

**Minutes**  
**CCWPA Meeting: August 17, 2010**  
**Dauphin County Agricultural Building**

Sherry McLain called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

In the absence of the regular minutes recorder, Mike Blum agreed to take the minutes of this meeting.

In attendance: Sherry McLain, Mike Blum, Mike Snody, Archie Fenton, Brett Zankel, Josh First, Mike Yanchuk.

1. Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were distributed and approved with the following minor revisions: Paragraph beginning Treasurer's report, last word should be "our"; first paragraph of Old Business, before final sentence, please add "No decision was made."

2. Archie Fenton noted that due to a computer crash he had lost all CCWPA e-addresses, and states that he will reconstruct these in time for sending out notice of the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report: Archie Fenton read Paula Zankel's e-mail that the \$100 was still in the bank; he also reports that Trout Unlimited, Doc Fritchie Chapter, has offered to contribute \$100 to CCWPA. Archie has the check and will either get it to Karen Stilp or bring it to the next meeting.

[Entries #4-14 constitute Old Business]

4. By-Laws Committee Report: since neither Larry Hochendonor nor Linda Brindle were present, there was no report and no discussion of the By-Laws. Discussion of membership options was mentioned and not pursued.

5. Legal Notes: Brett Zankel reported that many complexities present in distinguishing and defining a "non-profit organization" versus a "non-profit cooperative organization"; the 510(c)(3) process is arduous with many regulatory niceties to parse. His conclusion: do nothing at this time in terms of registering, until the By-Laws are adopted.

6. Directors' Liability Insurance: after some discussion it was agreed that this issue, and that of hiring a CPA, would also wait until the By-Laws are adopted and the CCWPA has members, and a budget. Basically, these are matters for the CCWPA Board of Directors, once installed.

7. Ned Smith Day, July 31: volunteers for CCWPA included Linda Brindle, Paula Zankel, Karen Stilp and Mary Hochendonor. CCWPA set up at the Conservation District display table, with our easel display. Mike Yanchuk reported that the turnout was good, that our volunteers were happy, and that advice was received from the Twin Valley Conservation. A list of names

was created for e-mail. Archie read an e-mail from Paula, who promised a full report at the next meeting, when she could attend. Since Ned Smith Day is an annual event, it was thought that by next year we could have a table next to the Conservation District table.

8. CCWPA Website: there was some discussion of other sites but it was agreed to have an independent one, because of problems or concerns with Penn State's and with DCA&NR's site, also Dauphin County's (not available to us). After some discussion, Mike Blum agreed to put up a simple CCWPA web site, based graphically on the display he created for Ned Smith Day. Mike Blum will research and register appropriate URLs, starting with [ccwpa.org](http://ccwpa.org). It was agreed that one e-mail would be published at first for the Association: [info@ccwpa.org](mailto:info@ccwpa.org) (assuming that URL is available), and that anything sent to this e-mail could be copied to Brett Zankel and/or others as desired. Brett Zankel gave Mike Blum preferable e-mail addresses to use for this, to be put into operation by the next meeting.

9. List Consolidation: Archie Fenton promised by next meeting to have a master list created (see note #2, above).

10. Meeting Tech; Publicity/Signs/Flyers: not yet. There was much discussion on how to note "stuff happening" in the Valley and how to get residents TO the meetings, especially those watershed residents who live WEST of Rte. 225. A good mix of residents is key. All present noted the rather alarming decrease of attendance recently, and it was hoped that the summer had everything to do with this -- not a diminishing of enthusiasm or interest in the CCWPA. It was agreed that we should make a concerted effort to get people to the next meeting!

11. Other outreach possibilities: Mike Snody stated that he had an opportunity in March 2011 to give CCWPA some visibility, but of course membership forms, etc., would be needed.

12. Harrisburg Authority Invitation: No input, although Mike Yanchuk reported that he had once spoken with the Harrisburg Watershed Coordinator, and could do it again. It was suggested that further outreach in this direction was premature until the CCWPA had finished its organizational process.

13. Logging and Land Ownership: there was much discussion and input on logging at or near the reservoir. Timbering; hydro-seeding; silting; possible clear-cutting; opening up new areas: these and many other facets of such an operation were mentioned and possibly witnessed, albeit sometimes anecdotally. However, it is unclear what it all means. Brett Zankel reported that the history of timbering in that area was continuous harvesting and reforestation on a regular basis, which is a hallmark of good sustainable management. Josh First discussed the issue of private ownership and use of land versus governmental "taking" of land, sometimes by hindering private free will.

14. Conservation District Water Quality Study: Mike Yanchuk showed work in progress on his 5-year study of water quality results, the basis for his current grant and study in process. He reports that the study is proceeding as planned, with final results expected at the end of the summer of 2011. He discussed the difficulty of placing flow meters.

[Entries #15-16 constitute New Business]

15. Mike Yanchuk reports that about 2 weeks prior to this meeting, the Karl Lutz Fish & Boating Commission "Adopt a Stream" function engendered a Stream Habitat co-operative project to place LOG DEFLECTORS that direct flow into the center of the channel, into Clarks Creek. This is to stop stream bank erosion. This was done just WEST of Rte. 225. The idea is to have immediate results if and when high rates of flow occur. The in-stream work was complete, including limestone additions, which are salubrious. Mike Yanchuk described how this was done, and mentioned "you can never do enough to raise the pH level to 7 or better" (pollution and acid rain tend to lower pH dangerously into the acid range).

16. Mike Yanchuk is doing a presentation on his booklet (Water Quality) at the Ned Smith Center on September 16 at 7 pm.

17. Next Meeting Date: 9/21. All agreed that FINISHING THE BY-LAWS and then INCORPORATING were the key goals of this next meeting -- after all, an ANNUAL MEETING in September had originally been planned, assuming that those would be complete in time to schedule such. It was suggested that Marcus Sheck / Patriot News be contacted, and that a notice be put into the Paxton Herald.

18. Chairman Appointment: Sherry McLain was unanimously chosen to chair the next meeting.

19. Adjournment was at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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