

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

18 February 2013

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Judi Sittler
 - Bob Vierck
 - Bob Donaldson
 - Mark Pencak
 - Fiona Stewart
 - Jim Purtell
 - Bob Carline (guest)
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1901
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Vierck
 - Second: Mitchell

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Van Horn is absent
- Chapter's net worth = \$51744.70
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Donaldson
 - Second: Brumbaugh

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
 - Mitchell will contact the agricultural law clinic at PSU to see if someone can provide pro bono legal help to the chapter.
 - OBE
 - Bill Voigt will contact somebody about joining the board.
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 - Sittler will talk to somebody about joining the board.
 - Mark Pencak joined.
 - Donaldson will talk to PASEC and "others" about co-hosting the CCC Marcellus Shale training.
 - This issue is on-going.
 - Brumbaugh will draft a letter to SRBC regarding the Titan Energy Park water withdrawal.
 - In-progress.
 - Brumbaugh will contact the Centre Country treasurer's office regarding clarification

on the \$2500 limit for reporting.

- DONE.
- Van Horn will research how much money we make from the raffles.
 - Some information is available.
- Vierck will talk to Haser about potentially picking up a 3rd site. A suggestion was to pick-up a section between Rte 550 and Fisherman's Paradise.
 - Somebody is already assigned there, but they do it on a different day.
- Coldwater Conservation Corps Training (Sittler and Brumbaugh)
 - March 16, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church
 - For future information, Sittler spoke with the Bellefonte Philatelic Society, and they offer free or reduced price meeting rooms to local non-profit organizations. (Sittler)
- Resources for Community Stewardship Pot-Luck (Sittler)
 - Sittler and Vierck went to the meeting. The meeting allowed the Chapter to meet local churches who may be able to help us plant trees in the future.
- Rotary Club Donation (Sittler)
 - Sittler received a check for \$1200 from the Rotary Club on 2/12/13. The money must be used for youth mentorship programs (Trout in the Classroom, Cub Scout programs, etc).
- Logan Branch meeting (Carline, Donaldson, Brumbaugh)
 - SCTU, PFBC, WRMP, and PASEC met at the Pleasant Gap hatchery on 2/8/13. The meeting focused on discussing the existing water monitoring that is being done on Logan Branch and discuss if additional monitoring should be done in light of the proposed GOH/Graymont and Titan Energy Park proposals.
 - PFBC currently does water monitoring upstream and downstream of the hatchery. Additionally, they do macro-invertebrate studies at the mini-golf bridge and the Odd Fellows Lodge (also formerly at the I-99 overpass).
 - WRMP collects continuous water flow rate and temperature at the Odd Fellows and just above Rte 150 (below Cerro). Quarterly conductivity measurements are also made at the 2 locations.
 - It was decided that a follow-up meeting on 2/25/13 would be necessary to make specific recommendations for what/if any additional monitoring should be done.

- **New Business**

- Sittler welcomed Pencak to the SCTU board
- Stewart will resign from the board in May, due to the fact that she obtained a new job and is moving out of the area.
- Annual fundraising banquet (Purtell)
 - The new PA Small Games Of Chance (SGOC) rules will significantly impact how we conduct raffles at the banquet
 - The banquet committee has formulated a plan to conduct the banquet. There is a need to contact Attorney Tomczuk to ask some specific questions.
 - We need to obtain a Small Games of Chance License.
 - We need to submit the application soon.
 - The Officers will conduct a pre-banquet review prior to the banquet to make sure that the banquet is meeting the rules. The Officers will also conduct a post-banquet review to make sure that all of the required accounting is completed.
 - Sittler will get the banquet banner printed.
 - Purtell is still looking at getting some patches made.

