

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 09 May 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1900
- Attendance:
  - Bob Vierck
  - Paula Sowers
  - Mark Pencak
  - Jim George
  - Dave Dudukovich
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Mario Carrello
  - Judi Sittler
  - Jim Lanning
  - Guest
    - Kevin Abbey
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Motion to Approve:
  - Second:
- Kevin Abby – Rock Road Path discussion and agreement to visit site with engineer.
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to Approve: Lanning
  - Second: Pencak
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak will meet with Centre Foundation to discuss the endowment reporting.
      - Per Centre Foundation only annual report for groups under a \$5,000 disbursement.
      - We received disbursement check from Centre Foundation because they do not have a statement from us to automatically reinvest in the endowment fund.
        - Carrello – Motion to return check for reinvestment
        - Second: Lanning
        - All others approved.
      - Still want to meet with Centre Foundation to discuss why we cannot get reports sooner, possibly on June or July.

- - Carrello will investigate alternative to 9 month CD – Done.
    - Dudukovich will write a fly tying article.
      - Postpone until fall.
- New Business
  - Veteran’s Service Program (Lanning)
    - Would like board members to come out as mentors again and pass on the request to others they know. Program needs additional mentors due to number of people coming.
    - Addition outreach with VSP info on PA Cares and in the Gazette.
    - Leadership of Total Outdoors signed on to our chapter. Developing relationship with them for sharing volunteers.
    - Dan Kerstetter and Dan Van Winkler offered to do an inventory of the storage shed. Offer accepted.
    - Dave Thomas (Project Healing Waters) stopping by often. Unsure why. This is for info only.
  - Membership and Public Relations (Sowers)
    - Facebook followers up 15% in one month. Posts being shared by other agencies. Good outreach tool.
    - Sittler suggested someone else needs to take over newsletter. No suggestions from board on volunteers.
    - Banquet wrap up – see attached for full wrap up comments collected. Discussion highlights include:
      - Start earlier
      - Google checkout spreadsheet needs to be converted to Excel to anyone can use. Sowers will work on for next year.
      - Need to re-evaluate squares vs bank credit card machines.
        - Square better/faster reports, more mobile.
        - Machines more user friendly.
        - 50/50 suggested
        - Bid for a Cause
          - Needs “High bidder” arranged in advance
          - Needs more advertising, posters, etc.
        - Need to make sure timing of bidding, bucket raffles, speeches is understood by all
      - Need to re-evaluate values on handmade items and those we’re “guessing” on.
      - Re-evaluate having buy it now prices.
  - Strategic Plan (Sowers)
    - Survey sent. Some responses coming in via email and mail.

- June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the strategic planning session offsite. Finish at board meeting.
  - Social Committee (Pencak):
    - September meeting will be Ernie Demastus on TU/VSP Patagonia trip
    - Suggestions for other meetings:
      - Redd count
      - Strategic Plan/State of the Chapter – do combined meeting earlier than January
      - Person Dudukovich met – fisheries biology major. Big Woods Watershed, Sun Valley Idaho
  - Conservation (Vierck)
    - Kelly Property – additional plants added, wildflowers to be machine planted next week. (5/16-5/20)
    - NFWF grant to be submitted on 5/10/16
      - Grant Request for \$172, 070 with a \$56,900 match.
      - PFBC large part of match since they do not charge for services.
      - Using new Field Doc system to evaluate grant. We used in submission
      - Vierck requests that the board discuss \$5,000 cash grant from chapter funds for matching funds.
        - Motion to approve funds: Lanning
        - Second: Carrello
        - All in favor, approved
      - 2017-2018 (NFWF)
        - Trout Road to Houserville Rd.
        - Rock Road to I99
    - Duck Pond Landscape phase 3 (Dike) to start work in June (Lanning)
  - Legislation and Permitting (Vierck)
    - Airport Construction
      - Increasing impervious services
      - Discrepancy between amount between the numbers the Conservation District has (1.2 acres) and what the Consultant says (6 acres)
      - Conclusions from consultant to not match reality of stormwater runoff at the site.
      - Vierck sent letter to Conservation District and Benner.
  - Youth and Education (Sittler)
    - Duck Pond Plaque Dedication May 15<sup>th</sup>. John Arway will be attending
    - Get Outdoors Day Family Fishing Picnic
      - Leadership Centre County class group volunteered to help with planning and at the picnic
      - Sittler would like more board participation in the event, more volunteers needed.
      - Dan Kerstetter suggested for fly tying demo

- The VSP will volunteer at the picnic instead of their usual outing.
  - Sittler would like volunteer request sent to membership. Sowers will send
  - Remainder of general meeting budget to be used for picnic. (Reminder, this was discussed at previous meeting).
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck at 1930
  - Motion: Dudukovich
  - Second: J. George
- Action Items:
  - Any interested board members will attend site tour of Rock Road path that will be arranged by Kevin Abbey.
  - Carrello will write letter the Centre Foundation to request the disbursements be reinvested automatically.
  - Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak will meet with Centre Foundation to discuss the endowment reporting (carry-over, June or July).
  - Vierck will set up fly tying page on website.
  - Dudukovich will finish thank you's for donated items
  - Sittler will send Bid for a Cause thank you notes
  - Sowers will give Sittler mailing labels and list of donations.
  - Sowers will send request for volunteers for Get Outdoors Picnic and YSB event (for Bob Carline)