

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 12 September 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1906
- Attendance (quorum satisfied):
  - Vierck
  - Van Horn
  - Sittler
  - Carrello
  - Lanning
  - Brumbaugh
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Motion to Approve: Van Horn
  - Second: Sittler
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Discussion:
    - The next CD to mature will occur in January 2017.
    - "Membership Meetings/Programs" is currently over budget by ~\$1400. There is no single large cause, but a lot of 'little' expenses add up.
    - "Marketing" is currently over budget by ~\$1000, but this does not account for the income generated by T-shirt sales.
    - Habitat projects (NFWF grant prep) is over-budget by ~\$2100.
  - A meeting to develop the first draft of the FY17 budget will be scheduled by Carrello.
  - Motion to Approve: Van Horn
  - Second: Lanning
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - Carrello will make an appointment for Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak to visit Centre Foundation .
      - The meeting was held via telephone call. Carrello did receive a document statement from Centre Foundation that was appropriately itemized (the form is standard given to call groups).
    - Pencak will research if having the Colonial Angler come for a 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation.
      - Pencak is absent, so no report.
- New Business
  - Carrello made a motion to require any unbudgeted expenditure of \$200 or more to require approval from the board of directors.

- Second: Sittler
  - “Unbudgeted” could include an amount that is over and above the approved budget.
  - The motion carried unanimously.
- Nick Brooks made a request of \$250 from SCCTU to conduct an Eagle Scout project.
  - The project builds a bridge across a ditch at Rock Rd.
  - Motion to approve: Van Horn
  - Second: Carrello
  - Discussion:
    - Funding would come from the ‘Habitat Stewardship’ account.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
- National TU meeting in Bozeman, MT.
  - SCCTU won the ‘Gold Chapter’ award.
  - National TU sent \$500 for 1 member to attend the national meeting.
  - Sittler and Vierck will both attend, and will split the national TU allowance.
  - Expenses to attend the meeting are estimated to be approximately \$1400 per person (flight, lodging, registration).
  - Lanning made a motion to fund travel to the national TU meeting for Sittler and Vierck in the amount of \$2800 total.
    - Second: Van Horn
    - Funding will come from the TU Meetings Regional/National account, even though the account will be net \$1300 negative.
    - The motion passed by majority vote.
- Jim Lanning was elected to be the PATU North-Central Vice President.
- Education / Youth (Sittler)
  - The ‘Get Outdoors Day’ will occur again next year. Sittler will contact Tussey Mountain about reserving the pavilion.
- VSP (Lanning)
  - A video of Sunday’s VSP meeting was shown.
  - The last outdoor VSP meeting will be in November.
- Membership & Public Relations (Sowers via letter)
  - There are currently 709 followers on Facebook.
  - VSP was added to Facebook.
  - The SCCTU chapter website won the best Chapter website award from PATU.
- Strategic Plan (Sowers via letter)
  - The strategic plan is completed.
  - The strategic plan will be posted to the SCCTU website. A constant contact letter will be sent notifying the membership of where the plan is on the website.
- Social Committee (Pencak via letter)

- October 6, 2016 meeting: Adrienne Gemberling and Dave Yoxtheimer will provide a presentation on the new 2016 WRMP project “Geology of the Spring Creek Watershed”.
  - Note, WRMP will host a “Demo Day” on Friday, 9/23/16.
- November 3, 2016 meeting: Bob Carline will present on “Spawning Behavior of Trout in Streams and Lakes”
- December 2 or December 9, 2016 meeting: Christmas party
- January 5, 2017 meeting: “State of the Chapter”
- Conservation (Vierck)
  - Three watershed conservation plans exist: 1999 Land Studies plan (mostly completed), DEP plan (lacks specifics), Spring Creek Watershed Association (lacks specifics). None of the plans are current / relevant today. Creating a watershed conservation plan is a topic identified by the Strategic Plan.
  - A redd survey will be conducted with PFBC this fall.
  - A stewardship agreement exists with PFBC regarding Fisherman’s Paradise.
  - McCoy: herbicide was applied 9/7.
  - Rock Rd: Carrello plans to cut back some invasive plants that were observed.
  - The NFWF grant was not approved / received this year. The grant will be resubmitted again next year.
  - Sparrow Run: Sparrow Run is a tributary to Bald Eagle Creek (in Port Matilda). The stream was rechanneled, and keeps try to diverge from the rechanneled path.
  - Thompson Run / Duck Pond: PSU will start work this week on repairing the dyke. The goal of the improvements is to reduce the flow from Thompson Run into the Duck Pond. Current estimates are that 50% of Thompson Run enters the Duck Pond. The goal is to reduce the flow down to 20% in-flow.
- Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
  - Revision of the by-laws is required to create a second vice-president officer per outcome of the strategic planning meeting. Review of the by-laws will occur at the next BOD meeting.
  - DEP revised and renewed the Graymont NPDES permit for discharge to Logan Branch. Review of the new permit is still under review by Brumbaugh, but it looks like Graymont will be required to discharge all water to Whiterock Sink (instead of pipe outfall to Logan Branch) during “conservation” months (summer months). Exceptions are allowed for significant rain events. Temperature measurements in Logan Branch will continue, but no temperature limits are currently in place.
  - Monitoring of Benner Township zoning ordinance continues.
- Nominating committee:
  - The BOD can consist of 12 members, there are currently 10 BOD seats that are planned to be filled with returning members.
  - Potential nominees

- Lynn Mitchell
    - Kate Lemon
    - Jim Hepner
  - We are in current need of the following officers for 2017: president, vice-president, and second-vice-president.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck at 2125
  - Motion: Brumbaugh
  - Second: Van Horn
- Action Items:
  - Pencak will research if having the Colonial Angler come for a 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation (carry forward).
  - Carrello will schedule a date to hold a budget meeting to develop a draft budget (for final review at the October BOD meeting).
  - Sittler will contact Tussey Mountain about reserving the pavilion for next year's Get Outdoors Day.
  - Vierck will post the strategic plan to the SCCTU website, and send a notification letter via Constant Contact.
  - All BOD members will review the current by-laws, and decide if there is anything they want to change.
  - Brumbaugh will contact all current BOD members with expiring terms to see if they plan to rerun for the BOD or resign.