

WPCAMR
Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2013
Bureau of Forestry Building, Clarion, PA

In attendance:

Jim Eckenrode, Blair CD Delegate, Vice President
Andy McAllister (Staff)
Anne Daymut (Staff)
Trudy Alexander, Clarion CD
Pete Dalby, Mill Creek Coalition
Adam Cotchen, Indiana CD Delegate
Kelly Cossey, Evergreen Conservancy
Bernie Spozio, Clarion CD
Shawn Wessel, Jefferson CD Delegate

WPCAMR BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 10:33 am with Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report (Presented by Jim Eckenrode):

Review of past meeting minutes.

Motion (Cotchen/Wessel) to accept the May 2013 minutes with the word counsel changed to group under the Special Presentation. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details.

Motion (Wessel/Cotchen) to accept the treasurer's report. Passed.

Correspondence (Andy McAllister):

OLD BUSINESS

Regional Coordinator's Report (Andy McAllister):

See report for details. Report on meeting webpage.

Watershed Coordinator's report (Anne Daymut):

See report for details. Report on meeting webpage.

Conservation District/Agency/Watershed Association reports (All present):

Those in attendance reported on current and future activities within their respective organizations that relate to WPCAMR interests.

- Kelly Cossey gave an update on the data logger placed in Bear Run and the alternative energy project at the Tanoma Wetlands.
- Adam Cotchen continues to partner with SRBC in Bear Run. The final phase is under construction. They are now setting up the Watershed Trust. Adam is learning a lot about the maintenance and operation of lime dosing systems. TU is

- doing some sampling at the Little Mahoning Treatment System. His other work is primarily farm related.
- Pete Dalby distributed a sample proposal to the gas industry.
 - Shawn Wessel reported that there are a lot of maintenance activities in Jefferson due to the heavy rains. They have an active treatment system, called Sugarcamp, that they had to cut back on some design aspects due to lack of funding. They are working with PennVest. A private company is paying the electric bill. A gas company was interested in purchasing the water and then backed out due to liability concerns.
 - Trudy Alexander and Bernie Spozio some stream restoration is needed outside of Slygo.
 - Jim Eckenrode is working on some stream bank restoration and riparian buffer projects. He is doing a lot of recycling and trash pickup events. Working with Penn DOT is a difficult process. The conservancy owns some right-of-ways and is being forced to get highway occupancy permits. There is a Marcellus shale water study in the Little Juniata. Jim noted that he has elevated pH levels in many of his streams this summer and can not explain it.

Special Presentation: Trudy Alexander and Bernie Spozio on the well plugging efforts in Clarion County.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Financial Audit (Andy McAllister)

2013 ARIPPA Award Nominations (Anne Daymut)

Motion (Wessel/Cotchen) to approve the nominations as recommended by the review committee. Passed.

Draft Whistleblower Policy (Andy McAllister)

Jim recommended that everyone review the document and come back with comments in November.

Draft Conflict of Interest Policy (Andy McAllister)

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Next meeting November 14, 2013, location TBA

Motion (Wessel) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Anne Daymut