

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

19 May 2014

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Bob Vierck
 - Mark Pencak
 - Judi Sittler
 - Jim Lanning
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Paula Sowers
 - Dave Dudukovich
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1904
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Pencak
 - Second: Sittler

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$62,314.15
- Corrections: NONE
- Banquet
 - We netted approximately \$12K on the banquet (final number)
 - Income
 - Dinner = \$6650
 - Silent Auction / Raffles
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion: Lanning
 - Second: Mitchell

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
 - Vierck will contact Beverly Smith to see if we are allowed to sell paraphernalia at the Mid-Atlantic meeting.
 - Bob spoke to Bev Smith, the answer is NO.
 - Vierck will contact national TU about helping to prevent the spread of NZ mud snails and/or how to deal with them in Spring Creek.
 - Bob spoke with national TU. Bob also spoke to 3 different professors, and none of them felt the snails could be stopped. Bob was able to get the NZ mud snails added to the mid-Atlantic regional meeting agenda.
 - Brumbaugh will contact the Ruffed Grouse Society to see when their banquet is next year.
 - Brumbaugh contacted Jim Weaver, who is no longer the Ruffed Grouse Banquet Chair. Jim said they do not have a new chairman yet, nor do

they have a definite date, but Ruffed Grouse traditionally tries to have the banquet on the 3rd weekend of March.

- Mitchell will contact Penns Creek TU to see when their banquet is next year.
 - The Penns Creek banquet is the 3rd weekend in March.
- Pencak will contact PFBC to see if we can get the name / contact info of the local WCO.
 - The local WCO is Greg Kraynak. To contact the WCO, you have to contact PFBC at Stackhouse.
- Mid-Atlantic TU Regional Meeting
 - All board members are encouraged to attend
 - Sowers will be on the TU panel discussing how to involve women in TU
- Columbia Shirts
 - We chose an insignia option for the shirt.
- Banquet wrap-up
 - A few thank you notes, with missing addresses, still need to be sent
 - Vierck has the 2 rods (yet to be raffled off)
 - Sowers has all other banquet items
- **New Business**
 - Membership Committee (Sowers)
 - 13 new members joined this month
 - Tertiary Treatment (Sowers)
 - Joe Boston will be the May volunteer of the month
 - Sowers asked for article ideas
 - Conservation (Vierck)
 - The Return the Roots planting will be this Thursday (5/22/14). Two PSU students volunteered to help with the project.
 - Sowers will contact Clearwater to see if Clearwater can supplement with additional volunteers.
 - At the upper Milesburg site, there has been some significant erosion between the 3rd and 4th deflectors. PFBC will be adding 'cork logs' (5/20/14) between the deflectors to sure up the bank.
 - An interpretive sign will be added near the Milesburg bridge, pending Milesburg council approval (expected 6/9/14). Vierck wrote a letter to Brent Vernese to see if they can aid in sign installation.
 - Dethatching on the lower Milesburg section will be on 5/27/14. Wild flowers will be planted after the dethatching. A small planting will also be required to replace the trees that died over the winter.
 - Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - Rte 550 Property
 - No update.
 - Bellefonte Flood Wall
 - Bellefonte is building a flood wall on the North side of the stream between High St and Lamb St.
 - A meeting was held a Bellefonte Borough Council on 5/14/14. PFBC and SCCTU attended. The plan, as presented on 5/14/14 was not “good” for fish habitat. PFBC and SCCTU objected to the plan, and asked for the inclusion of fish habitat. Bellefonte Borough was receptive to the suggestions.
 - PFBC and SCTU will walk the stream section with Bellefonte and

Bellefonte's contractor on 5/20/14 to make suggested improvements to include fish habitat.

- Shiloh Rd.
 - A mud puddle, at the bottom of Shiloh Hill (just before you go across the bridge) is contributing sedimentation to Spring Creek. The path forward to getting this fixed is difficult because of road ownership issues.
 - The 'ditch' that runs down the hill does not seem to be contributing sedimentation to the creek. Muddy water can be observed in the ditch at the top of the hill, but the ditch at the bottom of the hill is dry. The water must be being absorbed by the ground somewhere on the hill. Further observation is required.
- Fox Hollow Rd.
 - Bad erosion was observed at the pump station that is being constructed at Fox Hollow / I-99 overpass.
 - Storm water from this drainage ditch flows into the Big Hollow and is absorbed into the ground. At this time, we do not believe the storm water from this area is making it to Spring Creek.
- Education (Sittler)
 - Carline is setting up another fishing day in Lamar with the Youth Service Bureau.
 - SCCTU had a table at the Shaver's Creek Trail's Day.
- Financial Development
 - Centre Gives raised \$2740.00 before the match. We expect the total to be ~\$3200 after match.
 - Taylor Moran committed to donate \$100 a month for the foreseeable future. Mr. Moran is a former member of the PSU Fly Fishing Club, and wanted to donate to a conservation organization.
 - Sittler was able to secure a donation of \$2400 from '100+ Women'. The funding will be used to setup a Trout in the Classroom kit at Bellefonte Middle School 7th grade.
- General Membership Meetings (Pencak)
 - Several ideas were proposed for membership meeting presentations.
 - Dasante (Jim Gazza) has offered to give a presentation / tour.
- SCCTU will send flowers to Gloria Humphreys, who is very sick.
 - Approximately \$50 will be spent. Vierck will order the flowers and have them sent to Mt. Nittany Hospital.
 - Motion: Lanning
 - Second: Mitchell
- The Family Picnic will be June 7th.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2037
- Motion: Sowers
- Second: Mitchell

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Bill Voigt will contact PFBC regarding wash stations on Spring Creek.
- Vierck will send flowers to Gloria Humphreys.