

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2015

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Bob Vierck at 1900.
- Attendance:
  - Bob Vierck
  - Jim George
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Rick Van Horn
  - Jim Lanning
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Paula Sowers
  - Ed Zweig
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: per Lanning's email
  - Motion to Approve: Lanning
  - Second: Mitchell
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Discussion:
    - The 'Carson Donation' and 'Oak Hall Donation' monies have been spent and will no longer be noted separately on the Treasurer's Report.
    - VSP / 'Bid for a Cause' money: Sowers will email Van Horn the monthly VSP / Bid for a Cause balance. Van Horn will update the VSP balance (monthly) as a line item on the coversheet of the Treasurer's report (very similar to how the Carson / Oak Hall donations were tracked).
  - Motion to Approve: Lanning
  - Second: Sowers
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - The Project Healing Waters document will be reviewed; Sowers will talk to Skip Hughes and Dave Thomas. Dave will be invited to June board meeting.
      - Dave Thomas originally agreed to attend this meeting, but Paula informed Dave Thomas it was unlikely that SCCTU would support Project Healing Waters. Dave agreed not to attend because approval was very unlikely.
      - SCCTU cannot sign the Project Healing Waters agreement due to the liabilities that the contract introduces.

- The Board agreed not to sign the Project Healing Waters agreement, but will hopefully be able to offer volunteer help at future events.
    - Brumbaugh will send the draft Brook Trout Enhancement letter to Dudukovich and George.
      - Done, the letter was sent to both Dudukovich and George.
      - SCCTU sent a letter to PFBC opposing the termination of the Brook Trout Enhancement.
      - SCCTU received two negative responses from the membership.
- New Business
  - National TU Conference (in Scranton, PA)
    - Sittler, Vierck, and Sowers are planning to attend the National TU conference.
    - Vierck suggested that SCCTU should consider some reimbursement to people attending the conference.
    - The board approved to reimburse each attendee for \$200 each.
    - Vierck would like to nominate SCCTU for a 'Golden Chapter' award from National TU.
      - We previously received the award in 1991 or 1992.
      - Jim Strauss has offered his help to nominate SCCTU this year.
      - PATU has also offered help.
      - Vierck assigned various action items to board members to help fill out the application form.
      - The due date for the application is July 31, 2015.
  - Membership and Public Relations
    - Sowers reports that the 'fly tying thing' is taken care of.
  - Social Committee
    - The September meeting (9/3/15) will be George Daniels regarding his new book.
    - Jim George is working to coordinate a general membership meeting on Spruce Creek, at a personal friend's cabin. The targeted meeting would be the October 2015 meeting.
      - Pencak and George will continue to pursue this concept.
    - Vierck will contact Penns Valley Conservation group to see if they would be willing to speak at a general membership meeting.
    - Another potential future speaker is Adam Smith from USFW.
  - Conservation
    - PFBC is working on the permit to install the kiosk. Vernosi is scheduled to install the kiosk.
    - Watering needs have been reduced this month due to the recent rains.
    - The 'stewardship plan' is still in progress at PFBC.
    - Vierck will start working on the final report for the NFWF grant.
  - Legislation

- The Bellefonte flood wall construction has started. PFBC reports that Hawbaker won the contract and wishes to contact SCCTU.
  - Watershed Watch
    - Two sedimentation sources have been reported by Sittler.
      - One potential source was reported by Sittler but unknown by Brumbaugh.
      - One potential source is a construction site called 'Harvest Fields' and is located by Tussey Mountain / Gilbraith Gap.
      - Brumbaugh and Sittler will continue to research these potential issues.
  - Youth / Education
    - Sittler is going to the Teen Summit (National TU) and the Brookie Leadership camp is July 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Sowers noted that the 'background check' laws (for working with children) have recently changed.
      - Lanning will research the new background check laws.
  - Veteran's Service Program
    - Low turn-out was reported at the last veteran's meeting. Part of the reason is likely due to the weather.
    - One new member joined.
    - Lanning is still searching for a trailer, but a storage site and insurance needs have not been identified.
  - Financial Development
    - We received the check from Centre Gives.
    - We received the \$100 check from Field and Stream.
    - We received the \$500 check from Appalachian Outdoors.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck @ 2017
  - Motion: Zweig
  - Second: Brumbaugh
- Action Items:
  - Lanning will research the new background check laws.