

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes

16 January 2012

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:

- Chris Hennessey

Bob Donaldson

Bill Brusse

Fiona Stewart

Rick Van Horn

Scott Brumbaugh

Bill Voigt

Bob Vierck

Judi Sittler

- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1901

Review of old minutes

- Board wishes to amend the minutes to remove the Centre County Community Foundation from the list of items listed in the email survey to members

Old minutes approved as amended

- Motion: Vierck

Second: Brusse

- **Election of new officers**

- The following officers were unanimously elected by the SCTU board of directors:

- President: Sittler

VP: Haser

Treasurer: Van Horn

Secretary: Brumbaugh

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$30,841.32

Carson income should be \$890 (not 800)

No activity of merit or substance to report this month

Treasurer's Report Approval

- Motion to approve: Vierck

Second: Brusse

- **Old Business**

- Harvey / Gerace Memorial report by Bob Donaldson

- Bob Donaldson reports:

Previous idea of a black granite bench has "crumbled" due to the high cost associated with the project

We may now pursue two separate memorials (one for each gentleman)

Bob Donaldson will coordinate Joe Humphreys, Ted Trostle, Katie Ombalski, and Mrs. Gerace regarding new, viable options and report when he has an update

PAFBC will not allow any more stone/plaque memorials (like the Antolosky memorial) on their

property

- Reminder from Sittler: PAFBC, SCTU, and Centre County Canoe Club meeting is on 26 January from 1830 to 2030

- Individuals must RSVP for attendance

Brusse, Sittler, and Haser will represent SCTU

- Strategic Plan / Re-Charter (Sittler report)
 - No new information, meetings, or progress yet

Sittler will get additional information on recharter @ PATU northcentral meeting

- Laptop was purchased for chapter

- **New Business**

- SCTU Hats (sold by the Chapter) report by Sittler

- Sittler: We need to buy more hats

We currently have 3 brown, and 9 pink

Hats cost \$13 each (regardless of quantity), and we sell for \$20

Chapter will purchase 30 new SCTU hats for sale

Motion: Brusse

Second: Voigt

- Sittler: Chapter needs to name annual award/recognition recipient for the banquet

- Bob Donaldson nominated Katie Ombalski

The board liked the idea, and successfully voted to nominate Katie, although we need to make her a member

Motion: Donaldson

Second: Van Horn

- Keystone Coldwater Conference (report by Sittler)

- Scott Thompson (chapter member) has volunteered to babysit the SCTU poster at the conference

The SCTU poster will cover the 3 year McCoy dam project

Sittler and Brusse have registered and will attend the conference

- Chapter membership email survey results (report by Sittler)
 - 19 people have responded so far

A handful of individuals said they would potentially be willing to serve on the board

Kyle Courtney offered he is interested immediately

No one knows Kyle; Sittler and Hennessey will invite Kyle to lunch to get to know him

- *Secretary's note 2/10/12: it was later discovered that Kyle did not indicate that he had an immediate interest, only a potential future interest. As such, no attempt to contact Kyle any further has been undertaken.*

- Mike Britt has offered to cater 1 or 2 events per year at cost (no profit to him)

- Safety equipment (Sittler report)

- Joe Boston wants to borrow our chapters safety equipment for a LJRA project

Bill Brusse currently has the Chapter's equipment: he will inventory what we have

The board is amenable to allowing LJRA to borrow the equipment provided they pay for any lost or broken items

- Road Salt (Brumbaugh report)

- Brumbaugh asked if anyone has any information on studies of road salt run off into Spring Creek or other fresh water fisheries

Bob Donaldson will talk with the Water Resource Monitoring group to see if they monitor for salt or what could be done to monitor on Spring Creek

Bob Vierck will check with PA Senior Environmental Corps to see if they monitor or what could be

done

- Steak Fry (Sittler report)
 - 9 June 2012 (Saturday) is the tentative date

Sittler would like to consider a venue change from Poe Paddy back to the Spring Creek watershed

- Conservation committee:
 - No report at this time

Sittler has a summary sheet from the land study that shows the “hot spots” and their current status.

Sittler will email the summary to the board.

Sittler is going to try to organize a meeting with Jason Detar (PAFBC) and Katie Ombalski (Clearwater). Sittler will advise Purtell and Brumbaugh regarding the meeting so that they can attend.

- Watershed Watch (Bob Donaldson report)
 - Bob Donaldson reported that the Second Mile property could be problematic because it was excavated significantly, and appears to lack sedimentation/erosion control. Donaldson will research further, and decide if any action is warranted.
- Communications (Hennessey report)
 - Hennessey reports that you can sign up for the chapter newsletter via the Chapter Facebook site.

Hennessey reports that 34% of recipients read the Constant Contact newsletter – he says this is excellent. Normally readership is in the teens.

- Education / Youth (Sittler report)
 - Sittler is going to speak to the Rotary Club regarding Trout Camp to see if they are willing to provide financial assistance to the camp

Sittler reports the Boy Scout Troupe presentation is slated for April 9, 1 hour only

Sittler reports Wildlife Leadership Academy: PA Brookie Camp 10-14 July 2012 at Sieg Conference Center

Sittler reports on the Rivers Conservation Camp (at Allenberry)

- An advertisement for SCTU to sponsor a student went out in the last Chapter newsletter

CVTU is asking for water bottles, fly boxes, and flies

Judi is going to contact CVTU (Mike Klimkos) regarding what type of water bottles they want. We may consider funding water bottles if we do not receive a student nomination.

- Spring Stream Clean-Up
 - Sittler reports that the clean-up will be Saturday, 21 April 2012

Haser and Vierck will lead the effort for SCTU

- Membership Committee
 - Fiona Stewart is going to chair this committee
- Banquet Committee
 - Steve Farr has joined the committee

Hennessey agreed to publish a banquet advertisement in the next newsletter, if one of the Banquet Committee members writes the article

Sittler brought a piece of artwork that was donated by Joe Humphreys to the banquet

Van Horn provided the Battenkill Lodge letter (for auction at the banquet)

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2041

Motion: Sittler

Second: Brumbaugh