- General membership meeting presentations (Pencak)
 - In light of Al Phillips retirement, Mark Pencak suggests that the board as a collective group brain storm what the presentations should be (instead of just 1 person).
 - Al Phillips has the general membership meetings covered to June.
 - Pencak will be the keeper of the Chapter's AV equipment.
- The Bellefonte (aka Paradise) hatchery is closing at the end of 2013. (Sittler)
 - The Stackhouse School is not closing.
 - Sittler will contact PFBC (Amidea Daniels) to ask what will happen to the PA Fishing Museum.
- Fred Bohls is the VP of the PA Fly Fishing Museum at Allenberry on the Yellow Breeches (Sittler)
 - Bohls has George Harvey's fly tying station in the museum. Bohls would like to know if SCTU would sponsor the exhibit in the amount of \$2.5K.
 - The Chapter will consider a few options, and discuss at the next board meeting.
 - Sittler will talk to Jen Shuey (Clearwater) to see if we could apply the existing George Harvey Memorial funds to the Bohls PA Fly Fishing Museum request.
- March 19th @ 0730 SCTU will present to the Spring Creek Watershed Association. The presentation will cover past, current, and future stream improvement projects. (Sittler)
- There will be an Earth Day Celebration at Millbrook Marsh on April 14th. SCTU will participate by providing a table. (Sittler)
- SCTU will participate at the Arbor Day fair at the PSU Arboretum, lead by Bill Voigt (Sittler).
- Conservation (Vierck, Mitchell) Committee
 - A complete list of Vierck's comments is provided in the appendix. A summary is below:
 - Milesburg bank improvement:
 - Scheduled for the week of June 24
 - The contractor bid is approximately \$2K over budget. Additionally, rebar that was not budgeted for will be necessary. However, the Western PA Conservancy may be able to help fund tree plantings and offset this cost increase.
 - PFBC parking lot improvements (Fisherman's Paradise and Rock Rd)
 - Scheduled for June / July 2013.
 - If a kayak portage is installed, it will not happen until 2014.
 - Oak Hall
 - Scheduled for 2014
 - The chapter desires to obtain a \$5K grant to purchase "My Healthy Stream" booklets for distribution to Lemont property owners
 - Water Resource Management of the PA League of Women Voters is a potential funding source via a "WREN" grant. They encourage applicants to obtain endorsement from local municipal entities. Mitchell is trying to make contact with the UAJA to see if they would endorse / sponsor our application.
- Watershed Watch (Donaldson)
 - Bob Donaldson inspected the former Ponderosa construction site (becoming a drug store) that is immediately adjacent to Slab Cabin Run. Donaldson found the site to be in good condition.
- Membership Committee (Stewart)
 - 12 new members joined between December and January

- Stewart spoke to Hoover regarding a PSU student on the SCTU board. Hoover is not enthusiastic about having an undergraduate student on the board due to their responsibilities / time constraints. Hoover felt that a graduate student might be better.
 - FYI:
 - Sittler is still working on the Juniata Boy Scout Council.
 - 2013 Rivers Conservation Camp is June 16-21. The target age group is 14-17.
 - Teen Summit will be in the Wyoming Tetons. Sittler was requested by National TU to attend / help, and she will.
 - PATU is having a meeting on Sunday morning (Youth Committee).
 - Wayne's Coldwater Kids is April 28th. Haser has 6 kids lined up.
 - Carline's Youth Mentor program at the Lamar Federal Fish Hatchery will be the 2nd week in June
 - Financial Development (Sittler)
 - We need to start thinking of alternative fundraising options to the annual banquet.
 - A few ideas
 - Fun Run through the Canyon
 - We could have a “On the Fly”, or similar, event
 - A Spikes baseball game
 - Purchase a guide for a day
- **Closing Information**
 - Adjourned at 2057
 - Motion: Brumbaugh
 - Second: Purtell
- **Action Item Summary:**
 - Judi will contact Attorney Tomczuk to setup a meeting to review the SGOC rules with Purtell and Brumbaugh.
 - After the attorney meeting, Purtell will schedule a pre-banquet review with the Officers.
 - Brumbaugh will send Vierck and Donaldson Mitchell Blake's CCC poster.
 - Sittler will research if she can provide an unused copy of MS Office for the Chapter laptop.
 - Sittler will contact PFBC (Amidea Daniels) to ask what will happen to the PA Fishing Museum at the Bellefonte Hatchery.
 - Sittler will talk to Jen Shuey (Clearwater) to see if we could apply the existing George Harvey Memorial funds to the Bohls PA Fly Fishing Museum request.
 - Stewart will contact the graduate students that Sittler knows to see if they want to be on the board.
 - Vierck will post a request to Facebook to see if any PSU students want to join the board.

