

## EPCAMR 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting

Minutes – May 18<sup>th</sup>

EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Building, Ashley, PA

- 6:00PM** **Call to Order:** Bernie McGurl, Al Mabus, Cheryl Brobst, Ed Wytovich, Bruno Najaka, M. Irvil Kear, Paul Lohin, Jeff McNelly, Tim Ference, Christine Haldeman, Tom Clark, Robert Hughes, Michael Hewitt & Wren Dugan Bernie
- Minutes from Last Mgt. (Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>):** Moved to accept & approve (*Cheryl, Irvil & All*) Cheryl
- Treasurer's Report**
- Moved to file Checking & PA Invest Account Balances for audit (*Tim, Jeff & All*) Cheryl
  - Discussion on Grant & Project Timeline – Asked for an extension for Hicks Creek. Added SRBC as another grant source. Robert
- AMR Program Reports** (See highlights at the end of this Document) Staff
- Committee Reports** (Personnel, Budget, Strategic Planning & Dinner/Fundraiser)
- Dinner/Fundraiser: comments on proposed dinner fundraiser budget – Per person costs allow adjusting cost/revenue based on expected attendance. Board would like to see hard copy invitations to our mailing list. President charged the board with seeking sponsors. Board suggested that staff break up contact lists by county and e-mail to district managers for solicitation. Board suggested simplification of levels to Platinum, Gold, Silver, Aluminum & Iron and not mention so many details (ex. number of seats is too much detail; you sponsor a table or ½ table). Jeff suggested that we look at including tips and taxes as well, contract looked as to have that included in the price (later we find that it wasn't).
  - Budget: work on FY 2011-2012 budget with staff for approval next mtg. – explanation of the Grant Tracking Workbook (in Excel) vs. Expense Tracking in QuickBooks Non-Profit Edition. Both Check and Balance each other. Draft out by 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in June. Respective  
Comm. Chairs
- 7:35PM** **Old Business**
- Discussion on AML/AMD statistics gathering for Congressional Districts – Contact at Keystone was not responsive. No prospects as of the meeting. New intern ended up completing it before the conference. Questions about accounting of culm piles and studies of CO2 of gassing? “Abandoned” culm piles are in the AMLIS inventory. Some have estimated amounts in cubic yards of material. No CO2 off gassing studies known. Jeff
- 7:45 PM** **New Business**
- Motion to have Officers sign PA Dept. Labor & Industry Exemption forms (*Irvil, Cheryl & All*) Bernie  
Robert
  - Discussion on recent scramble to submit a Scope of Work and Budget to secure 319 Base Funding for FY 2012-2013
  - Discussion on proposed “Borehole Awareness Campaign” for Municipalities and Legislators – Meet with Yudichak tomorrow and plan to meet with Senator Blake and Congressman Barletta soon. “Day-lighting” those paved over is of interest and will be promoted if funding is there. Paul mentioned 3 boreholes in Schuylkill County and was willing to show. Shafts are known to be monitored by BAMR in South Field. 3 Wilkes-Barre boreholes were worked on in August.
  - Discussion on AMR Pre-Conference Tour route. Ed suggested several sites and suggested getting Mike Korb involved as well. Jeddo Tunnel is a must for the Western PA visitors.

- 8:05PM Correspondence and Information**
- Thank You Letter from Senator Casey related to Chesapeake Bay Mike
  - Thank You Letter from Governor Corbett related to Marcellus Shale
  - POWR Liability General Insurance renewal for 2011-2012 Robert
  - Denial Letter from Anonymous Foundation Source Mike
  - RJG Opinion Letter on Jeddo-Highland #5 Mine Pool Confidentiality and Protection of Proprietary Client Information Robert
  - Heard that OSM will be shutting down the Wilkes-Barre Office – concern about what will be happening with underground mine maps

- 8:10PM Grants, Conferences, Events, Workshops**
- **EPCAMR 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner/Fundraiser:** Genetti's Inn in Hazleton - August 4, 2011 5:30 – 9:00 [epcamr.org](http://epcamr.org) Robert
  - **PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference:** Genetti's Inn in Hazleton - August 4-6, 2011 [treatminewater.com](http://treatminewater.com)
  - **ARIPPA Award:** Application due June 30. Download application and instructions at [epcamr.org/home/2011/arippa-2011-award-grant-application-now-open-through-epcamr](http://epcamr.org/home/2011/arippa-2011-award-grant-application-now-open-through-epcamr)
  - **Anthracite Heritage Conference:** Anthracite Heritage Museum, Scranton - May 27-28, 2011
  - **PCEE & PAEP Non Formal EE Certification:** EPCAMR Office / Earth Conservancy Building - June 14 6:30-830
  - **NCAC Community Awards Program:** Woodlands Inn - June 9th 4:30 6:30 [www.nepaalliance.org/ncac.htm](http://www.nepaalliance.org/ncac.htm)

#### **Watershed Reports**

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- Northumberland Co. – Trout Unlimited to install AMD Treatment wetlands on Site 36. Feasibility Study of using Mine Pool near SEDCO by Dietz and Gourly (Growing Greener Funded @ same time as EPCAMR MPM Study). EPCAMR received draft chapters from John related to water use / metals recovery.

