

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 12 January 2015

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Jim Lanning
  - Paula Sowers
  - Bob Vierck
  - Judi Sittler
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Mark Pencak
  - Ed Zweig
  - Jim George
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1808
- Review of old minutes
  - Amendments: Misspellings.
  - Old minutes approved as amended
    - Motion: Sowers
    - Second: Sittler

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$58564.73
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
  - Motion to approve: Sittler
  - Second: Sowers

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
  - Mitchell and Vierck will contact the Ramada to discuss the food menu, and also find out what the cut-off date for a head count.
    - The cut-off date is 1 week prior.
  - Sittler will find the name of the auctioneer, and give it to Dudukovich so that Dudukovich can contact the auctioneer.
    - The name of the auctioneer Sittler had in mind was Tammy Miller. Sam Force was the auctioneer we had last year. Sittler provided these names to Dudukovich.
  - Sittler will ask Brusse if he is interested in being the emcee again this year. Sowers will add a note in the newsletter to ask for volunteers from the general membership to join the banquet committee.
    - Bill Brusse has agreed to be the emcee.
  - Vierck will contact PFBC about the downed tree near the PSU sheep farm to obtain their opinion on the matter.
    - This matter will be continued. See action item list below.

- Lanning will research what it takes to renew the Small Games of Chance license.
  - Vierck did this, and received a summary letter from Centre Co Treasurer, Richard Fornicola.
  - Slaughterhouse Rd dam: no progress.
- Bellefonte Floodwall
  - The floodwall permit was approved by PADEP. The permit includes the in-stream habitat improvements.

- **New Business**

- Welcome to Jim George and Ed Zweig as new board members to SCCTU BOD.
- Banquet Committee Report
  - Sowers and Vierck are going to stuff letters for non-local solicitations tomorrow.
  - The SGOC certificate has been obtained and is valid 1/1/15 – 12/31/15.
  - A special award will be given to Fly Fisher's Paradise. The exact wording was agreed upon at the December banquet committee meeting.
  - We will ask for 3 students from the PSU Fly Fishing Club. Lanning will contact Hoover regarding this matter.
  - Sittler presented ideas on the 'center piece'. The center piece will now be a “scatter” that includes glass gems, swedish fish, and the SCTU fly boxes. Sittler recommends blue napkins be requested from the Ramada.
  - Sittler presented fly box (party favor) give-aways. We all agreed on a square, hinged design for this year.
  - Order of the Sulphur: Bob Donaldson and Bob Ebersson are two potential candidates. Sittler will research if they have previously won.
- Vierck proposes that SCCTU purchase a new laptop with modern hardware and software.
  - Sowers will research the cost of a new laptop through her contact.
- Election of officers
  - Nominations were made by Brumbaugh and second by Lanning:
    - President: Vierck
    - Vice President: Sowers
    - Treasurer: Van Horn
    - Secretary: Brumbaugh
- Sittler motioned to move the SCCTU board of director's meeting to the first Monday after the general meeting (instead of the current schedule of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday after the general meeting).
  - Ed Zweig seconded the motion.
  - The motion carried unanimously.
  - The February meeting will stay on the old schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday after the general meeting). Pencak will check with Comfort Suites to see if we can start the new schedule / date in March.
- Membership committee (Sowers)
  - Sowers received 100X new membership brochures.
  - SCCTU can get a \$15 rebate from National TU if we get new members to sign up via the specific website: <http://www.tu.org/intro>
  - Sowers would like to “boil down” Vierck's 'State of the Chapter' PowerPoint file for email to the membership.
  - Sowers asked the BOD to keep a record of the volunteer hours we spend each calendar year.

- Social Committee (Pencak)
  - Pencak is looking for presentation suggestions for May and June.
- Conservation Committee (Vierck)
  - Plans are coming together for spring activities. Riparian buffer plantings at Fisherman's Paradise is still outstanding.
- Legislation
  - PFBC Stocking of Class A Waters
    - Vierck and Brumbaugh will attend the 1/21/15 PFBC Commissioner's meeting in Harrisburg.
  - Graymont
    - Graymont submitted their 2014 Logan Branch temperature report to DEP. There were temperature excursions above the HQ-CWF limit in September. Action by DEP in the future.
    - Brumbaugh will contact Mike Smith about this matter.
- Youth (Sittler)
  - Sittler reports that the fish in the YMCA are doing well.
- Veteran's Service Program (Lanning)
  - 12 veterans attended the fly tying clinic yesterday.
  - Several fly tying material donations were received. Lanning reports the program is well stocked.
  - The next clinic is Sunday, 1/18 at the State College YMCA.
- Financial Development (Vierck)
  - Vierck spoke with Irene at the Centre Foundation to obtain propaganda to help promote "planned giving".
  - A program has been created, the "Brook Trout Society", where members can donate via their will.
- **Closing Information**
  - Adjourned at 1951
  - Motion: Lanning
  - Second: Lynn
- **Action Item Summary:**
  - Brumbaugh will go to the sheep farm to obtain pictures of the downed tree. Report to Vierck will then be given.
  - Brumbaugh will talk to Jonas Price at the Feathered Hook, Mama Lucrezia's, regarding a donation for the banquet.
  - Dudukovich will contact Spruce Creek Tackle Shop for a banquet donation.
  - Sowers will send the FFP 'special award' wording to Pencak.
  - Lanning will contact Hoover to indicate we will host 3 students at the annual banquet.
  - Sittler will send the existing, known list of Order of the Sulphur recipients to the BOD. Brumbaugh will save the list on the Chapter laptop.
  - Pencak will check with Comfort Suites to see if we can start the new SCCTU BOD meeting schedule / date (1<sup>st</sup> Monday after the general membership meeting) in March.
  - Brumbaugh will contact PADEP regarding the Logan Branch / Graymont temperature excursions.