Grant/Project Administration and Management:

1. Status of NFWF grant:

-SCCTU received a \$69,800 grant from NFWF in 2012 to complete in-stream and riparian habitat enhancement at 4 locations on Spring Creek. The 4 project locations from downstream to upstream are Milesburg, Fisherman's Paradise, Rock Road, and Oak Hall.

2. Partner roles:

-SCCTU's role

-general tasks: obtain bids for construction services and quotes for materials purchasing; hire contractor, purchase materials; coordinate volunteers for instream work and riparian plantings; coordinate with PFBC on project design and implementation; maintain clear, organized records of all bids and purchases as well as volunteer time and in-kind services to be used in grant reporting; prepare all grant reports; perform pre & post project monitoring.

-PFBC's role

-general tasks: provide technical insight and guidance with overall context of project, oversee in-stream habitat design, permitting and construction at Milesburg site, provide assistance with developing materials lists and quantities, assist with permitting, coordinate riparian plans and parking lot enhancements on PFBC properties.

2013 Project sites:

1. Milesburg site (First Energy property):

PFBC staff will lead design and permitting and oversee construction of in-stream habitat enhancement structures as well as help layout riparian planting locations.

- Request additional funding from FirstEnergy (**completed - \$1,000**)
- In-stream habitat project design and permitting – T. Neimond and R. Vierck (**completed**).
- Coordination with First Energy for final on-site review and approval of in-stream and riparian enhancements - T. Neimond and R. Vierck (**completed January 16, 2013**).
- Coordination with Milesburg City Council – T. Neimond and R. Vierck (Completed January 16, 2013)
- Development of materials list - T. Neimond and B. Vierck (**Completed**).
- Contact Western Pa. Conservancy for possible donation (**Completed**)
- Meet with Alysha Trexler (Western Pa. Conservancy) on site Discuss Possible contributions for Fisherman's Paradise, Lower McCoy and Rock Road. Also Deer Rd. Copy map and get to Alysha. (**Schmid, Sittler, Vierck - Completed, 02/07/2013**)
- Place bids for and select contractor - **B. Vierck (Feb/Mar 2013) Meeting held 2/7/2013 with Fran Camaroto and First Energy (Tim Beers). Bid received \$6750.00 vs \$4700.00. Need to award contract.**
- Purchase materials for in-stream work - **B. Vierck (Feb./Mar/Apr 2013). Most logs are stored at Rick Hoover's in Huntington. Need to order additional logs before March 1. Bid received for Stone from G.O. Hawbaker - \$18.00 per ton/\$400 per 22 ton load = \$2070 vs \$2000. Rebar – bid not yet received. Nothing budgeted.**

- Materials should be delivered to site one week before construction.
- In-stream work planned for late June. We will need to begin appeal for volunteers for week of June 24 in the near future.
- Project is expected to take 3-4 days. T. Neimond will oversee construction. SCCTU volunteers will assist with hand-labor and seeding and mulching for erosion and sediment control. SCCTU volunteers will be needed on site for each day of the project.
- Purchase materials for riparian plantings (**Working with Western Pa. Conservancy for possible assistance. Expect to hear in the next month. Budgeted \$6000 & expect significant savings. Sept 2013**).
- Riparian plantings will be conducted either during **Sept/Oct 2013**. SCCTU volunteers will be responsible for conducting plantings. PFBC maintenance staff can be approached or a contractor can be hired to auger holes for planting.

