

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 16 February 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1902
- Attendance:
  - Mario Carrello
  - Jim George
  - Bob Vierck
  - Paula Sowers
  - Judi Sittler
  - Mark Pencak
  - Ed Zweig
  - Dave Dudukovich
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Jim Lanning
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: Many incorporated via email
  - Motion to Approve: Sowers
  - Second: Sittler
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Chapter net worth = \$61216.86 (checking + habitat checking + CD)
  - Motion to Approve: Pencak
  - Second: Dudukovich
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - Sowers and Carrello will confer with Vierck regarding what the "approved budget" column represents for the TIC and VSP line items. This will be reviewed at the next board meeting.
      - The board agreed that the VSP money will first draw funds from the annual, allocated VSP budget. When those funds are exhausted, funds from the separate VSP account will be used.
    - Sowers and Pencak will approach Collegiate Pride about making some SCCTU T-shirts (carry-over from last month).
      - No status, to be carried forward.
    - Jim George will approach a local guide to obtain a fly pattern article for the newsletter.
      - No status, to be carried forward.

- An email vote was held regarding the dissemination of information to the Assistant Treasurer so that the Assistant Treasurer can conduct audit activity.
  - 6 members approved a motion to have the Treasurer send the Assistant-Treasurer an electronic statement of the bank account activity once a month.
  - Brumbaugh and Sowers dissented, and preferred an option where the Assistant Treasurer received an unopened envelope of the bank statement.
  - The motion to have the Treasurer email an electronic copy of the bank statement passed on a majority vote.
- New Business
  - Treasurer's Discussion
    - Carrello pointed out that our checking accounts do not currently accrue interest and the CD accrues very little interest (0.2%) at First National Bank. Carrello will contact other banks to shop around for better rates. Northwest Savings is a possibility, and John Rocky is a good point of contact at Northwest.
  - Nomination for Order of the Sulfur
    - Nominations: Bob Eberhart, Dan Kerstetter, Bob Vierck
  - Food at the BOD meeting (Vierck)
    - Lanning made a motion to provide pizza at each of the BOD meetings.
    - Motion was seconded by Dudukovich.
    - Discussion: Funding will be provided from the Membership Meetings/Programs line item.
    - Voting:
      - 9 votes for the motion.
      - 1 vote against (Sittler)
      - The motion passed on a majority vote.
  - Sittler brought up the idea that Spring Creek TU could bring in the Centre County Women Anglers. This idea is tabled for now, pending discussion with Jean Brenchley at the next BOD meeting.
  - Strategic Plan (Vierck)
    - A draft survey was sent via email for the BOD to review. Input is sought by Vierck and Sowers on the survey.
  - Conservation (Vierck)
    - A presentation will be made at the February Coldwater Conference.
    - A meeting was held with PFBC (Deter and Neimond) regarding 2016 habitat projects on Spring Creek. This year's project will repair existing in-stream structures at Fisherman's Paradise.
    - Dudukovich brought up the point that thistle growing in abundance at the PSU sheep farm. Dudukovich will send an email to Vierck / Boston to get this on the stewardship schedule.
    - Vierck met with the site stewards.

