

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

17 February 2014

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Bob Vierck
 - Paula Sowers
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Bill Voigt
 - Judi Sittler
 - Jim Lanning
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Mark Pencak
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1902
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: 1 typo
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Sittler
 - Second: Vierck

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$72573.20
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Mitchell
 - Second: Sittler

- **Old Business**

- TU Endorsed Businesses (Pencak)
 - No Update
- Keystone Coldwater Conference
 - Sittler and Voigt will man a booth at the conference.

- **New Business**

- Banquet Committee (Lanning + Dudukovich)
 - The bamboo rod was delivered, but the rod tube was damaged.
 - Ben Turpin said he will fix the damage, and Dudukovich will handle getting the problem resolved with Ben.
 - Dudukovich contacted Purtell about last year's prize budget. Purtell recalled that the budget was \$3200.
 - Lanning made a motion to budget \$3200 for purchase of prizes for the banquet
 - Second by Dudukovich.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
 - Vierck reports that Jenn Shuey will paint a picture from a photograph of someone

fishing on Spring Creek. Members can submit pictures for consideration by March 5th. Jenn will pick the winner to be painted on March 6th. The person that submits the winning picture will win a hat.

- The Central PA Women Anglers are going to design the table center pieces this weekend.
- In-kind donors will be recognized on the website and program. 'Extra' donors will be recognized additionally as appropriate.
- March 1st @ 0900 is the next banquet committee meeting.
- SCCTU made a \$150 donation to Centre Parks and Recreation to sponsor a youth to the summer trout camp. SCCTU did NOT designate the winner, Centre Parks and Recreation must pick the winner.
- Membership and Public Relations (Sowers)
 - 25 new members joined in the last month.
 - Pencak will email Sowers notes about the March general meeting for George Daniels
- General Membership meetings
 - Pencak reports that this season's presentation schedule is full.
 - Pencak is taking suggestions for next season's meetings.
- Conservation
 - Watershed Watch: no report this month
 - NFWF grant
 - SCCTU met with PFBC last week regarding Fisherman's Paradise and Rock Rd. Permits are all in place, except a PNDI hit in Fisherman's Paradise. Tyler is confident this issue can be overcome with additionally submitted paperwork.
 - We are still negotiating with Western PA Conservancy to obtain trees and materials, pending paperwork concerns.
 - Vierck is working on a strategy to get equipment and materials across the creek for the plantings at the McCoy Site.
 - Oak Hall: Vierck is negotiating the price with contractors to work on the Anne Kelly property.
 - Return the Roots
 - The winning 'make over' property is immediately adjacent to Happy Valley Brewing. The work will be done in late April or early May.
 - The Return the Roots program was featured in an NPR interview.
 - Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - The Graymont permit was issued by DEP on 14 January 2014.
 - Discharge to the Whiterock Sink is required to be 1000 – 3000 gpm, and cannot change by more than 750 gpm / hour.
 - Discharge to the above ground pipe will continue, but the flow rate cannot change by more than 1500 gpm / hour.
 - Turbidity limits from the previous permit will carry over to the new permit.
 - Temperature monitoring will be done 6/1/14 – 9/30/14. Graymont will be required to submit the temperature data to DEP by 10/31/14. At this point, the data is information only and DEP will NOT require Graymont to meet Chapter 93 temperature limits by permit. SCCTU can request the temperature data for review after 10/31/14.

- HB1576/SB1047 (Endangered Species Act)
 - Mike Hanna's office stated that Representative Hanna will not support HB1576 as long as it requires the PFBC to get approval from IRRC for Class A Wild Trout Waters.
 - Scott Conklin's office has stated that Representative Conklin will not support HB1576.
 - Kerry Benninghoff's office has been unavailable for comment so far regarding HB1576.
 - Jake Corman's office has been unavailable for comment so far regarding SB1047.
- Education (Sittler)
 - Mentored Youth Fishing Days is sponsored by PFBC, where PFBC stocks PA lakes with trout. An adult takes a youth to go fishing prior to opening day. PFBC is encouraging TU chapters to help volunteer at the Mentored Youth Fishing Days. Saturday April 5th at Whipple Dam is the local event in this area.
 - SCCTU will setup a booth April 5th at Whipple Dam. Sittler is looking for volunteers to help.
 - Angler Survey: SCCTU is helping the PFBC with the Spring Creek angler survey.
 - Sittler made business cards for volunteers to hand out.
 - The survey will start March 1, 2014.
 - Sittler will hold the next Anglers Survey meeting on March 6th from 6-7 PM.
 - Sittler makes a motion to provide hats to all Angler Survey volunteers.
 - Vierck seconded the motion.
 - The motion carried unanimously.
- Financial Development
 - The annual Centre Gives form is filled out, and will be submitted by Vierck.
- **Closing Information**
 - Adjourned at 2045 by Vierck.