2. Fisherman's Paradise (PFBC property):

PFBC staff will coordinate design and layout of riparian plantings and parking area enhancements. If it is determined that a habitat structure should be installed at the upper end of the "no wading" area at Fisherman's Paradise to control bank erosion and serve as a voluntary kayak portage, PFBC staff will lead design and permitting of this structure. **If this component of the project occurs it will be completed in 2014.**

- Riparian planting design – J. Schmid, J. Detar, T. Gardner, SCCTU, ClearWater Conservancy, DCNR forester (**completed**)
- **Meet with Alysha Trexler of Western Pa. Conservancy. Provide her with Map and GPS pictures of the area. Receive her proposal for planting materials. First two items complete. Alysha is working on what Western Pa. Conservancy will be able to provide.**
- Coordination with PFBC administrators for final site review and approval (plantings and parking areas) - J. Schmid and J. Detar (**Feb/March 2013**)
- Development of planting materials list - J. Schmid (**Feb/March 2013**)
- Purchase materials for riparian plantings for spring 2013 - B. Vierck (**Feb/March 2013**)
- Riparian plantings will be conducted at multiple occasions during 2013 and 2014 either during the **spring (March/April) or fall (Sept/Oct)** periods. Plants should be purchased separately for each planting occasion. PFBC maintenance staff has initially agreed to auger holes for planting. SCCTU volunteers will be responsible for conducting plantings; PFBC staff can also be approached to request assistance with planting, level of assistance will likely be dependent on workload at time of planting. Hence it is important to divide plantings at this site over multiple occasions.
- Coordination with PFBC maintenance staff and Bellefonte Hatchery to develop design for parking area enhancements (resurfacing/drainage); - J. Schmid (**Feb/March 2013**)
- Development of parking lot enhancement materials list - J. Smith (**Feb/March 2013**)
- Purchase materials for parking area enhancements - B. Vierck (**June/July 2013**)
- Parking lot enhancements will be conducted by PFBC maintenance staff during **June/July 2013 (place holder, update when known)** - J. Smith.
- Plan to have materials delivered on first day of project - B. Vierck.

3. Rock Road (PFBC property):

PFBC staff will lead design and layout of riparian plantings and parking area enhancements.

- Initial field view of site; riparian plantings to go between current parking and stream; relatively small area - J. Detar and B. Vierck (**completed**)

- **Meet with Alysha Trexler of Western Pa. Conservancy. Provide her with Map and GPS pictures of the area. Receive her proposal for planting materials. First two items complete. Alysha is working on what Western Pa. Conservancy will be able to provide.**
- **Review plans with Historical Society and Spring Creek Canyon Technical Committee for approval.**
- Riparian planting design (final) – J. Schmid and B. Vierck (**May/June 2013**)
- Coordination with PFBC administrators for final site review and approval (plantings and parking areas); conduct at same time as Fisherman’s Paradise field view – J. Schmid and J. Detar (**Feb/March 2013**).
- Development of planting materials list - J. Schmid (**May/June 2013**).
- Purchase materials for riparian plantings for fall 2013 - B. Vierck (**Sept/Oct 2013**). PFBC maintenance staff has initially agreed to auger holes for planting. SCCTU volunteers will be responsible for conducting plantings; PFBC staff can also be approached to request assistance with planting, level of assistance will likely be dependent on workload at time of planting.
- Coordination with PFBC maintenance and property services staff to develop design for parking area enhancements (resurfacing/drainage/e & s control); combine with coordination of Fisherman’s Paradise parking lots - J. Schmid (**Feb/March 2013**).
- Development of parking lot enhancement materials list - J. Smith (**Feb/March 2013**).
- Purchase materials for parking area enhancements - B. Vierck (**June/July 2013**)
- Parking lot enhancements will be conducted by PFBC maintenance staff during **June/July 2013 (place holder, update when known)** - J. Smith
- Plan to have materials delivered on first day of project - B. Vierck.

2014 Project sites:

1. Oak Hall (private/homeowner association property):

SCCTU will work with Wetlands Habitat Management (WHM) to conduct bank stabilization work on Anne Kelly property. If additional funding becomes available via a TU EAS grant, additional work may be considered for Joe Humphreys property pending future discussions on public access and downstream ecological benefits of project. PFBC staff is not planning to be directly involved with this project but is willing to provide technical insight if needed.

2. Complete riparian plantings at Fisherman’s Paradise and Rock Road as needed.

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12-18-2012
J. Schmid, T. Neimond, J. Detar