

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 7 December 2015

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1903
- Attendance:
 - Bob Vierck
 - Mark Pencak
 - Mario Carello
 - Judi Sittler
 - Paula Sowers
 - Jim Lanning
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Jim George
 - Ed Zweig
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: per Paula's email
 - Motion to Approve: Sowers
 - Second: Dudukovich
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Net worth = \$63065.48
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Motion to Approve: Lanning
 - Second: Sittler
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - Brumbaugh will cross-correlate the new national TU rules against the existing by-laws.
 - Current by-laws conflict: Term limits are not imposed on the Treasurer and Secretary. National TU desires term limits to be consistent with their model, but I have not been able to access that model.
 - We may need to add a clause to the by-laws to require dual signatures for expenditures beyond \$1K.
 - We may need to create an officer position of "Assistant Treasurer" to audit the finances of the Chapter.
 - We may need to add a clause requiring us to pay off our credit card debt on time every month. In other words, do not allow the Chapter to run a deficit.

- We may need to add a clause requiring a \$5K monthly credit limit on the credit card.
 - Vierck will put the SCCTU files from the 'old laptop' on a USB drive and give it to Brumbaugh.
 - Done.
 - Mitchell will contact the Ramada to see if we can schedule an alternate date for the banquet.
 - Done, see banquet report below.
 - Dudukovich will contact the Ruffed Grouse society to check when their banquet is.
 - Done, see banquet report below.
 - Sowers and Pencak will approach Collegiate Pride about making some SCCTU T-shirts (carry-over from last month).
 - Sowers just got the draft logo from National TU. This item will carry over.
 - Dudukovich will schedule a meeting with Sowers and Vierck to write a donation request later for the banquet (carry over from last month).
 - Sittler will contact other organizations to see if they are interested in partnering on a potential June 11th event at Tussey Pond.
 - Done, see below.
- Treasurer Appointment
 - Rick Van Horn resigned from the position of Treasurer, but remains on the Board of Directors (BOD).
 - An email vote was held amongst the members of the BOD.
 - Email votes were cast by members of the Board of Directors between 11/14/15 and 11/16/15.
 - Mario Carrello was unanimously approved to appointment of the Board of Directors.
 - Mario Carrello was unanimously approved to the officer position of Treasurer.
 - Mario's position on the Board of Directors, and as Treasurer, will last until January 7, 2016, at which point he will run for re-election to the BOD. Other members from the general membership will be able to competitively run for the same BOD seat.
 - All members of the BOD unanimously approved the above summary, thus confirming the appointment of Carrello, at this meeting.
- BOD election at the January 2016 general membership meeting.
 - Lynn Mitchell has decided to resign from the BOD.
 - Sowers will get the election announcement letter out tomorrow.
- New Business
 - Membership and Public Relations (Sowers)
 - National TU sent a few examples of possible SCCTU logos.
 - Sowers talked to Mark Nale about obtaining "good" pictures of fish that we could use in our publications (for free).

- Social Committee (Pencak)
 - A good Holiday party was held at Sower's house on 12/4. Approximately \$200 was spent on the party.
 - The January general membership meeting is the State of the Chapter.
 - Pencak has not heard from the PSU fly fishing club for the February meeting.
- Conservation (Vierck)
 - The November 22, 2015 redd survey was very successful. GPS coordinates of all redds were loaded onto a map (on the SCCTU website).
 - Watershed Clean-Up: Haser resigned from leading this effort. Ed Zweig will take over the leadership effort for the spring garbage clean-up.
 - Romola project: Romola Creek is a tributary to Bald Eagle (not Spring Creek). A private landowner would like to do a stream enhancement project, and asked for volunteer support from SCCTU. SCCTU will advertise the project so that any interested party can participate.
- Legislation
 - The Harvest Fields follow-up pictures were sent to Jim Coslo.
 - Eight local streams are up for Class A Wild Trout and/or Wild Trout Stream designation with PFBC. The Chapter will send a letter in support of the re-designations.
 - A summary of the Kettle Creek "All-Tackle Catch and Release" meeting was given.
 - Logan Branch was denied HQ-CWF designation by PADEP due to low macro-invertebrate scores. Past benthic macro-invertebrate scores from the WRMP monitoring showed scores that were close to passing. Brumbaugh will investigate what data DEP uses, and opportunities for future surveys.
 - PFBC published their draft Trout Management plan for public comment. Several concerns with the plan were identified. Vierck / Brumbaugh will follow-up with PATU, as they were at the meeting where the plan was drafted.
- Banquet Committee (Dudukovich, Mitchell)
 - The following alternative openings are available:
 - Friday, 3/11 at Mountain View
 - Saturday, 3/12 at Mountain View and Ramada
 - Friday, 3/18 is at Ramada
 - April 8 and 9 are open at Mountain View
 - The group chose to move the banquet to March 12, 2016 at the Ramada. Mitchell will contact the Ramada to move the banquet.
 - Bid for a Cause:
 - Previously, a suggestion was made to fund the Spring Creek Park stream improvement project via Bid for a Cause. The Spring Creek Park project fell through.

- Sittler made a proposal that Trout in the Classroom could be the benefactor from this year's Bid for a Cause.
 - Lanning made a proposal to fund the stream maintenance work (gas, equipment maintenance, equipment purchase, etc.) with this year's Bid for a Cause.
 - Zweig will ask Steve Sywensky at Fly Fishers Paradise if FFP would be willing to donate a premium prize for the banquet.
 - Education / Youth (Sittler)
 - The Duck Pond plaque will be installed this week, with a ceremony in June 2016.
 - June 11, 2016 is National Get Outdoors Day. Sittler reserved a ½ day at the pavilion at Tussey Mountain. The Chapter will host a family picnic.
 - The pavilion rental cost is \$250 + \$60 for grill rental.
 - The Chapter will need to provide / cook food (on the rented grill).
 - Clearwater Conservancy agreed to donate \$100.
 - The Centre PA Women Anglers agreed to donate \$200.
 - Financial Development (Vierck)
 - Vierck suggested we could print "SCCTU cards" (like thank-you cards) with fish/stream related pictures and the SCCTU logo on it. These cards could be sold as a fundraiser for the Chapter.
 - A \$500 donation to SCCTU was made to the Chapter from John Giustozzi.
 - Veteran's Service Program (Lanning)
 - Current membership is 194 veterans.
 - A casting clinic will be held Saturday at South Hills.
 - VSP will participate in First Night State College.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Vierck at 2106
 - Motion: George
 - Second: Sittler
- Action Items:
 - Vierck will follow-up with Jeff Yates (national TU) regarding "Financial and Property Controls": term limits on officers, not reporting to the police, and how National TU will enforce.
 - Sowers and Pencak will approach Collegiate Pride about making some SCCTU T-shirts (carry-over from last month).
 - Dudukovich will schedule a meeting with Sowers and Vierck to write a donation request later for the banquet (carry over from last month).
 - Pencak will follow-up with the PSU Fly Fishing Club regarding the February general membership meeting.
 - Brumbaugh will research Logan Branch macro-invertebrate studies on Logan Branch
 - Brumbaugh and/or Vierck will contact Brian Wagner (PATU) about the PFBC Trout Management plan.

- Mitchell will contact the Ramada to change the banquet to Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Ramada.
- Zweig will speak with Steve Sywenksy at FFP to ask if FFP will be willing to donate a premium prize to the banquet.