

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

16 March 2015

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Paula Sowers
 - Bob Vierck
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Jim George
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Mark Pencak
 - Ed Zweig
 - Jim Lanning
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1900
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Lanning
 - Second: Sowers

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Mitchell
 - Second: Dudukovich

- **Old Business**

- Banquet Review
 - The first estimate of net income for the banquet is approximately \$20.7K.
 - Bob V has cash and will deposit.
 - Dave – will send thank you's for donated items
 - Bob and Paula – will send thank you's for sponsorships and Bid for a Cause donations
 - Mitchell will send a thank you note to the Ramada for their good service on the banquet.
 - Vierck asked Van Horn to track the VSP funding separately.
 - Bob booked the room for March 12, 2016. (Penns Creek is the week before.)
 - What worked / what we can improve
 - Good:
 - Five people worked well at money station
 - There was enough food even with extra people
 - Ramada good location – Randy & staff and computer/printer at checkout very helpful
 - Having silent auction items arranged in rows, arranged numerically

worked well for finding items.

- Suggestions / what we could improve
 - Need helpers/runners, PSU students or vets if they aren't available
 - One person told Bob it took too long and needed to go faster
- Bucket Raffles
 - Need someone there to make sure winner gets everything in the item
 - We did not get info on who won for 2nd half of ticket pulls.
- Silent auctions
 - Need to announce winners either verbally or on board/sign. There were people who didn't know if they won and had to wait in checkout line to check.
 - Let people know it will be "x" minutes until they can pay or checkout opens at "x" time so they don't come before we're ready.
 - Need to make sure winners get to front quickly.
 - Need to make sure that the copy of certificates that we give back to guides is filled out when the person gets it – bucket, silent or live.
- Checkout
 - Need to make sure Live Auction and Bid for a Cause results get to check out quickly. A few people tried to check out before we had the results.
 - Having two people enter the winners was helpful. One on the computer the other reading out the results.
- "Traffic director" for front would help to tell people to we'll be ready shortly and tell them were to start in the line.
- Workload
 - Needs to be spread out more
 - Need to start earlier
 - Needs to make sure we're training others in the important processes for future.
- National TU is having a meeting in Scranton in August. They require a \$100 prize donation to the meeting. Vierck is working on a donation.
- Action Item Review
 - Brumbaugh to visit Sheep Farm and observe downed tree.
 - Tree is deemed to not be a problem, and should stay in place.
 - Pencak to discuss board meeting schedule with Comfort Inn.
 - Meetings will move to the Monday after the general membership meeting this fall.
 - Brumbaugh to contact PADEP regarding the Graymont temperature study.
 - Graymont submitted their report. Gryamont had 3 temperature exceedances last September, and asked to move their monitoring location downstream to below the PFBC bypass outflow. SCCTU responded, asking that PADEP NOT allow the temperature recording location downstream.
- **New Business**
 - "On the Fly" asked for a donation. Vierck committed to provide a LL Bean Fly Rod outfit.
 - Conservation Committee (Vierck)
 - April will be a busy month of plantings / projects.
 - Vierck found another funding source to pay for weed control, but the funding must be spent by June.

- There is an effort to get some of the projects moved to the weekends.
 - US Fish & Wildlife is looking at doing a project on Logan Branch. USFW plans to contact Titan Energy Park about potentially doing a project on their property.
 - Dudukovich suggested that an in-stream garbage clean-up would be very beneficial.
 - Sower suggested we pursue getting people to sponsor tree planting at Fisherman's Paradise 'in memory'.
- Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - PFBC is proposing to change the DHALO regulations.
 - The rule changes are:
 - Allow harvest from the Saturday before Memorial Day (was June 15) to Labor Day.
 - Change the harvest size limit from 9 inches to 7 inches.
 - Allow bait fishing for all people during the harvest period.
 - Allow bait fishing 365 days a year for youth under 16.
 - SCCTU will write a letter to the PFBC website (not the commissioners) opposing the DHALO rule change.
 - A notice will be sent to the membership with the facts of the rule change.
- Education / Youth (Sittler via written report)
 - We are invited on Sunday March 29 to an expo at the Altoona Field & Stream. Judi can cover the booth early, but needs someone late.
- Financial Development (Vierck)
 - Centre Gives is coming up (approximately May 5th & 6th).
- VSP (Lanning)
 - Richard Hemp wrote a letter of support to the Chapter.
 - TCO would like to donate flies to the VSP program.
 - The group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays until the end of April.
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- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2024
- Motion: Lanning
- Second: Mitchell

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Mitchell will send a thank you note to the Ramada for their good service on the banquet.
- Brumbaugh will draft a letter for SCCTU in opposition to the DHALO change.