

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

12 November 2012

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Chris Haser
 - Bob Donaldson
 - Bill Voigt
 - Judi Sittler
 - Chris Hennessey
 - Fiona Stewart
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Bob Vierck
 - Bill Brusse
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1900
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: Sittler via email
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Vierck
 - Second: Brusse

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$53373.68
 - Deposited \$200 from TIC winnings
 - Received \$1K from First Energy (stream improvement)
 - Paid accident insurance premium
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Brusse
 - Second: Hennessey

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
 - Bill Brusse will speak with Centre Parks and Recreation regarding maintenance of the stream improvements in Spring Creek Park.
 - No update/ report.
 - Stewart will email Greg Hoover regarding the desire to add a student from the PSU Fly Fishing Board to the SCTU board.
 - Fiona emailed Greg, but did not receive a response yet.
 - Brusse will draft an "attorney request" letter to be included in the list-serve (or newsletter) that asks if any members can provide pro bono legal advice. Brusse will send the letter to Judi for approval.
 - DONE – included in the Tertiary Treatment.
 - Sittler will give Purtell Samantha Kutschell's contact information.

- DONE.
 - Purtell will contact Samantha with specific questions regarding the banquet's games of chance.
 - Purtell is absent, no update.
 - Donaldson will contact PASEC and the Water Resource Monitoring Project to organize a meeting with them and SCTU regarding increased water monitoring on Logan Branch.
 - Meeting was held on Nov 1. Attendees: Lou Mayer, Mick McKay, Nick Schipanski, Bob Carline, Bob Donaldson
 - Group discussed the Logan Branch & various tributaries / feed-ins
 - Titan Energy group submitted a request to SRBC for a water withdrawal permit of 1.44E6 gallons / day.
 - A chemical water study is not really feasible – because the sampling method would need to be too frequent and the chemical analysis would be expensive.
 - SEC may be willing to do a periodic macro-invertebrate study on the Logan Branch.
 - Carline is trying to arrange a meeting with PFBC.
- Centre Parks and Recreation / Trout Camp
 - Dan Kerstetter worked on all vise kits. 10 complete kits were returned to Centre Parks and Rec. 8 complete kits were retained in the possession of SCTU.
 - Molly Hetrick has been informed that SCTU will not be participating in the 2013 Trout Camp.
- **New Business**
 - A grant was submitted to Centre Foundation for \$1300 to distribute stream side maintenance handbooks to landowners.
 - Jim Lanning planted trees.
 - TIC eggs have been delivered by Sittler to all 4 classrooms (PV middle school, Bald Eagle High School, 2X tanks at Mount Nittany Middle School)
 - Sittler sent a thank you letter to First Energy Foundation for the \$1K donation to the Milesburg project.
 - Sittler wrote a letter for the Lamont Bulletin regarding good stream side stewardship.
 - Holiday Party
 - Sittler suggested that the Women Anglers could host the holiday party
 - The Women Anglers would supply the food. Individuals will supply their own beverage.
 - The group was supportive of the idea.
 - Lamar Fly Fishing Instruction Camp
 - Rebecca Holler (TU Eastern Abandon Mine Drainage)
 - The camp is the week of June 16th on Fishing Creek.
 - The camp is organized / managed by a Christian group. The group would consider making a donation to our chapter if we agree to help.
 - Holler will get back to Judi with more details after Thanksgiving.
 - Sittler would like to have a banner fabricated (4' X 1') for the chapter
 - The price of the banner is ~\$45
 - The group approved the banner expense.
 - Website (Vierck)
 - Vierck has newsletters back to 2007

- To go back further, hard copies of the newsletters would need to be physically scanned into electronic form.
 - Rick Van Horn will talk to the former newsletter publisher to see if the publisher has retained the old newsletters in electronic form.
 - The group decided that we should try to get as many hardcopies of the old newsletters as possible. If possible, those newsletters will be scanned into electronic format at our convenience.
 - NFWF (Vierck)
 - The GP1 permit for the Milesburg site was approved by PA Fish and Boat (Dave Keller). It was distributed to the County Commissioner, Paul Bartley (Milesburg), and Mike Phillippe at the Centre County Conservation District.
 - Kristen Blunk (NFWF) spent last Friday (11/9/12) reviewing the project and touring the project sites with Vierck. Mrs. Blunk had many helpful suggestions for the project.
 - Vierck has made arrangements with 'the logging guy' to bring logs up from the Little Juniata. The logging guy will store the logs for us.
 - Jeff Schmid is the PFBC contact for all 3 parking lots on PFBC property. Jeff has been out on medical leave.
 - Lynn Mitchell (new member) is writing an Embrace-A-Stream proposal for a stream improvement project on Joe Humphrey's property.
 - Watershed Watch
 - The season for earth disturbances is over.
 - Donaldson still continues to visually monitor turbidity levels in the streams.
 - Spring Creek had reasonably low turbidity levels after Hurricane Sandy.
 - Membership Committee (Stewart)
 - 4 new members in the month of October
 - 37 transfer members were obtained from the Wood Duck Chapter
 - Stewart will draft a welcome letter to the transfer members (website address, etc)
 - TU is offering a free membership to women right now via their website. Vierck will post a link to the free membership on the website.
 - Banquet
 - The banquet has been moved to the Mountain View Country Club.
 - Sittler gave Brumbaugh 3X books from past meeting speakers (given to the chapter) for donation to the banquet.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2015
 - Motion: Sittler
 - Second: Haser

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Bill Brusse will contact SRBC with questions regarding the Titan water permit submittal. The main question is whether or not the water use is consumptive. If the water use is not consumptive, in what condition will the water be returned to the watershed?
 - Bill Brusse will look at DEP Chapter 109.
 - Brumbaugh will .pdf the DEP letter to the SCTU board members.
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