

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 21, 2017
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The meeting was called to order by President Dan McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 9 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was then passed “accepting the October 17, 2017 minutes.” Dan reminded all present that the minutes were being taped.

Secretary’s Report:

Jerry was unable to attend the meeting. The following is his report given by Dan McMullen: The WFW site has a new owner, Moyer, from Altoona. Jerry had spoken with the attorney for CCWA, Michael Sossong. The previous landowner/grantee agreement is still in effect and is transferable to the new land owner. Mr. Sossong had spoken to the new landowner’s lawyer explaining this agreement and they are willing to sign documents relating to CCWA future activities at this site.

Jerry will need to purchase some office supplies for the upcoming annual mailing.

Membership Committee:

Louisa Lytle is a senior at PSU and is doing her thesis project with Art and will be doing studies and sampling on the Brubaker project. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed “to give Louisa an honorary membership for this project.”

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing new to report.

Finance Report:

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer’s Report: Shawn Simmers: November 21, 2017

Expenses

<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Mtn Research	\$550	sampling in Beldin Hollow
Mtn Research	\$50	swank sampling
Mtn Research	\$250	Brubaker sampling
Mtn Research	\$75	Gibson sampling

Revenues:

Clean Streams Foundation – Ace Drilling \$190

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and pay all invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that the Dominion Grant for 2018 will cover waterway access for canoe/kayak users. This grant is due on December 29th. Dan, with assistance from Art, will submit this grant.

Election Committee:

Nominations are being accepted for the one open seat on the Board of Directors. Ed McMullen nominated Ray Hollen. Nomination will also be accepted at the December meeting with elections being held in January.

Tech Committee: Art was unable to attend this meeting. Art's Tech Report, presented by Shawn, is listed below: **Tech Committee Report- November 21, 2017**

Klondike Project With recent approval for using the Beldin funds, we can proceed to clean the iron from the treatment pond, though we will probably wait for spring. The requisite hose and pump was discussed. Also, I will contact Colin Lenox indicating that we have sampling funds until June 2018.

West Ferris Wheel Project Systems and weirs 32R3 and 32R4 were sampled 10/25 and 11/12 by Shawn and students. All systems continue to treat the acid successfully though some iron is a little high. We will meet with Michelle to develop an agreement and plans to design System 4 using Beldin funds. Drilling to increase flow to System 3 requires further study to evaluate whether the system is too high to benefit. Sampling ports on System 3 inflow have still not been installed.

An M&O Plan has been prepared listing tasks at the site. We can now go to monthly inspections and field analyses but only quarterly lab analyses. Monthly lab samples for the 32R3-4 weirs should continue.

Cooney Discharge This weir was sampled on 10/25. Results are similar to previous samplings. The weir needs additional maintenance, and sometimes is not large enough for the flow.

Gibson Project The inflow and outflow were sampled by Shawn and students in early November. Field data indicate good treatment, but one pond has turned blue. Michelle adjusted the outflow levels from the inflow pond to the limestone cells and will instruct CCWA members on this process. The inflow weir needs maintenance, and we have no flow data since spring. Dan will mark a channel from the 184 discharge into the inflow pond, and arrange for construction of this channel.

Beldin Project No activity. The funds have been approved for use at other sites in Little Laurel Run.

Swank Project No activity.

Brubaker Project Louisa Lytle sampled on 10/29 and 11/1 on upper Brubaker but was unable to measure flows on the two upstream tribs. Weirs at these sites would be desirable. The upstream sites have relatively low acidity and metals, in contrast to data from last year's St Francis sampling. The Clay Mine discharge was again relatively alkaline from Bender sludge. She is sampling again today.

I attempted to submit a request to Trout Unlimited for macroinvertebrate surveys on Clearfield Creek below Brubaker, but apparently it did not go thru. It has been resubmitted.

Ace Drilling No activity. The contract for our inspection there has been extensively reworked by Dan and the revised contract has been signed by the Foundation. The site is to be sampled in the next few weeks for this quarter.

To Do As of 11/1/17

<u>Project</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Last Done</u>	<u>Do by</u>
KL1 Inspection and monitoring	Q	Art, Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
KL2 inspection and monitoring	Q	Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
WF Inspection and monitoring	M	Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
Gibson insp. And monitoring	M	Shawn,Michelle	6/1/17	6/30/17
Beldin insp. And monitoring	Q	Dan	Suspended	
Swank insp. And monitoring	Q	Ray, Chuck	9/26/17	9/30/17
Little Laurel sampling	Q	Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
Ace Drilling inspection	Q	Ray	9/18/17	12/31/17
Beldin Quarterly Report	Q	Art	7/18/17	9/30/17
Gibson Quarterly Report	Q	Michelle	?	1/31/17
Bender agreement-Beldin		Shawn	Suspended	
KL2 Weir		St F, Dan		5/31/17
Gibson flushing observation		Shawn-MM-AWR		1/15/17
Cooney Weir and sampling	M	AWR-Dan	9/24/17	10/30/17
Brubaker weirs & sampling	M	Louisa, CCWA	11/1/17	11/30/17
Bold Due in next month	M	Monthly		
	Q	Quarterly		

Old Business:

DEP Plant, Cresson: Ed McMullen reported that construction activity seems to be full speed ahead, currently.

New Business:

State Senator Wayne Langeholic: Senator Langeholic's assistant spoke with Dan McMullen to set up a meeting with members from CCWA. Jerry McMullen and others, to be determined, will attend this meeting on December 4th at the Johnstown office.

Note: Senator Langeholic would like to visit some of our project sites to see our work, we will be happy for him to come and visit and learn more about our projects.

Community Foundation of the Alleghenies: The Foundation sent a statement on the earnings of our account. We had a net gain of approximately \$800.00 for the third quarter of 2017.

Glendale (White Township) Municipal Authority: The municipal authority was fined by DEP for having phosphorous leak from their facility into Clearfield Creek.

Dick Dotts: Dick reported that he has been looking at a special clay type powder designed to plug holes in places like our treatment ponds simply by sprinkling or dispersing into the water near the hole or leak.

Next Meeting: December 19, 2017 Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.