

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 9 January 2017

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1900
- Attendance:
  - Bob Vierck
  - Judi Sittler
  - Jim George
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Jim Hepner
  - Kate Lemon
  - Mario Carrello
  - Dave Dudukovich
  - Mark Pencak
  - Ed Zweig
  - Scott Brumbaugh
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Motion to approve Secretary's report: Mitchell
    - Second: Dudukovich
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: Sittler requested more detailed information be listed instead of "miscellaneous expenses"
  - Chapters net worth = \$63348.52
  - Endowment value = \$18600.35
  - Discussion regarding the 9 month 'flex' CD.
    - Rolling the CD into another 9 month 'flex' CD would increase the interest rate to 0.30%
      - Motion by Dudukovich to simply roll the 9 month flex CD into another 9 month flex CD.
        - Second: Sittler
        - Discussion: A 'traditional' 13 month CD is available for 0.45% interest, but does not allow for withdrawals (the flex CD allows for 6 withdrawals per month). The larger interest rate (0.45%) would only net us \$15 additional. This is additional money is not enough to outweigh the ability to make some withdrawals from the flex CD.
        - The motion passed unanimously.

- Mitchell reported that he received a flyer from Kish Bank. Kish Bank has a program by which bank members can donate money, earned from a points rewards program, to charitable organizations.
  - Mitchell suggested that we should try to get Spring Creek TU on the listed of approved charities at Kish Bank.
  - Mitchell will contact Kish Bank to see if we can apply to get on the list of approved charities.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report: Brumbaugh
  - Second:
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - Carry forward: Brumbaugh to ask PFBC: "Were fish stocked into the Class A section of Sixmile Run and were gill lice found?"
      - Brumbaugh has not contacted Jason Detar (PFBC).
    - Carry forward: Brumbaugh to ask PFBC: "What rules exist / who enforces where co-op hatcheries are allowed to stock fish?"
      - Brumbaugh has not contacted Jason Detar (PFBC).
    - Vierck will ask PATU if they know if PFBC plans to continue stocking Bald Eagle Creek.
      - Jason has not responded, but it is rumored that PFBC does plan to stock.
    - Brumbaugh will contact Jeff Ripple to ask if he knows if PFBC plans to continue stocking Bald Eagle Creek.
      - OBE.
    - Brumbaugh, absent other information, will draft a comment letter to PFBC. The letter will express support for making Bald Eagle Creek Class A, but only if PFBC ceases stocking.
      - Done, letter sent.
    - Vierck and Sowers will update the information sheet.
      - Work in progress. Vierck, Sowers, and Lemon will meet to work on this on Friday 1/13/17.
- New Business
  - Vierck introduced Kate Lemon and Jim Hepner as new board members.
  - PATU leadership training
    - Training will be done in Dubois and Pine Grove (East of Hershey).
      - The Dubois meeting is March 4, 2017. Exact location is TBD.
    - All SCTU board members are encouraged to attend.
  - Request for funding from the Penn State Student of the Wildlife Society
    - Lane Naugle contacted SCTU to ask for a donation to their fundraising banquet.
    - Dudukovich and Sowers will meet to find a prize to donate to their fundraising banquet.
    - The prize donation will be on the order of \$50 in value.

- Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
  - PFBC Commissioners' meeting will be January 23 & 24, 2017 in Harrisburg, PA.
    - Brumbaugh and Vierck plan to attend.
  - DEP will host a public hearing about the Hanson Quarry expansion on January 27, 2017 at Mount Nittany Middle School, 6:30 PM.
- Nominating Committee
  - A new office, Senior Vice President, was created by approval of the new By-Laws.
  - Brumbaugh nominated Lynn Mitchell for the office of Senior Vice President.
    - Second: Sittler
    - Discussion: NONE
    - The motion passed unanimously.
- Banquet Committee (Dudukovich)
  - Dudukovich and Sowers have the mailing letters drafted. Dudukovich will approach "Colonial" to do printing and mailing.
    - The national sponsor letters should go out in the next week or so.
  - Dudukovich meet with Steve Sywensky at Fisherman's Paradise. He will donate a 10' 4 WT Helios.
  - Bob Carline donated an original George Harvey creel.
    - Dudukovich will work with Carline to obtain a photo of Harvey with the creel, and a letter from Carline stating authenticity.
    - Lemon suggested the creel could be used as a "prize" for a crowd sourcing donation on KickStarter.
- Youth Education (Sittler)
  - Sittler and Vierck met with PATU (Charlesworth and MacArthur). PATU asked if we could be responsible for organizing a PA state wide 5-Rivers Club rendezvous.
    - SCCTU said we were not interested in heading the effort, but would help at a lower capacity.
    - The 5-Rivers Club is a TU affiliated club for students.
    - Sittler is the SCCTU ambassador to the PSU 5-Rivers Club.
- Women Anglers (Sittler)
  - Sittler reminded the group that the Women Anglers meet monthly, even in the winter.
- NorthCentral VP's report (Lanning absent)
  - Mitchell and Lanning are going to visit Penn's Creek Chapter on January 10, 2017.
- VSP (Lanning absent)
  - A training class will be held on January 28, 2017 at Patton Township building to teach mentors how to communicate with veteran's who have mental injuries.
- PR (Vierck)

- Lemon and Vierck will meet with Sowers on January 13, 2017.
  - Social Committee (Pencak)
    - February will be the PSU Fly Fisher's Club.
    - March will be a presentation on fly fishing Alaska.
    - April might be a presentation from Ernie Demascus on his fishing trip to Argentina.
    - May will likely be an chapter meeting on the stream.
    - June will be the Get Outdoors Day.
  - Conservation (Vierck)
    - The next step in the Sparrow Run (Bald Eagle tributary) project is to meet with the landowner.
    - There is an online webinar on January 11 for riparian buffers and another on February 27. Vierck previously sent information to BOD members via email.
    - Vierck plans to resubmit the previous NFWF grant after spiffying it up.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck at
  - Motion: Dudukovich
  - Second: Carrello
- Action Items:
  - Mitchell will contact Kish Bank to see if we can apply to get on the list of approved charities.
    - Carry forward: Brumbaugh to ask PFBC: "Were fish stocked into the Class A section of Sixmile Run and were gill lice found?"
    - Carry forward: Brumbaugh to ask PFBC: "What rules exist / who enforces where co-op hatcheries are allowed to stock fish?"
    - Dudukovich and Sowers will meet to find a prize to donate to National Wildlife Society fundraising banquet.