

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
Minutes
Meeting of October 19, 2004

The meeting was **called to order** by President Strittmatter with the pledge to the flag. Eleven members were present.

On a motion by Jerry McMullen, seconded by Ray Hollen, the **minutes of the meeting** of September 21, 2004 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following report;

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Sep 1 st	\$4,425.03
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Supplies	(64.07)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	100.00
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, Sep 30 th	\$4,461.00

Dues Held for Deposit at 9/30/04: none

<u>Grant Account</u>	KLONDIKE	FISH	HEINZ	Accrued	
	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>GRANT</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Beg Balance, Sep 1 st	\$2,555.20	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,186.83
<u>Expenses:</u>					
None	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____ 0
<u>Deposits:</u>					
Bank interest	_____ .43	_____	_____	_____ 0	_____ .43
End Balance, Sep 30 th	\$2,555.63	\$2,149.70	\$ 452.00	\$29.93	\$5,187.26

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. As of 9/30, the Klondike project has a reimbursement check from DEP in the amount of \$669.04 for deposit, and mileage expense checks for \$651.60 for signature.”

On a motion by Stephanie Wharton and Bob Funicelli, the Treasurer’s report was approved unanimously. Purchase of supplies by Earl Smithmyer for the road and stream cleanup was also approved.

The secretary noted an announcement of a **small grant program** from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Possible projects were discussed but no conclusion was reached.

Membership Chairman Bob Funicelli reported one new member in September. Additional membership cards were furnished to the Secretary for mailing with 2005 dues solicitation.

In **Public Relations**, an article in the Altoona Mirror was published in response to a press release on the road and stream cleanup and Skeet Shoot. No coverage was recognized in the Johnstown paper. Regarding the web site, it was suggested that some of the project information should be brought up to date; for example the cessation of Corps of Engineers activity at Brubaker Run.

For the **Finance** committee, Earl Smithmyer reported that the Skeet Shoot should provide members and financing.

For the Tech Committee, Art Rose reported that activities on the **Klondike Project** included purchase of two pH meters, wetland studies, and a quarterly report. A phone discussion with Chris Howdyshell of the Blair County Solid Waste Authority indicated that they plan to vote on our access agreement and Good Samaritan agreement at an upcoming meeting. Earl Smithmyer organized a group to replace at least one of the washed out weirs on October 31.

The **Brubaker Run proposal** is in Harrisburg awaiting approval by the Dept. of Environmental Protection. We have received an official letter from the Game Commission allowing us to conduct the project on their land, and indicating that they will contribute to road and drillsite preparation, and will reclaim and revegetate the sites on completion of the project.

Under Old Business, Earl Smithmyer reported a successful exhibit at the **Cider Festival** on October 3, in collaboration with the Cambria Co. Conservation District. One new member was signed up. At the **road and stream cleanup** on October 10, Earl reported 30 people participated. Nine miles of road was cleaned of trash, and 5 miles of stream. A bigger group assigned to stream cleanup was suggested for next year, in view of the much longer time spent by some stream crews compared to road crews.

The **Skeet Shoot** was set for 1 PM on October 24. On a motion by Jerry McMullen seconded by Larry Sutton, the purchase of supplies for 50 hot dogs with sauerkraut and drinks was authorized, to be sold at the event. Earl Smithmyer was to check with Jeff Holtz to finalize arrangements.

The **trash along Clearfield Creek near Frugality** was discussed. It may be along the waterline to Prince Gallitzin Park. Earl Smithmyer will check with Barry Wolfe at the Park.

Arrangements for the meeting of **West Branch watershed groups** on Oct. 21 at Laurel Run Sportsman's Club were finalized. The Association will furnish drinks and cookies after the meeting.

Larry Sutton reported contact with Pat Dumm on the **Common Grant** application. Possible projects might involve contributions toward the Klondike or Brubaker Run projects. Another suggestion was the purchase of a digital camera. Larry Sutton will continue to follow up on this topic.

Under New Business, the subject of **elections** was discussed. The intent is to discuss nominations at the meeting in November and to have definite nominations in December, so that members can be notified about voting at the meeting in January.

Art Rose was asked whether we had received the **Corps of Engineers report** on their study at Brubaker Run. He replied that we did receive it and will bring it to the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 PM at the Prince Gallitzin Park Office on November 16.

On a motion by Stephanie Wharton seconded by Ray Hollen, the meeting was adjourned for Alene's delicious cookies and soda.