

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 13 April 2015

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Jim George
  - Rick Van Horn
  - Bob Vierck
  - Dave Dudukovich
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Jim Lanning
  - Judi Sittler
  - Paula Sowers
  - Chris Haser (guest)
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1900
- Review of old minutes
  - Amendments: Add 1 action regarding a combo donation with Penns Creek.
  - Old minutes approved as amended
    - Motion: Zweig
    - Second: Dudukovich

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$104231.81
- The endowment is worth approximately \$16.4K
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
  - Motion to approve: Lanning
  - Second: Mitchell

- **Old Business**

- Action Item review
  - Mitchell will send a thank you note to the Ramada for their good service on the banquet.
    - DONE
  - Brumbaugh will draft a letter for SCCTU in opposition to the DHALO change.
    - DONE
  - Mitchell will talk to Gary P. at Penns Creek TU about combining a gift to national TU.
    - Mitchell did talk to Gary, but has not heard back from him yet pending a board meeting from Penns Creek TU.
- Sowers has a donation (LL Bean fly rod combo) for SCCTU to give to On the Fly

- **New Business**

- Chris Haser presented a request to 'partner' with a 'Project Healing Waters' project out of Huntingdon
  - The request was originally made by Dave Thomas
  - This is a project from within Veteran's Affairs (VA)
  - Part of the request may be ask us to donate time, property/gifts, etc
  - Haser left a copy of a packet w/ the legal disclosures from the Project Healing Waters w/ Sowers
  - This item is tabled until Dave Thomas can come present the topic in person
    - Concerns:
      - We already have a standing veteran's program
      - We do not understand what they want from us
      - What the implications are on the Chapter (liability, etc)
- Membership (Sowers)
  - Sowers reported that we did receive some 'kick-backs' from National TU for signing up new members
- Social Committee
  - Jeff Skelding (friends of the Upper Delaware) is the next speaker at the general meeting
  - Coca Cola wants to have SCCTU tour their facility
- Conservation (Vierck)
  - Vierck has a proof-copy draft of the panels that will go on the kiosk at Fisherman's Paradise
  - Vierck presented a draft proposal for SCCTU to assume stewardship of 4 PFBC properties
    - The properties are:
      - Fisherman's Paradise
      - The west side of 'McCoy Dam'
      - Deer Lane Property
      - Rock Road Parking Plantings
    - Duties would include application of herbicide, mowing, planting trees, etc.
    - Vierck stated that he does not believe the document legally obligates us to do anything. Instead, it is just permission to do continuing work on the properties.
    - Lanning made the motion to allow Vierck to pursue the document with PFBC.
      - Second: Sittler
      - The motion passed unanimously.
  - Dudukovich commented that Spring Creek upstream of Spring Creek Park is in need of some stream restoration work.
- Legislation (Brumbaugh)
  - Benner Township had a planning commission / township supervisor's meeting last Tuesday. The zoning ordinances (and included environmental protections) are still in a state of flux. SCCTU needs to remain involved.
  - The proposed DHALO changes (to allow bait fishing) have been rescinded by PFBC (effective 4/3/15).
  - PFBC has proposed to delete the 'Brook Trout Enhancement' regulation.
    - PFBC states that this regulation is 'ineffective' and the waters will be transferred to other programs. However, PFBC provided no other

information.

- Brumbaugh will try to contact 'the lawyer' in Harrisburg to obtain more information.
- Watershed Watch (Brumbaugh)
  - PFBC is conducting excavation at the pistol range. Brumbaugh believes the excavation is improperly controlled. Pictures were supplied to Jim Coslo at the Centre County Conservation District. Coslo said he will investigate the matter.
  - Brumbaugh observed, and took pictures, of erosion along the bank of Spring Creek due to PFBC snow plowing. The location is north-west of the pistol range. This matter will be discussed with PFBC at the earliest opportunity.
- Youth (Sittler)
  - There are 2 TU camps: River's Conservation Camp (Allenberry) and a 'new' TU youth camp at Keystone College
  - There are 2 non-TU youth camps: 'Brookies' (on Fishing Creek) a PSU camp at Stone Valley Camp
  - Emma Butler has applied and been accepted to the Rivers Conservation Camp.
    - SCTU will send a \$350 tuition check to CVTU to cover a scholarship for 1 child.
    - Sittler will ensure that Ms. Butler is a SCTU member.
  - Sittler proposed the purchase of a stormwater run-off / erosion kit
    - This kit is an interactive activity that is used at our 'outreach' events
    - Zweig motioned to approve the purchase
      - Second: Lanning
      - The motion approved unanimously
- Veteran's Service Program (Lanning)
  - TCO donated a bunch of flies to VSP.
  - Lanning is asking for volunteers on April 26<sup>th</sup> for VSP.
  - Lanning discussed a potential program to stock and fish some ponds in Boalsburg. This needs research prior to execution.
- Financial Development
  - 'Centre Gives' is coming up. Vierck is going to try to get pamphlets to Appalachian Outfitters to extend our support base.
- Strategic Plan
  - Vierck presented an updated strategic planning document for consideration at the next meeting.
- **Closing Information**
  - Adjourned at 2105
  - Motion: Zweig
  - Second: Lanning
- **Action Item Summary:**
  - Haser will talk to Dave Thomas to ask him to come to the SCCTU meeting to explain his request.
  - Sowers will talk to Allan Folger regarding the Project Healing Waters program.
  - Sowers will read the packet that Chris Haser obtained regarding the Project Healing Water's program.
  - Mitchell will follow-up with Gary regarding combining a donation to the National TU meeting.

- Brumbaugh will continue to try to contact PFBC regarding the proposed termination of the Brook Trout Enhancement program.
- Lanning will research what type of trout already exist in the Boalsburg ponds.