

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

17 November 2014

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Bob Vierck
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Bill Voigt
 - Paula Sowers
 - Jim Lanning
 - Judi Sittler
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Rich Van Horn
 - 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 = \$69839.75
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Lanning
 - Second: Sowers

- **Old Business**

- Action Items:
 - Dudukovich and Sittler will coordinate shirt embroidery.
 - Done
 - Dudukovich will research how the total money we received from TU National is calculated.
 - New TU memberships do generate a "rebate" to SCCTU based on a graduated scale based on their membership level. This sign-up must be done via a specific website (www.tu.org/intro).
 - PATU is likely taking the \$1 rebate for membership renewals.
 - Vierck / Sittler will set up meeting with Centre Foundation concerning endowment.
 - Vierck and Sittler met with Molly regarding notification of when a donor is made to SCTU via the Foundation. SCCTU is still awaiting resolution from Molly as to why we don't receive a donation notification.
 - Lanning and Vierck will continue contact with Dombrowski regarding the

Slaughterhouse Rd.

- No update.
- Sowers will get input for volunteer of the month.
 - Joe Boston will be the next volunteer of the month.
- Vierck to file for a NFWF grant extension.
 - The extension was received for June 1, 2015.
- Sittler will query people to ask if they would be willing to host the Christmas party.
 - Done Sowers will host.
- Brumbaugh will talk to Dave Miko about the proposed stocking of Class A waters.
 - See below.
- Vierck will talk to Detar about the proposed stocking of Class A waters.
 - See below.
- Brumbaugh will review the proposed amendments to the environmental section of the Benner Township building ordinances.
 - Done. A letter was sent to summarize our comments and a Benner Township Planning Commission meeting was attended by Vierck, Sowers, and Brumbaugh. SCCTU will be invited back to another Planning Commission meeting at a future date.
- Sittler will research 'Uptown Hoedown for Little Heroes' and report back to the BOD.
 - It was decided to drop this issue, and will not be pursued any further.
- Recognition for Comfort Suites and Fly Fisherman's Paradise.
 - Sittler and Pencak found a plaque they recommend for presentation to Comfort Suites and FFP. The recommended plaque costs \$65 - \$80 for Comfort Suites and \$135 for FFP.
 - The recommendation was unanimously approved to buy both memorabilia for Comfort Suites and Fly Fisherman's Paradise.
- **New Business**
 - Annual Dinner and Fundraiser (Mitchell)
 - Mitchell and Sowers are working on the invite letters. The goal is to have all the letters ready for mailing in the next month.
 - The banquet / dinner is scheduled for March 14 at the Ramada Conference Room.
 - Committee Members
 - Next month's board of director's meeting will include 30 minutes for discussion about organization of the banquet meeting.
 - Membership and Public Relations (Sowers)
 - Sowers will send all veterans names to "Allen" at National because the veterans have not been added to the chapter membership.
 - Sowers is researching what exact geographic area our chapter covers.
 - Social Committee (Pencak)
 - The Christmas party is December 12, 2014.
 - Pencak, Lanning, Sittler, and Sowers will organize the food / party.
 - Conservation (Vierck)
 - US Fish and Wildlife has bid the Oak Hall project for \$12,040 (w/o planting). They have oral approval from the Conservation District to adjust the permit so that we don't have to buy the \$5K mat logs. They will stage logs and stone in January, and clear some of the brush while the ground is frozen. Work will then be completed in March. We have a list of the homeowners from N. Atherton to the Lawson Farm

along Slab Cabin Run. We plan to contact the homeowners to do a walk through to potentially identify areas for stream improvement / stream bank stabilization.

- Voigt commented that a tree is down in Spring Creek near the PSU sheep farm, and he believes the downed tree is causing significant erosion. Vierck will contact PFBC about the issue to obtain their opinion.
- Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - Bellefonte Flood Wall: Vierck sent a letter of support to DEP regarding the Bellefonte Flood Wall because it includes instream habitat improvement features.
 - Graymont mine discharge to Logan Branch: Brumbaugh will contact DEP to obtain the summertime flow / discharge data from the Graymont mine.
 - Hanson quarry: no update.
 - Unfortunately, HB1565 passed, and is now law within the Commonwealth. This HB1565 will allow for alternative methods and locations of riparian buffer (instead of planting vegetation at the site of construction).
 - PFBC stocking of Class A Trout Waters: At the last commission meeting, the board passed a proposal that would allow stocking into Class A Trout Waters in some situations. The PFBC board decided to forego the PFBC staffed proposed criteria for selecting stream sections that could be stocked, and will instead just stock according to board approval. No staff recommendation / interation is required, and the PFBC board has not ruled out stocking over brook trout.
- Education / Youth (Sittler)
 - SCCTU was able get a 'few' trout to add to an aquarium at the State College YMCA. This is kind of like 'trout in the classroom', but not officially called so (and the trout cannot be hatched from eggs per PFBC regulation).
 - Sittler will visit our newest TIC tank at the Bellefonte Middle School.
- Veterans Service Program (Lanning)
 - The winter plans for the program are currently being explored. Future plans will include fly tying and other activities at the level of interest from the participants.
- Financial Development
 - Vierck submitted a joint proposal to the Knight Foundation (in concert with PSU and Penns Creek Conservation) to create a multimedia website to educate the community about the watershed.
 - Sittler submitted a proposal to the Knight Foundation to create a program where youth educate the community about coldwater conservation issues.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2116
- Motion: Van Horn
- Second: Dudukovich

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Lanning will research what it takes to renew the Small Games of Chance license.
- Lanning will ask Nate and Whitney if they will be willing to participate in the banquet committee again this year.
- Sowers will add a note in the newsletter to ask for volunteers from the general membership to join the banquet committee.
- Vierck will contact PFBC about the downed tree near the PSU sheep farm to obtain their opinion on the matter.
- Brumbaugh will draft a letter for distribution to the membership, for petition of the PFBC to

reinstate the stream metrics for stocking of Class A Wild Trout Water. The chapter, as a group, will send letters to each of the Commissioners.