

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

15 April 2013

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Jim Purtell
 - Bob Vierck
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Judi Sittler
 - Bill Voigt
 - Mark Pencak
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Fiona Stewart
 - Bob Donaldson
 - Al Phillips (guest)
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1902
- Review of old minutes
 - Minutes from the last meeting were not available.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$56272.22
- Corrections: None
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Pencak
 - Second: Purtell

- **Old Business**

- Banquet summary
 - Sittler commended Purtell for a job well done on the banquet.
 - The net banquet income for 2013 was approximately \$7400. This is about \$1K less than 2012 (approximately \$8300). NOTE: an accounting error on the handout shows that the 2012 banquet had a net income of \$9400, but it was actually approximately \$8300.
 - The new PA small games of chance laws put us at a severe handicap, and limited our ability to make a profit. The elimination of the bucket raffles more than accounts for the reduction in profit.
 - Sittler will schedule a meeting "over the summer" to discuss the banquet and how to more equitably divide the work next year for the banquet.
- George Harvey display at the Allenberry Resort (Sittler)
 - Tabled for later
- Logan Branch Update
 - Nick Schipanski (WRMP) wrote a proposal to add conductivity monitoring below the former Cerro plant and periodic macro-invertebrate studies above and below the former Cerro plant. The results of that proposal are still pending.

- Brumbaugh submitted the chapter comment to the SRBC regarding the Navituss LLC withdrawal application (SRBC 2012-120).
- Brumbaugh received the GOH / Graymont package from the DEP regarding the proposed Tressler quarry.
- Brenchley and Sittler manned the SCTU table at the Appalachian Outdoors festival on 4/13/13.
- Sittler and Voigt manned the SCTU table at the Millbrook Marsh earth day event on 4/14/13.

- **New Business**

- Guest speakers for monthly membership meetings
 - Mark Pencak invited Al Phillips to discuss the process of getting speakers to come to the meetings
 - Phillips suggests:
 - Talking to speakers about 3 months in advance
 - Make sure you advertise to the members about the speaker (newsletter, website, Ch 4)
 - Make sure you talk to the Comfort Suites manager to schedule the room. They schedule on a 12 month basis, which runs July to June.
 - You may need to make accommodating arrangements (travel, hotel, meals) to get out of town guests here. Use the Comfort Suites as the hotel room so they can receive (some) compensation for them letting us use the meeting room.
 - Van Horn does a nice job of paying all of the presenters on the spot, at the time of the meeting. Al felt this was important to the speakers.
 - Al suggests that out of town speakers should get paid for their speaking service. He generally doesn't pay local people or people that are advertising their fly shop.
 - Al generally tries to limit payment to the speakers to no more than \$300.
 - Al suggests that we could occasionally try to piggy back off of the PSU fly fishing club for meeting speakers. The PSU fly fishing club has deep pockets to get big name speakers (university money), and access to large rooms.
 - Pencak suggested it would be a good idea to get some fishing DVD's as a back up for when a speaker cannot be obtained or if the speaker cancels.
 - Donaldson suggested adding the membership meeting speaker as a standing item to the board of director's meeting
- Centre Gives event
 - Vierck is working on a theme for the event.
 - The online donation event is May 22nd (6AM) to May 23rd (6 PM).
- Van Horn, and a representative from Clearwater, signed the PFBC paperwork that will allow for the construction of a Tony Gerace memorial bench at Fisherman's Paradise.
- SCTU will have a table at the PSU Arbor Day event.
- Sittler wrote an article "Think Like a Watershed" for the Lemont Bulletin.
 - Donaldson suggested contacting Adam Brumbaugh to see if the article could be added to the College Township "Gateways" newsletter.
- Krisland Camp

- This camp is a Presbyterian “sleep over” camp. The camp is near Roaring Run.
 - The camp is a week long, and it was asked if SCTU could come for a few hours a day to cover fishing topics.
 - It is possible that SCTU could be paid for participating in the camp.
 - Greg Mackelvane now runs the camp. The dates are June 17 – 21, with kids ranging from 5th to 8th grade.
 - One of the activities would be to take the kids to the federal Lamar fish hatchery.
 - Sittler will try to convince Mackelvane to condense our participation down to 1 day, instead of a few hours every day.
- Sittler pointed out that businesses that donate \$1K or more to TU can become a “TU Endorsed” business.
 - Given how much Fly Fisher's Paradise donates to the annual banquet, they may be eligible for the advertising.
- Steak Fry
 - The steak fry is schedule for June 8th from 2-6 PM.
 - The event will be held at Spring Creek Park again.
- Spring Creek Watershed Association
 - The Spring Creek Watershed Association is tomorrow (4/16/13) at 730 AM.
- Bellefonte art museum will feature waterways of Pennsylvania in their June and July programs (Vierck).
- Habitat Committee
 - The Rock Rd part of the project has not advanced due to personnel illnesses at PFBC (Vierck).
- Membership Committee (Stewart)
 - There are 4 new members since last month.
- Embrace A Stream Grant (from TU)
 - We were informed that TU did not accept our grant proposal for EAS.
 - Mitchell followed up with TU as to why our application was denied.
 - TU replied that our application was low on chapter (labor) hours and donated dollars. Also, our application was low on education and outreach.
 - Mitchell feels that we were encouraged by TU to break the project into 2 phases – which meant that our application was necessarily lacking in education and outreach (this would have been the 2nd phase).
 - It seems generally confusing, at this time, what TU would like to see in an EAS application.
- **Closing Information**
 - Adjourned at 2102
 - Motion: Brumbaugh
 - Second: Purtell
- **Action Item Summary:**
 - Sittler will contact Greg Mackelvane (re Chrisland Camp) to see if our participation can be condensed to 1 day instead of a few hours each day.
 - Sittler will schedule a meeting “over the summer” to discuss the banquet and how to more equitably divide the work next year for the banquet.