

SPRING CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED BOARD MEETING MINUTES: 3/12/12

Minutes Recorded by: Bill Brusse; 3/12/12

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Members in Attendance

Brusse, Haser, Van Horn, Donaldson, Purtell, Stewart, and Vierck.
Haser chaired the meeting.

PSU English 202 Class Semester Project

PSU students James Sink and Oliver Dolder have a semester long project, the purpose of which is to identify an organization and work with the organization to improve relationship with Penn State students. Sink is taking Belden's fly fishing class and is a member of the PSU Fly Fishing Club (Hoover).

Sink and Dolder met with Vierck and Stewart to discuss potential actions for the class project, and the students developed three proposed deliverables:

1. Presentation to PSU fly fishing class and the PSU Club to introduce TU to the students and present TU's mission and goals. Sink and Dolder would author a survey to ask the students what they know about TU; were the students currently members of TU; and what kinds of information, activities, and actions could TU provide to interest students.

Structure a University affiliate group/club to SCCTU. There could be student members on the SCCTU board and combined events such a SCCTU members providing transportation to the stream and meetings, particularly to lower classman.

Improving SCCTUs on-line presence. Sink and Dolder would review our Facebook page and website and make recommendations to better engage younger members. Could include a Twitter page.

The Board members approved the proposed deliverables and Sink and Dolder stated that the deliverables would be presented by the end of this semester (first week of May).

Treasurers Report

\$22,000 should be available for habitat work with the return of \$18,000 retainage by DCNR.

Fund transfers of note were:

1. Purchase of 39 hats.
\$150 dollar donation to Clearwater

Brusse moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Haser seconded.

Habitat Project

Vierck reported that:

1. The Habitat Committee selected the Lower McCoy Dam project (Milesburg area by the park) as the habitat project for this summer.

The initial design was completed by Dave Keller, PFBC. Katie Ombalski, Clearwater; Jason Deter, PFBC; Joe Boston, Sittler, and Vierck met at PAFBC to review.

PFBC will not be able to provide assistance with permitting or construction but will provide GIS for the project.

2. Vierck, Haser, Sittler, and WHM met on site later.
3. The Chapter solicited a proposal from WHM for final design and permitting and will approach American Water and Alleghany Power for donations to help pay for the project.

Donaldson recommended that Milesburg Borough be notified of the project and the Chapter may need to hold a public meeting to present the project to the public.

Memorials

1. Donaldson reported that the memorial to George Harvey continues to be the re-dedication of the Spring Creek Heritage Award to the George Harvey Spring Creek Heritage Award. George was the first recipient of the award. Joe Humphreys may be asked to present the award at the Spring Creek Family Festival that will be held on June 2nd at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. Katie and Bob are working with Spring Reighley Yonkin of the Pa. F&B to gain permission to have the plaque put on display at Fishermans Paradise either the Stackhouse Educational Center or at the Fly Fishing Museum which is a part of the Hatchery facility.

2. The Tony Gerace Award- Donaldson and Ombalski are continuing to work with the Centre Region Parks and Recreation to secure a wet lab that would be installed in the new educational facility located at the Millbrook Marsh. Bob and Katie are working with Tony Gerace's wife Lynn on this initiative.

Watershed Cleanup Day

Haser reported that the Watershed Cleanup Day is Saturday 21st. Locations and times have been noticed through Listserve and posted on the webpage.

Banquet

Purtell reported that the banquet is ready to go, 75 reservations were in-hand, and need approximately 100 attendees to break even on the food and hall.

First Cast

Brusse spoke with Molly Hetrick about potential need for replacement vices and waders. Molly said that the current materials can make it through this year.

Youth Fly Fishing Opportunity

Haser reports that Wayne's Coldwater for Kids Day: SCTU is sponsoring 4 kids, and 2 TU mentors will be present. The day is April 29, 2012.

Membership

Stewart reported 6 new members and 4 renewals. To attempt to increase renewals, Stewart will:

1. E-mail members about renewals.

Mail members who have not listed E-mails about renewals.

Website

Vierck reported that he:

1. Signed a new website support contract at much less cost than previous contract.

Changed the color of webpage and how to get to the Board member information. Posted points for membership renewals, donations, and membership and banquet locations.

Will review a proposal to include a point for material (logs, stone, etc) donations for habitat work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.