

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 6 June 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1900
- Attendance:
 - Bob Vierck
 - Ed Zweig
 - Jim George
 - Judi Sittler
 - Mark Pencak
 - Jim Lanning
 - Mario Carrello
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Scott Brumbaugh
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Motion to Approve: Sittler
 - Second: Pencak
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Amendments: 1 amendment by Vierck regarding cost category
 - Carrello will make an appointment for Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak to visit Centre Foundation .
 - Motion to Approve: George
 - Second: Van Horn
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - Any interested board member will attend site tour of Rock Road path that will be arranged by Kevin Abbey.
 - Done: Lanning, Vierck, and Brumbaugh attended. Kevin Abbey (Clearwater) and Don Fransen (Benner Twp engineer) were present.
 - Benner Township's position is that Benner is going to build the path. It is up to Clearwater and SCCTU to minimize the impact of the path on Spring Creek TU.
 - Only a portion of the trail was walked / observed, but a few areas of concern were identified. Kevin Abbey said that he would get a 'trail guy' (via Clearwater) to look at the problem areas.
 - Responsibility for future maintenance of the trail is TBD.
 - Basically, this trail is going to happen no matter how we oppose it. All SCCTU can do is stay informed in what is going on, and try to make the trail as minimally detrimental as possible.

- Carrello will write a letter to Centre Foundation to request the disbursements be reinvested automatically.
 - Carrello is going to request a meeting.
 - Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak will meet with Centre Foundation to discuss the endowment reporting.
 - On-going, Carrello will request a meeting.
 - Vierck will set up fly tying page on the website.
 - Done, Vierck created a fly tying page with 2 patterns (olive scud + dark sulphur nymph) on it.
 - Dudukovich will finish thank you notes for donated items.
 - Done.
 - Sittler will send Bid for a Cause thank you notes.
 - Done by Sowers.
 - Sowers will give Sittler mailing labels and list of donations.
 - Done.
 - Sowers will send request for volunteers for Get Outdoors Picnic and YSB event (Bob Carline).
 - Done.
- New Business
 - Education / Youth (Sittler)
 - The Get Outdoor Picnic (12 June) was advertised twice in the CDT.
 - The Leadership Centre County is a group of 8 people that have helped organize the event.
 - Sponsors:
 - CBICC = \$100
 - CDT = Free advertising
 - Clearwater = \$100
 - Collegiate Pride = free shirt printing (we still have to purchase the actual cotton t-shirt)
 - Foundation of PA Watersheds = \$200
 - Harris Township = \$100
 - PFBC = loaned rods and tackle boxes
 - Ottos = donated hot dogs
 - Tussey Mountain = free pavilion rental
 - Tussey Mountain Outfitters = bringing kayaks
 - Women Anglers = \$200
 - Kerry Benninghoff = printed flyers to give to the school
 - MS4 partners = donated stormwater activity books
 - Weiss Markets = 3 separate \$25 donations
 - Trader Joes = donated water
 - Giant = \$25 donation
 - Walmart & Sam's club = \$25 each
 - Schlowe library: has been inserting flyers in books
 - A 'goody bag' will be created to give to participants.

- There will be 9 activity stations
 - Welcome station
 - Fishing station
 - Conservation (stormwater) station
 - Casting station
 - Nature station
 - Kid's station
 - Fly tying & knot tying
 - Food
 - Kayaks
 - A first aid kit, sun screen, and bug spray will be provided by SCCTU.
 - Bathrooms and porta-potties will be provided by Tussey Mountain.
 - A new TIC tank will be provided to the "Delta" program.
- VSP (Lanning)
 - A homeless veterans group contacted Lanning to see if they could come to VSP meetings (yes).
 - Lanning is in the process of repairing / replacing multiple canopies.
 - Penns Creek YMCA requested the help of the VSP to create a warm water pond.
- Membership and Strategic Plan (Vierck for Sowers)
 - Results of the survey have been distributed.
 - The strategic planning meeting is scheduled for 20 August.
- Social Committee (Pencak)
 - Carline is going to make a presentation "Spawning Behavior of Trout in Streams and Lakes" for the 3 November general meeting.
 - Pencak will research if having the Colonial Angler come for a 2nd presentation.
- Conservation (Vierck)
 - Commercial St (Milesburg): Landscaping of the sign is complete.
 - Kelly Property: Planting of wildflower mix is completed.
 - McCoy: Work is scheduled for 15 June.
 - Fisherman's Paradise stewardship agreement: Vierck met with PFBC. Discussion has been restarted between SCCTU and PFBC regarding site stewardship of Fisherman's Paradise.
- Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - Airport construction:
 - Vierck and Brumbaugh attended the Benner Township variance meeting. Vierck and Brumbaugh also met with the Centre County Conservation District.
 - Discrepancies exist between the township variance and the permit application.
 - The permit was approved, and the construction will proceed.
 - Saucon Creek

- Commissioner Squires wants to stock a Class A section of Saucon Creek.
 - The Mayor of Bethlehem was queried by PFBC to ask the city's opinion (as the park's landowner) on whether the city wanted the stream section to be stocked and/or change the trophy trout regulations.
 - The Mayor of Bethlehem replied that the city does not want a change to the stream regulations (no stocking and keep trophy trout).
 - Financial Development
 - Centre Gives: We received \$3730 in donations before the match is applied. The match amount is still TBD.
 - July 23, 2016 is the 150th anniversary of PFBC.
 - PFBC is planning to host a party at Fisherman's Paradise to celebrate the anniversary.
 - PFBC has contacted Lanning to request SCCTU help to 'put on' the event.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Vierck at 2012
 - Motion: Van Horn
 - Second: Zweig
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