

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present, plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and one visitor, Phil Thomas. Ed welcomed Phil to the meeting. There was one correction to the August minutes. Wire Rock is correctly spelled Weyerough. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the August 23, 2016 minutes with this change.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry went over all correspondence: had a copy of the Ace Drilling Site contract from the Clean Streams Foundation for Ed to sign and return, had a request from the Clean Stream Foundation to monitor several sites in counties out of our area. It was decided that CCWA would not be submitting a proposal. Jerry also mentioned that he needs to purchase security software for our laptop. Several softwares were suggested, Jerry is to look into this.

**Membership Committee:**

Jerry had sent a membership card to Kelsey Palmer, SFU instructor, who had requested such. After a brief discussion it was decided to give a membership to the approximately 15 SFU students who are working on the Brubaker project with Kelsey Palmer.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:** Ray had no new articles to enter into the Historical Book. He mentioned an article that was in the Altoona Mirror on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> covering design by Colin Lennox who has come up with a system for treating acid mine drainage from coal mining operations that uses coconut husks as part of the process.

**Finance Report:**

Earl reported that he the two ladies, Shirley Fudalski and Patty Hilyer, who had sold 500 tickets each be given a free membership and a \$25.00 gift certificate for Hoss's restaurant. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed "to purchase a \$25.00 gift certificate for both Patty and Shirley from Hoss's restaurant."

We want to thank the many people who sold tickets to make this fund raiser a success. Also, special thanks to anyone who purchased a ticket.

The winner of this ticket was Ryan Hood from Emeigh, PA.

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, September 20, 2016**

Expenses:

Dan McMullen: -\$160.48 from the General Fund for website renewal

Dane Kalwanaski: -\$400.00 from SGOC for drawing gift cards

Deposits: \$1658 - SGOC for ticket sales

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

**Grant Committee:**

Dan stated that he had signed and returned the contract from DEP for the supplemental work on the iron seeps at the Gibson-Halstock project. Total of the contract was-\$36,002.00

**Cleanup Committee-September 25<sup>th</sup> cleanup:** Just a reminder that our last cleanup of the season is on Sunday. We will be meeting at the Municipal building in Dysart, 8:30-9 AM. Lunch will be provided.

**Shawn Simmers Presentation:**

Shawn had nothing new to report.

**Tech Committee:** The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- September 20, 2016**

Klondike Project No new information.

W Ferris Wheel Project On 9/12 and 9/20, no water was yet coming out of VFP 2 or System 3.

A field meeting was held on 8/31 with Donna Carnahan and Malcolm Crittenden of DEP. Notice was received that the grant was extended to 9/30/16.

Gibson Project See later discussion

Beldin Project No activity. We need to determine whether all bills have been invoiced to DEP and who is responsible for this invoicing.

Little Laurel Run Three stream sites were sampled by Dan McMullen. Flow was very low, but water was still strongly acid. This data provides a good base for the effects of W Ferris and Gibson treatment coming online.

Swank Project A set of data combining St. Francis and CCWA information was submitted to the Datashed website.

Brubaker Project Students from St. Francis were introduced to the site and sampled several locations on 9/12 and 9/15. We should find some way to make the students into CCWA members so they qualify for the Game Comm. permit and are covered by our insurance. Dan McMullen indicated that discussions were proceeding with the Watt family on an agreement to access their property.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Clearfield Creek Sampling The set of sites was sampled on 9/15 by Ray Hollen, Chuck Sutton and others.

West Branch Susq. Restoration Coalition A picnic meeting was held 9/13at Bilgers Rocks Park on Anderson Creek. Amy Wolfe Reported that efforts are still underway to pass the Reclaim Act which will appropriate considerable funds for economic development including mining related projects. A federal Good Samaritan Act is also being considered. Rachel Kester reported on several possible funding sources, including from Natl. Fish and Wildlife, PA DCNR, and Act 13; also the Growing Greener solicitation will probably be announced in October. Education programs of Trout Unlimited will be cut back because of ending of grants of the Mellon Foundation.

General- Rose ordered 2 bottles of pH 4 buffer.

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: September 20, 2016.**

PA DEP (Donna Carnahan and Malcolm Crittenden visited WFW and Gibson on August 31 and were pleased. Jerry McMullen and Art Rose from CCWA were also present. Gibson-The contractor had started back to work and was nearing completion on the limestone hauling. The bulk of the work remaining consists of seeding and the intake structure. The contract document that were received were CCWA's executed copy of the grant amendment for additional funds. The as-built survey is 90% complete. The contractor plans to be completed by the end of Oct.

WFW--Two treatment systems were online, although the system 3 ALD is still filling with water. System 1 will be online this week, as the contractor is finishing the compost work and berm fix up on the settling basin and wetland, with substantial completion of the entire project by Sept. 30. A meeting to do a site walk through was set for Oct. 4. The remaining work at the site consists primarily of site stabilization and cleanup of staging areas.

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**Data Logger:** Bryan reported that the data logger on Slate Lick Run has quit working. It is to be replaced by the Conservation District. Bryan will be checking the other data logger on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Art did receive the data from Bryan for August.

**Ace Drilling Site:** The site was sampled on August 31<sup>st</sup> by Ray, Chuck and Jerry. Dick had a copy of the new permit for this site for all Board members. We want to thank Dick for taking care of this permit renewal from the PGC.

**Old Business:**

**Website Update:** The Apple Cider Festival information is on our website. Members present mentioned that additional fishing derby pictures will be sent to Tegan for the website.

**Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System:** Dick stated that he has recently contacted John Mital, DEP. John is to send the report to Dick when he receives it.

**Posts/Brochures:** This project is still pending. We are reviewing landowner's consent at the sites where the posts are to be placed.

**New Business:**

**Apple Cider Festival:** Plans were made for our set up and display at the Apple Cider festival; we will borrow some tables and chairs from Laurel Run Sportsman. Ed and Ray will man our display in the morning, Shawn and Dan in the afternoon.

**Legislative Breakfast:** Earl reviewed an invitation to the Legislative Breakfast from the Cambria County Conservation District, Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>, Kosta's Restaurant, Ebensburg. Earl and Alene Smithmyer will represent CCWA at this event.

**Rachel Kester Report:** MR 8 and MR Chew are now on line. SGL 98 discharge have expanded over the years from six to thirty or more killing many acres of trees. Kelly and I continue to work with the PGC and Hedin Environmental to come up with a treatment solution. A meeting will be held at the end of this month to discuss the results of the surveying and decide how to proceed. Funding has been secured to rehabilitate/upgrade the MR Tuff and Frog systems. That work should commence next year.

Phil Thomas- Phil is the Habitat Coordinator for TU, Lock Haven office. Phil talked to the members about a proposed meeting in October to discuss habitat work TU would like to do on Clearfield Creek.

**Next Meeting: October 18, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dave Kalwanaski and seconded by Dave McMullen the meeting was adjourned.