

EPCAMR 2011 1st Quarter Board Meeting

Agenda – February 17th

Earth Conservancy Office, Ashley, PA

6:00PM	Call to Order (Sign-in Sheet)	Bernie
	Minutes from Last Mgt. (Nov. 18th): <u>Motion to</u> accept & approve	Cheryl
	Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Motion to</u> file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit•	Cheryl Robert
	AMR Program Reports (See highlights at the end of this Document)	Staff
	Committee Reports (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner/Fundraiser – outcome of meeting•	Respective Comm. Chairs
	Old Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Discussion on</u> the 15th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet – pick MC?•	Bernie
	New Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Motion to</u> approve a No Cost Part Time Secretary/Clerical position from Employment & Retention Network (EARN). Draft job duties (personnel)• <u>Motion to</u> approve Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Application• <u>Motion to</u> approve Anthracite AMD Remediation Strategy Mine Pool Mapping for the Northern and Southern Coal Fields Contract with SRBC• <u>Motion to</u> approve an agreement with Jeddo-Highland Coal Company to prepare a Hydro-geological Report on the Jeddo Highland #5 Mine Pool• <u>Discussion on</u> EPCAMR preparing QHU plans•	Bernie Ed
	Correspondence and Information	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New DRAFT Website design by BRF Designs Inc.• New EPCAMR Store and tie to Pay Pal (online orders)• Thank You from Joe Pizarchik for supporting the OSM/VISTA teams• Terra Cycle Program: Recycling and "Upcycling" the formerly Un-recyclable•	Mike Robert Mike
	Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eastern Coal Region Roundtable State of the Region Meeting: Pipestem State Park, WV - March 21-23, 2011• PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference & EPCAMR 15th Anniversary Dinner/Fundraiser: Genetti's Inn in Hazleton - August 4-6, 2011	Robert
	Watershed Reports	All
8:30PM	Next Meeting: <i>Tentatively</i> May 19th @ 5:30pm and Adjournment	

AMR Program Staff 3rd Quarter Highlights (November 2010 – January 2011)

Executive Director and General Staff Highlights

- Followed up and commented on the "The Keeley Decision." The outcome could require that anyone who installs and/or operates an AMD treatment system (passive or active) and creates a point source discharge to obtain a NPDES permit. On January 9, 2009, the federal court in Clarksburg, WV ruled in the case of WV Highlands Conservancy and WV Rivers Coalition vs. Randy Huffman.
- EPCAMR staff continued to work with university students from Marywood to complete Ad Campaign posters and from Wilkes to design a solar kiln to dry AMD.
- Connected a volunteer sampler with a group in need of some monthly AMD sampling in the Weatherly Area.
- EPCAMR staff continued to assist a Harvard graduate student, Jessica Wolf, on her thesis project tying renewable energy to abandoned mine sites.
- Completed an ACCT AmeriCorps National Program Application that will place members in direct service positions with community/watershed improvement organizations (Separate from the VISTA program). Participated in a phone survey on the OSM/VISTA ACCWT Program.
- Prepared 3 Letters of Invitation to local area school districts to participate in EPCAMR's "Tree Trout & AMD" Aquatic Resources Outdoor Education Program funded by the PA FBC. Applied for a collectors permit. Developed materials and a schedule for the program in late Spring.
- Coordinated a roadside cleanup effort on Dundee Road, Hanover Twp., between the Nanticoke Creek and the Dundee AMD outfall with 4 Wilkes University student volunteers.
- Began working on an EITC Application through the PA DCED to become an approved Educational Improvement Organization. Funding varies, but could be enough for a part time staff member. Developed a partnership with EDSI to receive a part-time clerical/administrative position at no cost to EPCAMR.
- Renewed paperwork to stay affiliated with the United Way for volunteers and provided a recent grad, Pascalle Banaszek of Bear Creek with some community service volunteer hours.
- Constructed an Iron Oxide Resource Recovery Work Station and Processing Center in the Supply Area of the Earth Conservancy Building.
- EPCAMR staff submitted 4 grant proposals for \$167K total, aided 2 partner groups write grants for \$9K total and 5 letters of support for a partners. Prepared 3 professional service quotes for EPCAMR partners. Spoke with 1 industry rep about potential for mine water reuse. Received word that 1 anonymous donation was approved for \$10K and 3 partner grants were approved with EPCAMR as a subcontractor for \$14K total.
- EPCAMR staff attended and setup at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, an EPCAMR Board Meeting, an Anthracite Remediation Strategy meeting, NPS Liaison Committee Resource Extraction Sub-Committee conference call, and hosted a Huber Breaker tour and a Renewable Energy on AML Mtg..

Robert Hughes

Full Monthly Reports for all staff are available online for your review

Program Manager's Highlights

- EPCAMR staff sampled 14 boreholes, 2 in-stream sites, 1 discharge & 1 treatment system.
- Distributed 3 RAMLIS CDs, Completed 1 set of AML statistics for a US Congressional District. Revised 15 maps for an EPCAMR partner and tested hardware for the OSM TIPS Pgm.
- Working with former EPCAMR Intern, Shawn Jones, on a Capstone Research project with Keystone College to monitor and map mine pools in the Wyoming Valley.
- Manipulated 1 dataset, checked 1 dataset for consistency, created 1 set of structure contours and continued to write Part 3 of the report for the Mine Pool Mapping Pgm.
- Updated www.angewaternetwork.org, www.epcamr.org and EPCAMR facebook page. Previewed the [new EPCAMR website](#) being built by BRF Designs. Registered 2 domains for an EPCAMR members requesting webhosting service.

Michael Hewitt

OSM/VISTA Watershed Community Development Coordinator' Highlights:

- Compiled contact information list of Luzerne Intermediate Unit Science Coordinators.
- Trained in biological organism (macro-invertebrate) stream monitoring at Espy Run.
- Updated www.huberbreaker.org to include a new order form. Learned to use Cincopa account to organize, copyright protect and host photos. Completed new brochure for the HBPS.
- Approached and secured Breaker Brewing Co. from Plains as an adult beverage sponsor for 15th Anniversary Fundraising dinner.
- Attended webinar given by ALLARM, participated in AmeriCorps VISTA MLK Day Event at Wilkes-Barre Blvd. Townhomes, a FON Mtg., a HBPS Mtg. & a Delaware Estuary Science Environmental Summit.

Wren Dugan