

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

13 October 2014

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Bob Vierck
 - Judi Sittler
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Jim Lanning
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Mark Pencak
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1900
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Lanning
 - Second: Van Horn

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$72601.45
- The current endowment balance is \$16588.21.
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Mitchell
 - Second: Lanning

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
 - Dudukovich/Sittler to work out details of shirt embroidery drop off.
 - This is still a work in progress.
 - Sowers will work on email communication about shirt embroidery, details to be added once available.
 - This is still a work in progress.
 - Dudukovich will research how the total money we received from TU National is calculated.
 - Dave is not here to report.
 - Vierck / Sittler will set up meeting with Centre Foundation concerning endowment.
 - Sittler will do this.
 - Vierck to send topics for Strategic Planning sessions.
 - Completed.
 - Vierck to ask Brumbaugh to be chairman of new nominating committee.
 - Completed. Brumbaugh will be the BOD member of the committee and

will find an additional 2 non-BOD members.

- Sowers to get input for list of Volunteer of the Month/Volunteer Spotlight
 - Done.
- Vierck to file NFWF grant extension
 - Done.
- Slaughterhouse Rd.
 - Paul Dombrowski (PADEP) contacted Lanning to inquire about what SCTU intends to do about the dam on the 'Slaughterhouse Rd property'. Dombrowski said that Dan Ryan (PFBC) had contacted him to inquire about the issue.
 - This issue is tabled until we receive more information about what Dan Ryan (PFBC) sent to Dombrowski at PADEP.
- **New Business**
 - Annual Dinner and Fundraiser (Mitchell)
 - Lynn intends to start in earnest next month.
 - The banquet will be at the Ramada (instead of the Mountain View Country Club).
 - Membership
 - Sowers is absent but working on the newsletter.
 - General Membership Meetings
 - The scheduled presenter cancelled. A replacement speaker was found: Shannon White will present on the intelligence of fish.
 - Christmas Party
 - Bill Brusse volunteered to hold the Christmas Party. Sittler is concerned that Brusse's house is not big enough.
 - Legislation
 - Bellefonte Flood Wall: No update. We are even unclear if the Bellefonte contractor submitted the permit to DEP for review.
 - Hanson Quarry: Brumbaugh spoke with PADEP, and was told to standby.
 - HB1565: No current update.
 - PFBC stocking of Class A Waters: Brumbaugh spoke with Mark Nale about his CDT article. Brumbaugh's current understanding: PFBC is considering to continue stocking on Class A wild trout streams where they have historically stocked. Brumbaugh sent an email to Jason Deter to obtain his understanding, but did not receive a reply yet. As of right now, we (SCTU), does not have first hand information
 - Riparian Buffer exception in Benner Township: Two cabins on Spring Creek Rd. have been proposed to be demolished and rebuilt. The cabins lay within the defined Riparian Buffer zone, and thus require an exception to permit construction. Brumbaugh attended the 10/9 zoning hearing at Benner Township. The new cabins will actually be located further from the stream, and the owner plans to make the area adjacent to the stream a green. The permit was allowed by Benner Township, with the provision that sedimentation controls must be put in
 - Benner Township is considering revision of their building ordinances (including the environmental section). The next meeting will be Thursday, 10/23. Vierck and Brumbaugh plan to attend.
 - Conservation (Vierck)
 - The 'NFWF projects' (McCoy planting, Milesburg, Fisherman's Paradise, Rock Rd, Oak Hall) are under budget. It is likely that we will have excess funds at the completion of the project and may need to return money to NFWF.

- Trout in the Class Room (Sittler)
 - Egg packing will be 10/30 and 11/4 if anyone wants to help out.
 - We currently have 3 tanks that are active.
 - Sittler is writing an article for Trout Magazine about the Return the Roots Backyard makeover.
- Veterans Service Program (Lanning)
 - Mark Nale wrote a nice article in PA Outdoor News of the VSP program.
 - VSP participants painted the Clearwater Conservancy building.
 - PSU sent a letter requesting our financial support for 'Uptown Hoedown for Little Heroes.' Sittler will consider and report back to the board.
- Strategic Planning (Vierck)
 - Vierck created a starting outline for strategic planning. The plan looks forward for 3-5 years. The purpose of this discussion is to list topics that we want to cover in the future (not necessarily cover them tonight).
 - Vierck hopes to complete the plan by the end of the December.
 - Topics include:
 - Conservation
 - Engagement
 - Communications
 - Funding & Administration
 - Suggestions:
 - Add SCCTU easements (along Spring Creek) to the list: regarding the easements we already have and acquisition of new easements for fishing access
 - Add 'Outreach' to Conservation Advocacy to the list
 - Add Return the Roots to the list
 - Add Headwaters and Tributaries to the list
 - Add Water Resource Monitoring Project (WRMP) to the list
 - Add 'Dirt and Gravel Roads' and 'Culverts' to planning for the future
 - Add 'Modifying the by-laws to expand our purview outside of the SC watershed.' This could include the area that was formerly covered by the Wood Duck Chapter.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2113
- Motion: Brumbaugh
- Second: Van Horn

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Lanning and Vierck will continue contact with Dombrowski regarding the Slaughterhouse Rd.
- Sittler will query people to ask if they would be willing to host the Christmas party.
- Brumbaugh will talk to Dave Miko about the proposed stocking of Class A waters.
- Vierck will talk to Detar about the proposed stocking of Class A waters.
- Brumbaugh will review the proposed amendments to the environmental section of the Benner Township building ordinances.
- Sittler will research 'Uptown Hoedown for Little Heroes' and report back to the BOD.