**8:30PM Next Meeting: Tentatively August 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm and Adjournment**

### **AMR Program Staff 1st Quarter Highlights (February 2011 – May 2011)**

#### **Executive Director and General Staff Highlights**

- Informed of grant awards EPCAMR Staff helped write pertaining to the Huber Breaker Miner's Memorial Project: \$1500 HBPS's Live Well, Luzerne County Healthy Community Connections grant \$4000 Wilkes-Barre Career & Technology Center's FFA Grant. Also received a \$10,000 Anonymous Gift donation (no strings attached) from Bank of America for EPCAMR.
- Meghan Calderone, another graduate student from Marywood University's Graphics Design Program completed a Macro Mayhem Bug Identification Chart for use in our environmental education programs; A 5' X 6' Banner was printed by Coal Creative
- Established a PayPal Business Merchant Account for EPCAMR to be able to accept payments online through our EPCAMR Store: [epcamr.org/store](http://epcamr.org/store)
- Completed the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) application and were recently approved to receive funding through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development to support our environmental education programs.
- SRBC funded additional Mine Pool Mapping work that is in line with our development of the Anthracite AMD Remediation Strategy to complete the Southern Anthracite Coal Fields and to begin the Northern Anthracite Coal Fields in the amount of \$75,000 through June 30, 2012.
- Obtained \$1,000 from SRBC and \$5,000 from the PA DEP Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation to support the 13th Annual AMR Conference.
- Prepared written testimony as it relates to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL and Abandoned Mine Impacts within its Tributaries and submitted to the US EPA Region III
- EPCAMR was awarded a \$6000 Coldwater Heritage Partnership grant to conduct a Coldwater Conservation Plan for the Solomon Creek Watershed in Luzerne County, PA
- EPCAMR Staff completed the website development for the 13th Annual AMR Conference and our 15th Anniversary Fundraiser/Dinner along with brochures and Save the Date Cards

**Program Manager's Highlights**

- EPCAMR staff hosted 5 AMR Conference Calls, an EPCAMR Board Meeting, and EPCAMR 15th Anniversary Dinner / Fundraiser Committee Meeting. Attended a SAN Meeting, "The Inquest" theatrical performance, the Philanthropy Forum, a MRAB Mtg. and a meeting with CCRA and PA DEP BAMR reps.. Participated in an Earth Day event at Nesbit Park and a conference call with Weatherly Borough and PA DEP BAMR reps. and an ARRI tree planting.
- Released the 2010 EPCAMR Year In Review
- EPCAMR staff submitted 1 letter of intent to a foundation for \$15K
- EPCAMR staff sampled 14 boreholes in the Lackawanna Valley and 23 boreholes in the Wyoming Valley monthly. Continued to write Part 3 and aided Exec. Dir. with the Mine Pool Mapping Report for the western middle and southern fields, worked on Mine Pools in the Wyoming Valley
- Updated [www.orangewaternetwork.org](http://www.orangewaternetwork.org), [www.epcamr.org](http://www.epcamr.org), and [www.treatminewater.com](http://www.treatminewater.com). Administered the EPCAMR facebook page, Google Apps account and pyritebad yahoo group listserv. Began testing and released the [new EPCAMR website](#) built by BRF Designs

**OSM/VISTA Watershed Community Development Coordinator' Highlights:**

- Created a formal invitation for the 15th Anniversary and Inaugural Fundraising Dinner to be distributed to attendees. Developed a brochure to solicit dinner, and created Call For Artists to solicit art work for the Anthrascapes Art Auction during the dinner.
- Visited Kings College, Marywood University, Wilkes University, and sent Call For Artists to Wyoming Valley Art League, Artists for Art Gallery, and Arts YOUiverse to solicit students, amateur and professional artists for the Anthrascapes show.
- Edited the Iron Oxide Solar Kiln project to submit request for \$5,000 grant to the Captain Planet Foundation.
- Attended performance of "The Inquest," a historical account of the court trials following the Avondale Mine Disaster presented by the Eckley Players. Secured the troupe as entertainment for Friday night Dinner at the 2011 AMR Conference.
- Submitted grant application to Bank of America Corporate Foundation on behalf of Huber Breaker Preservation Society for \$60,000 to further the park project and erect security fence and gate.
- Attended ACCT Spring Training in Jackson's Mill, WV. WCDC presented on collecting, processing, and selling iron oxide from AMD treatment facilities, as well as giving a demonstration on chalk making.
- Helped out with ARRI Tree planting with Schuylkill Headwaters Association.