

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

16 December 2013

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Judi Sittler
 - Bob Vierck
 - Paula Sowers
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Bill Voigt
 - Lynn Mitchell
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1902
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Old minutes approved without amendment
 - Motion: Mitchell
 - Second: Van Horn

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$74,541.50 (checking & CD) + \$12050 (endowment)
- Corrections: XX
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Vierck
 - Second: Voigt

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
- Bill Voigt will investigate what it would cost to post signs along Spring Creek warning fisherman to clean their gear.
 - Voigt spoke to Rob Morgan of PFBC about the signs. PFBC has already posted signs, but they are cardboard.
 - Rob Morgan would like to take SCTU to the stream to show them first hand the infected areas and what the snails look like.
 - Morgan suggested that the chapter should have a press release regarding the New Zealand Mudsnails.
 - Morgan would like to hold a forum to show local anglers how to clean their gear.
 - Voigt will talk to Pencak about having Morgan speak for a 10 minute presentation (not the main speaker) at the March or April general membership meeting. George Daniel is already announced as the main speaker at the March meeting.
 - Voigt will coordinate with Morgan to have an on-stream visitation to look at the snails.
 - Voigt will look into pricing a more permanent sign.

- Pencak will research obtaining frozen lasagnas as food for the party.
 - Done, the Christmas party was a success.
- Van Horn will contact Centre Foundation about getting updates when the SCCTU endowment receives a donation and provide the current balance in the endowment.
 - Done, but Centre Foundation was not able to provide assurance that we would receive any kind of updates.

- **New Business**

- SCCTU Endorsed Businesses
 - Pencak spoke to Comfort Inn
 - This is tabled until Pencak can make the next meeting.
- Board member elections
 - Jim Lanning is enthusiastic about joining.
 - Sittler will speak to Dudukovich about joining the board.
 - Vierck will speak with Kristen Saacke Blunke about joining the board.
- Order of the Sulfur Award
 - Vierck nominates Anne Donovan for the Order of the Sulfur Award.
 - Mitchell second the motion.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
- Tony Gerace Memorial
 - Van Horn brought a picture of the Gerace Memorial bench.
 - PFBC may not be able to help install the pad for the bench at Fisherman's Paradise.
- Graymont / Hawbaker Quarry and Mine Permits
 - Vierck met with Graymont on Friday, Brumbaugh met with Graymont today.
 - Vierck and Brumbaugh believe that Graymont will amend their permit application to the following:
 - The first 300 gpm will be discharged to Whiterock Sink.
 - Flows over 300 gpm will be discharged to Whiterock Sink, the 'pipeline' that discharges directly to Logan Branch, or to Whiterock Quarry.
 - Turbidity and temperature alarms will be placed at the inlet of the pipe. The alarm levels will be consistent with the Chapter 93 limits.
 - If the alarms are reached, water will be diverted from the pipe to the Whiterock Sink or the Whiterock Quarry.
 - Brumbaugh commented that the temperature alarm should be based on the outlet temperature of the pipe (not the inlet).
 - Graymont has pledged to more evenly moderate the flow rate of the pipe.
 - As part of the Tressler Quarry expansion, Graymont/Hawbaker will keep more water in reserve at the Whiterock Quarry.
 - Generally, this seems like a good approach, but Vierck and Brumbaugh would like to see the details in writing.
 - Graymont has submitted a revised permit to DEP. We need to watch the PA Bulletin for public notice of this permit revision, so that we can read the details.
- Spring Creek Watershed Commission
 - Spring Creek Watershed Commission sent a letter to Sittler to invite SCCTU to be a supporter or sponsor of an upcoming seminar "Medications in the Environment" on 2/12/14.
 - Brumbaugh made a motion to sponsor the talk for \$50.
 - Vierck second the motion

- The motion carried unanimously.
 - Coldwater Conference
 - The Coldwater Conference will be held February 21 – 22, 2014 at the Ramda Inn. The cost to have a poster / table at the conference is \$100 (with 1 registrant). Each additional registrant is \$60.
 - Van Horn made a motion to pay the \$100 to have a table / poster.
 - Vierck second.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
 - Dan Shields books.
 - Dan sold us 100 books at a price of \$4 each (we sell them for \$10). We are nearly out now.
 - At this time, we will wait a little bit before ordering more books.
 - Membership Committee
 - Sowers reports that no new members have joined in the past month.
 - General Membership Meeting
 - The January general membership meeting will be Vierck's presentation on the history of SCCTU.
 - Habitat Committee (Vierck)
 - Straw was spread in November at the Milesburg site.
 - We have contracted to do some grass replanting at the Milesburg site (again) in the Spring.
 - There is a Thursday (12/19/13) meeting scheduled with PFBC to discuss permits for the parking lots at Rock Road and Fisherman's Paradise.
 - Banquet Committee (Sittler)
 - The name is “Spring TU's 41st Annual Dinner and Fundraiser”

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2008
- Motion: Van Horn
- Second: Vierck

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