

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 18 November 2013

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Judi Sittler
  - Bob Vierck
  - Rick Vierck
  - Bob Donaldson
  - Mark Pencak
  - Bill Voigt
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Jim Lanning (guest)
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1904
- Review of old minutes
  - Amendments: Chuck Hager was the other PFBC personnel at the walleye meeting.
  - Old minutes approved as amended
    - Motion: Vierck
    - Second: Mitchell

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$73965.61
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
  - Motion to approve: Vierck
  - Second: Voigt

- **Old Business**

- Donaldson will prepare a memorandum of understanding to sign between PFBC and SCTU to state the PFBC will monitor water temperature (inlet, outlet, etc) and detail a possible grant relationship in the case that remediation is needed.
  - Done 11/2/13
- Brumbaugh will draft a letter in opposition to HB1576.
  - Done, the board approved of the letter. Brumbaugh will mail tomorrow.
- Slab Cabin Run Class A Wild Trout Designation
  - Another meeting was held November 6 with CRCOG. PFBC and DEP attended this time.
  - Sittler and Donaldson attended for SCCTU. Sittler and Donaldson report that the DEP appeared to be willing to work with CRCOG and UAJA to develop a common sense solution to address UAJA beneficial reuse discharge to Slab Cabin Run. This will be a critical issue if the DEP designates Slab Cabin Run as HQ-CWF.
  - Sittler read the SCCTU position statement, in support of the Class A and HQ-CWF designation, at the meeting.

- Return the Roots WREN
  - The interim report was submitted 11/14/13.
  - Sittler intends to mail the books to homeowners this week.
  - Vierck reports that a backyard makeover winner will be selected soon.
- PSU Duck Pond Meeting
  - Sittler and Donaldson met with PSU OPP (Larry Fennessy) about the Duck Pond.
  - PSU is part of the MS4 municipalities group, that is controlled by DEP NPDES permits for stormwater discharge.
  - PSU, State College Borough, and Furguson township discharge to the Duck Pond. However, PSU is responsible for developing a plan to deal with the storm water in the Duck Pond.
  - PSU and other municipalities are looking to reduce sediment and nitrate discharge in stormwater run off.
  - PSU is actively working on a new plan to manage the Duck Pond, but they are not ready to share it yet.
  - PSU OPP is coming to the May 4 meeting to generically talk about storm water management on the campus.
  - At this time, no future meetings are scheduled with PSU OPP until they can publicly discuss their plan.
- SCCTU sold 3X TIC raffle ticket books.
- Van Horn reports that the Tony Gerace memorial bench is almost complete. The bench is currently being powder finished. Van Horn spoke with PFBC about location at Fisherman's Paradise. SCCTU and Clearwater will be responsible for pouring a concrete pad for the bench.
- **New Business**
  - Donaldson reports that the Spring Creek Watershed Commission will hold a forum on stormwater sometime in February and March.
  - Mark Pencak will look into getting a recognition plaque for the Comfort Suites in recognition of their services to SCCTU (meeting rooms, etc).
  - SCCTU Board Elections
    - At the January general membership meeting, the chapter will vote on SCCTU board members.
    - At the January SCCTU board meeting, the board will vote on SCCTU chapter officers.
    - The following positions are up for re-election:
      - Van Horn: willing to run for the board
      - Vierck: willing to run for the board
      - Brumbaugh: willing to run for the board
      - Pencak: willing to run for the board
    - Jim Purtell resigned from the SCCTU board effective 11/18/13.
    - This means that there are 3 board positions open that need to be filled.
  - New Zealand Mud Snails
    - PFBC has confirmed that they found New Zealand mud snails in Spring Creek.
    - Bill Voigt will investigate what it would cost to post signs along Spring Creek warning fisherman to clean their gear.
  - Christmas Party

- The party will be held at Sittler's house again on 12/13/13.
    - The chapter will pay for purchased food this year out of the “marketing” fund with a limit of \$250. Guests will bring their own beverages.
      - Motion: Vierck
      - Second: Mitchell
    - Pencak will research obtaining frozen lasagnas as food for the party.
  - Order of the Sulfur Award
    - Sittler would like to nominate Mark Nale from the CDT.
    - Vierck suggested Anne Donovan, Jen Shuey, and Bill Brusse.
  - General membership meeting
    - Barry Eckwahl will present at the December meeting about Great Lakes steelhead fishing.
    - The January meeting will be moved from January 2 to January 9. The board meeting will still be the regularly scheduled January 13. Vierck (and maybe Kempf) will present on the history of SCCTU.
  - Newsletter
    - Vierck is now writing the newsletter, because Chris Hennessey retired.
    - Sittler nominates Art Kempf for “Volunteer of the Month”
  - NFWF Update
    - Approximately \$11K has been spent to date.
    - The tree planting at the Milesburg site was completed. Plants were provided by 'Pikes Peak'. It was not possible to get plants from the Western PA Conservancy because First Energy could not sign the requisite waiver to promise to protect the trees.
    - Jim Lanning will check to see if more nets need to be installed on the shrubs at the Milesburg site.
  - Watershed Watch
    - No report.
  - Banquet Committee
    - Jim Lanning is Banquet Chair.
    - The banquet will be March 29, 2014.
    - Proposed name: Spring Creek TU Conservation Fundraiser, Protecting the Jewel
  - Education and Youth
    - Sittler reports that Dave Truesdale (SCCTU member) is doing a nice job managing our 4 TIC classrooms.
  - SCCTU will participate in the February 2014 Coldwater Conference at the Ramada Inn.
    - Bill Voigt volunteered to man the poster.
- **Closing Information**
  - Adjourned at 2040
  - Motion: Vierck
  - Second: Brumbaugh
- **Action Item Summary:**
  - Bill Voigt will investigate what it would cost to post signs along Spring Creek warning fisherman to clean their gear.
  - Pencak will research obtaining frozen lasagnas as food for the party.
  - Van Horn will contact Centre Foundation about getting updates when the SCCTU

endowment receives a donation and provide the current balance in the endowment.