- Vierck met with PFBC to initially prioritize in-stream projects for Spring Creek for 2017 – 2020. Deter and Neimond will continue to discuss the project list.
  - US Fish and Wildlife met with Vierck to plan extensive in-stream projects in the Houserville area.
  - Vierck reports that some individuals are performing ‘unauthorized vegetation cutting’ at Fisherman’s Paradise. These unauthorized trimmings are detrimental to the success of the project and poor relations with PFBC. We are all encouraged to remind people not to cut vegetation at Fisherman’s Paradise.
  - Dan Kerstetter setup a ‘Google Group’ to help with streamside stewardship.
- Watershed Watch (Brumbaugh)
  - It was observed the PFBC is trenching along Spring Creek in the Fisherman’s Paradise area. The area of disturbance did not have a silt sock to protect the creek. Vierck took pictures and contact PFBC and the Conservation District. PFBC has since installed silt socks.
- Legislation (Brumbaugh)
  - Graymont provided the 2015 temperature report to DEP. Brumbaugh is in the process of reviewing the letter and data. Bob Carline has been contacted to help review the data. Additionally, Graymont posted a different / new permit application in the PA Bulletin. Brumbaugh will contact DEP to inquire about it.
  - At the January 2016 PFBC quarterly meeting, PFBC made a motion to consider stocking Saucon Creek. Saucon Creek is an existing Class A, HQ-CWF stream. This is a departure from previous policy, where PFBC had committed to only continuing stocking in new Class A waters. PATU has been contacted regarding this issue, but no response has been received.
  - Two separate bills are currently working through the legislature regarding PFBC license fees. One bill allows the PFBC to increase fees according to a schedule over the next few years. The other bill would allow PFBC to set fees according to the prerogative without future approval from the PA legislature.
  - The Benner Township Planning Commission has restarted review of the zoning ordinances. The Planning Commission was given an entirely new set of ordinances to review. Sowers and Brumbaugh are attending the Planning Commission meetings and providing input into the ordinance revisions.
- Banquet (Dudukovich)
  - Donation letters to the national vendors has been sent out.
  - Dudukovich would like to send the next round of letters to the local vendors, sponsors, and members in the next 2 weeks.
  - Sowers will send out the spreadsheet of who contacted which vendors last year for donations.
  - This year’s “Bid for a Cause” will be Trout in the Classroom.
  - Lanning suggested that Clearwater used a new point of sale system at ‘Art and Chocolate’ that they really like. Vierck and Carrello will contact Clearwater about this.

- Vierck and Dudukovich will approach Steve Sywenksy at FFP regarding an Orvis buy.
  - Education/Youth
    - The “5 River’s Program” is a college aged TU program. Sittler approached the PSU Fly Fishing Club about joining TU’s 5 River’s Program. It remains to be determined if the PSU Fly Fishing Club will join.
    - The Get Outdoors Picnic will be June 12<sup>th</sup> at Tussey Mountain. The Youth Service Bureau has offered to help with planning the event.
    - Vierck will pursue registration software for the picnic.
  - VSP (Lanning)
    - Two local veterans won the Magic Waters trip to Argentina from National TU.
      - A donation of men’s extra large, short waders is need.
    - Total Outdoors has an affiliation now with the VSP.
    - George Daniels will be doing an exhibition for the VSP program (at State College YMCA) this Sunday.
    - Lanning was appointed to the National VSP council.
    - A motion was passed to compensate Lanning to a maximum of \$200 to reimburse him for a trip to a conference 24-26 February in Washington DC.
- Centre Gives
  - Centre Gives is May 3-4. SCCTU is registered for the event.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck at 2110
  - Motion: George
  - Second: Pencak
- Action Items:
  - Dudukovich, Sowers, and Vierck will call the credit card company to change the billing address for their specific credit cards to their home address.
  - Carrello will shop around for a better checking and CD accounts.
  - Sowers will resend the list of previous Order of Sulfur winners.
  - Sowers and Pencak will approach Collegiate Pride about making some SCCTU T-shirts (carry-over from last month).
  - Jim George will approach a local guide to obtain a fly pattern article for the newsletter. (carry over from last month).
  - Dudukovich will write a fly-tying article for the newsletter.
  - Everyone will review the strategic plan survey prior to the next BOD meeting.
  - Dudukovich brought up the point that thistle growing in abundance at the PSU sheep farm. Dudukovich will send an email to Vierck / Boston to get this on the stewardship schedule.
  - Brumbaugh will contact DEP regarding the Graymont temperature rate of change and the new permit advertisement in the PA Bulletin.

- Sittler will contact PATU to encourage them to respond to the Chapter's email to PATU regarding stocking on Saucon Creek.
- Vierck and Carrello will contact Clearwater Conservancy to ask what new credit card system they used at the Art and Chocolate Banquet.
- Vierck and Dudukovich will contact Steve Sywenksy at FFP regarding an Orvis buy.
- Vierck will contact a registration software company to get software to help with registration of the Get Outdoors Picnic.