

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
APRIL 19, 2016

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present and Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the March 15, 2016 minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had received and set up, with some help, the new CCWA computer. He needs to purchase a case for it. Dane thought he had a spare case. Jerry read an e-mail from Rob Piper announcing his retirement on May 6th. Rob thanked CCWA for their great success story and stated that the story is not over yet. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed "authorizing a donation of \$100 to the Conservation District towards Rob's retirement." We wish Rob nothing but the best. Note: Rob was instrumental in getting CCWA organized and helped secure initial funding to get us started. Thank you, Rob.

Lastly, Jerry reported that he has been in touch with the Community Foundation about the \$20,000 to be put in the CCWA endowment. He will have more information for the May meeting.

Membership Committee:

There were a total of 15 new memberships received this past month- 9 business and 5 individual and 1 junior membership. Special thanks to Dick Dotts who works very hard in soliciting both business and individual memberships from his community and friends. Don Dimmick gave CCWA a check for \$100.00; \$25 membership. \$25 donation and \$50 for fishing derby tickets,

I want to thank everyone who has sent in their membership for 2016 and this is the time of the year when I remind you to please send in your membership, if you have not done so. We still had many who have not renewed in 2016.

Public Relations/Historical Committee: Ray reported that there were two articles recently in The Mainliner. The first article covered the scheduled cleanup, a little history on our cleanups, area cleanup covered and volunteer needs. The second article covered the field day with the approximately 70 Penn Cambria 6th graders. Special thanks to Megan Reiner and The Mainliner for this great coverage.

Finance Report:

Ray reported that he has about 2,650 fishing derby tickets out and about 350 left for anyone who would like to buy or help sell some of these tickets. Jerry reported that he had picked up the Dam Cleanout tickets. A total of 2,200 tickets were printed, 350 of these are to be mailed. A discussion was held on the effort to both sell and mail these tickets. We will be working on this after we get through the fishing derby.

Treasurer’s Report: Dane Kalwanaski, April 19, 2016

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Invoice</i>	<i>Check</i>
	Ray Hollen - Prizes	\$ (262.10)	Fish Fund		
	Ray Hollen - Food	\$ (266.46)	Gen Fund		
	Earl Smithmyer	\$ (51.82)	Gen Fund		
	Dane Kalwanaski	\$ (95.35)	Gen Fund		
	Gerald McMullen	\$ (15.89)	Gen Fund		
	Damin Printing	\$ (125.00)	SGOC		
	Mtn Research	\$ (25.00)	Klondike	1600457	
	Earth Shapers	\$ (16,302.95)	Gibson Const.		
<i>Deposits</i>					
	Dimmick Donation	\$ 25.00	Fish Fund		
	SCI - All. Chapter	\$ 500.00	Fish Fund		
	Ticket Sales	\$ 100.00	SGOC		
	Memberships	\$ 266.00	Gen Fund		
	Clean Streams - ACE	\$ 285.00	Gen Fund		
	Dominion Grant	\$ 600.00	Dominion 16	For testing equip/supplies	

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Shawn simmers was passed “authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer’s Report.”

We want to thank the organizations who have sent in donations to CCWA and also those individuals who gave a donation with their membership renewal.

Grant Committee: Earl and Alene represented CCWA at the luncheon in Blairsville on April 6th to accept the recent Dominion’s grant awarded to CCWA and a plaque. There were 39 applications for grants but only 24 were awarded. Special thanks to Dan and Shawn on the grant committee for their hard work.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn reported that we should be receiving a letter from the DEP office in Pittsburgh saying that we do not need any additional permits for both the WFW and Gibson-Halstock projects. This letter has been pending since last fall and will put final closure to our permit application.

Shawn mentioned the recent article in the paper about the stocking of trout in Blacklick Creek in Nanty Glo borough. Lobbyist for the coal industry suggested that we need to promote the good things that are happening in both Blacklick and Clearfield Creeks.

Shawn also talked about The Sense Act that is supported by Federal Representative Keith Rothfus. This is an attempt to show the value of the co-gen plants in both burning bony coal cleanly, following all the clean air requirements, and at the same time cleaning up the environment by getting rid of these hazardous bony piles.

