. Earl Smithmyer will check with Bryan Rabish **regarding updating of the brochure**, preferably before the Cider Festival.

Scheduling of a meeting for the **West Branch watershed groups** at Laurel Run Sportsman's Club was discussed, based on communications from Jennifer Means of DEP in Williamsport. A date of October 21 at 6:30 PM was recommended and will be communicated back to Jennifer Means by Arthur Rose (later confirmed). Based on a motion by Ed McMullen and Jerry McMullen, it was unanimously recommended that CCWA should provide soft drinks and cookies after the meeting.

Discussion of the **Cider Festival** on October 3 led to the decision that we will have a display as part of the Cambria County Conservation District's tent. Earl will call Robb Piper to confirm arrangements. Arthur Rose will work up an updated display of photos of projects. Three shifts of members were arranged to man the booth.

For a **winter meeting site**, a motion by Pat McNulty seconded by Ray Hollen was passed unanimously that we should finalize arrangements with Prince Gallitzin Park to meet there starting in November. Earl Smithmyer will contact the park for these arrangements.

Larry Sutton reported on the **Common Grant Application** that he had not been able to contact Pat Dumm on this, but would continue to work on this.

The **next meeting** will be October 19 at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club.

On a motion by Chuck Sutton, the meeting was **adjourned** for soft drinks and Alene's cookies.