

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

17 December 2012

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Bob Vierck
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Judi Sittler
 - Chris Haser
 - Chris Hennessey
 - Bob Donaldson
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1903
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: Change Nick McCay to Mick McCay
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Chris Haser
 - Second: Chris Hennessey

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$52604.28
- Corrections: NONE
- Major expenditures:
 - Bought a new projector lamp
 - Moved logs from the Little Juniata to Rick Hoover's house (Huntingdon)
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Vierck
 - Second: Donaldson

- **Old Business**

- Review Action Items
 - Bill Brusse will speak with Centre Parks and Recreation regarding maintenance of the stream improvements in Spring Creek Park.
 - This item will be dropped.
 - Purtell will contact Samantha with specific questions regarding the banquet's games of chance.
 - No update.
 - 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?
 - Brumbaugh will take this over.
 - Bill Brusse will look at DEP Chapter 109.
 - Brumbaugh will take this over. This has to do with what the water quality designation for Logan Branch is. Brumbaugh doesn't know what Chapter 109 is,

- Brumbaugh will get the information elsewhere.
 - Brumbaugh will .pdf the DEP letter to the SCTU board members.
 - Completed 11/13/12.
 - Rick Van Horn will talk to the former newsletter publisher to see if the publisher has retained the old newsletters in electronic form
 - Van Horn contacted the publisher, and left a message, but has not heard back yet.
- SCTU did not receive a Centre County Community Foundation grant to distribute stream steward books to landowners along Spring Creek. (Sittler)
- Chapter Legal Counsel (Bob Donaldson)
 - Bob Donaldson contacted Bob Mix to see if Mr. Mix would be interested in helping the Chapter. Mr. Mix was not in the office, so Donaldson left a message for him to return the call.
 - Hennessey will contact the Centre County Young Lawyers group to see if they have someone that could provide pro bono legal help to the Chapter.
- Christmas Party
 - 60 people attended the SCTU Christmas party on 12/15/12.
- **New Business**
 - Website Update (Vierck)
 - Vierck changed the domain and hosting services (formerly \$80 / year) to GoDaddy for \$40 / year (for the next 5 years).
 - Dan Kerstetter has volunteered to write a monthly article regarding a fly pattern for the website.
 - Board membership / elections (Sittler)
 - Bill Brusse retired from the SCTU board, effective 12/17/12, to avoid a conflict of interest with his new employer (PA DEP Bureau of Mines).
 - Chris Haser and Chris Hennessey are retiring from the SCTU board.
 - Haser is willing to continue to coordinate the Spring Clean-Up and help out for the Boy Scouts seminars.
 - Hennessey will continue to write the newsletter.
 - Bill Palmer has expressed an interest in joining the board. Chris Haser will contact Bill about joining the board.
 - Coldwater Conservation Corps Training (Sittler)
 - Mitch Blake has approached SCTU to ask if we would be interested in hosting a Coldwater Conservation Corps training.
 - We, SCTU, have the following questions for Mitch Blake (Chris Haser will contact Mitch Blake)
 - What is involved in hosting?
 - How many people are expected?
 - Are we responsible to provide lunch?
 - Transition Towns (Donaldson)
 - Transition Towns in an all-faith mission organization. They are holding banquets in different locations that act to bring environmental / conservation groups together.
 - Barb Fisher is a board member of Clearwater Conservancy. Barb has invited SCTU to the Grace Lutheran Church Green Team / Transition Towns banquet in State College on January 31, 2013 (1800 - 1930).

- The banquet is an opportunity to network with other groups that are interested in conservation.
 - Sittler (and maybe Vierck) plan to go to the banquet to represent SCTU.
 - Joe Humphreys continues to pursue getting the Duck Pond plaque installed in the Spring of 2013 (Donaldson).
 - Conservation Committee (Vierck)
 - Vierck submitted a grant to TU “Embrace a Stream” on 12/11/12 (Lynn Mitchell wrote the proposal) to perform stream restoration work on Joe Humphreys' private property. The proposal is for \$8800. The proposed restoration design would be done by Josh Lincoln.
 - NFWF grant (Milesburg, Fisher's Paradise, Rock Road) update:
 - Logs have been secured / transferred from the Little Juniata River Association.
 - We have received the Environmental Assessment approval from the Centre County Conservation District.
 - A meeting will be held tomorrow between SCTU and PA Fish & Boat regarding planning for the Paradise and Rock Rd projects.
 - The Milesburg portion project will be conducted in June 2013.
 - Vierck is beginning to plan tree plantings at the Milesburg project.
 - Watershed Watch (Donaldson)
 - Logan Branch water quality monitoring: Carline is waiting for PA Fish and Boat to be available to meet
 - Spring Creek Habitat (Vierck, Brumbaugh)
 - Concrete bank rip-rap and dams/flow restrictions were observed by Vierck (and subsequently Brumbaugh) along/in Spring Creek below Rte 550 on Roopsburg Rd.
 - PA Fish and Boat, Centre County Conservation Office, and PADEP were contacted regarding the rip rap and flow obstructions. PA Fish and Boat stated they do not feel the items are problematic. The Centre County Conservation Office and PADEP are aware of the problems.
 - PADEP is requiring the solid concrete portion of the rip rap to be removed (owner – Chris Hall).
 - PADEP is still investigating the the flow obstructions / dam, as they cannot determine who owns the land or who installed the obstructions. Resolution is expected sometime in CY2013. .
 - Membership Committee (Sittler)
 - Fiona Stewart sent an email welcoming the Wood Duck members to SCTU.
 - Education
 - No update.
 - Banquet (Purtell)
 - The banquet committee will begin meeting in January 2013.
 - Purtell stated that his printer burnt out. Hennessey offered that he could give a new printer to Purtell via donation.
 - We may try to pursue obtaining and selling 40th anniversary commemorative patches at the banquet.
 - Communication
 - Hennessey will publish the December 2012 newsletter.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2047
- Motion: Haser
- Second: Brumbaugh

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Hennessey will contact the Centre County Young Lawyers group to see if they have someone that could provide pro bono legal help to the chapter.
- Chris Haser will contact Bill Palmer about joining the board.
- Chris Haser will contact Mitch Blake regarding the following questions for the Coldwater Conservation Corps training:
 - What is involved in hosting?
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