Shawn stated that of the 14 waste coal plants in PA 5 have recently shut down.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-
Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-April 19, 2016**

Klondike Project A sample collected on 3/22 showed pH 6.2 with low acidity and Fe content at a somewhat lower flow rate than the sample of 3/15. On 4/19, the pH was 5.7 with only very minor overflow of the VFP. It was suggested that the perforations in the outflow pipe should be cleaned, and the water level in the final pond should be lowered to allow more aeration.

Beldin Project A quarterly report has been prepared. Hedin indicates that the design will be completed by 6/30. We hope to have landowner agreements completed in the near future, and a set of discharge samples. Awaiting announcement on construction proposal.

Swank Project No activity

Brubaker Project We need to conduct an assessment and sampling on upper Brubaker Run.

Amsbry Project Awaiting announcement on construction proposal.

Glasgow Project DEP sampling indicates that the system continues to perform very well.

Clearfield Creek Sampling Ray Hollen and Chuck Sutton started a program of quarterly sampling on 12 sites on Clearfield Creek, and added sampling from 2 tributaries below Brubaker as part of our Brubaker project.

WBSRC Symposium Art Rose attended a workshop on administration of construction projects at this symposium. The presenters suggested that we should establish more specific lines of responsibility on this kind of project and should maintain more knowledge of communications with DEP on permitting and progress. Additional funding sources were mentioned. Earl Smithmyer was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award. Plans for the Cresson Plant were discussed.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: April 19, 2016.

Gibson--Michelle Merrow encountered Jim Walters from Bender Coal at the Gibson site, and they looked at a discharge near the Gibson site, for potentially treating the discharge in the Gibson System. Jim is to send water quality data.

The contractor is working on limestone cell 1. A new AMD discharge was encountered in limestone cell 2, and a sample was collected to see if the discharge could be treated in the limestone cell or if it would cause problems with the limestone. The project should be done for June 30, 2016. A quarterly report was submitted to DEP. Michelle will coordinate with PGC to remind them that they have cut trees waiting for pickup.

WFW-BCSWA is trying to have their trees removed. Kreiger Excavating is due back to the site the week following the meeting. Quarterly reports will be finished for the end of the month, along with OSM reports.

Data Logger: Art reported that he has not received any new data from Bryan.

Ace Drilling Site: Ray reported that the site will be sampled in May or June for this quarter.

Old Business:

Website Update: Nothing new to report on the website.

Dick Dotts- Dumpsite Cleanup: Dick reported that he had talked to Kelly Williams about the dump site and she is working on it. He also had talked to Randy Blake, Chairman of the township supervisors for this area, about the dumpsite.

Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System: Dick had talked to Steve from the DEP office and Dick should have the sampling report for next month. Forcey had to do some additional work in this area.

Clearfield County Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet: Dick and Mabel represented CCWA at this banquet held on March 31st. Dick shared an article from The Progress on Sankeycrest Farm named “Conservation Farm of the Year.”

Field Day April 6th: The day started with the macroinvertebrate study (study showed the water quality in the Clearfield Creek was between good and excellent), thanks to the help of Bryan Rabish from the Conservation District, next the students assisted the PF&BC with trout stocking, lunch, and a visit to the Brubaker site with a short presentation by Art Rose. Kids were well behaved and had a great time. Special thanks to Jill, Nancy, Ray, Dolores and Pat for helping with the lunch and to Bryan for his help with the macro study.

8th Annual WBSRC Symposium: Ed, Jerry, Art, Dick, Mabel and Alene attended this symposium to see Earl receive the outstanding volunteer award. Ed mentioned there were lots of different speakers who mentioned Clearfield Creek throughout the day. Rebecca stated that all presentations should be on TU’s website.

We want to thank TU for giving us space to set up our display and also Rebecca and Rachel who worked so hard in putting the symposium together.

New Business:

Fishing Derby Checklist: Since the May meeting is only a few days before our fishing derby on May 21st the members present went over an extensive checklist for everything that we will need for the derby.

Cleanup: The cleanup was very successful. We had 26 volunteers to come out and help. Special thanks to Earl, Alene, Lorie, Pat and Brenda for the great meal. Also thanks to the students from SFU who came out to help. We collected approximately 80 bags of garbage, 7 tires and a few other miscellaneous items found along the road. Now that is a lot of garbage.

Municipal Building Donation: It was suggested that CCWA make a donation to Dean Township for appreciation of us using their township building. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed “authorizing a donation of \$50.00 to Dean Township.”

Next Meeting: May 19, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned.