

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 8 May 2017

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Mitchell at 1902
- Attendance:
 - Judi Sittler
 - Paula Sowers
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Jim Lanning
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Mario Carrello
 - Jim George
 - Scott Brumbaugh
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Motion to Approve: Sittler
 - Second: Dudukovich
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Discussion:
 - The new 9 month Flex CD was opened (\$9000 principle).
 - The banquet grossed approximately \$26.4K and netted approximately \$18.1K (including bid for a cause).
 - Motion to Approve: George
 - Second: Sowers
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - NONE to report on.
- New Business
 - Sowers resigned as Vice President, effective immediately. She wishes to continue as a member of the Board of Directors.
 - Mitchell made a motion to accept Sowers resignation with 'extreme regret'
 - Second: Carrello
 - The motion carried.
 - Private property conservation concerns:
 - Vierck received an email that someone cut down 2 trees along Spring Creek on private property.
 - Although the Chapter is not in favor of this, there is probably nothing SCCTU could or should do.

- Sittler reports that a neighbor in Lamont (near the Branch Rd) is suffering from bank side erosion.
 - This is private property, but the owner is willing to let the public access the property for fishing.
 - This could be a potential future project site (Sittler and Vierck to discuss).
- Outreach (Sittler)
 - SCCTU received a ‘thank you’ note from the people that put on Earth Day at Millbrook Marsh.
 - SCCTU was featured in the May/June PFBC magazine.
 - Sittler wrote an article about rain gardens in the Lamont newsletter.
 - Sittler found a group that can help you brand your non-profit organization. We might consider this in the future.
 - Sittler discussed that some people have recently requested a good source of cheap fly fishing gear.
 - The idea was discussed that SCCTU could host a ‘gear swap’, with the Chapter receiving a portion of the sales receipts.
- Legislative and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - PFBC quarterly meeting was held 27 & 28 April. Of note, a presentation from the Bald Eagle fishing derby on live bait hooking mortality was given.
- Banquet (Dudukovich)
 - Thank you notes are in progress, only a few remain.
 - SCCTU is reserved at the Ramada 3 years out. March 28, 2020 is our ‘last’ reservation at this point.
- Education & Youth (Sittler)
 - ‘Get Outdoors’ day is 11 June. This event will double as the ‘kick-off’ event for Clearwater Conservancy’s “Centered Outdoors” summer program.
 - Clearwater Conservancy will begin advertising the week of 11 May.
 - Sittler requested volunteers to help work the Get Outdoors event.
 - The YMCA Trout release date is 8 August 2017 (1600 – 1900) at Whipple’s Dam.
- PATU Update (Lanning)
 - Lanning reports that there are 6 new people on PA Council.
 - 2 on the Woman’s / Diversity council
 - 2 on the VSP program
 - A vote on PATU council by-law changes is upcoming.
 - PATU is emphasizing the 5-Rivers program.
- VSP (Lanning)
 - There are now 10 partners to the national VSP Partnership program.
 - A local couple won the national VSP trip contest to Slough Creek.
 - VSP will participate with PFBC to put on an event on 13 May.
 - Ed Zweig donated a very nice BBQ grille to VSP.

- Membership / Public Relations (Sowers)
 - Sowers will work with Sittler to help with Get Outdoors advertising.
- Social Committee (Sowers for Pencak)
 - There was some concern about the low turn-out for the 4 May general meeting at Fisherman's Paradise. This may have been due to the poor weather.
- Conservation (Mitchell for Vierck)
 - Vierck is currently submitting the NFWF grant (final submission tomorrow AM).
 - A volunteer to organize the fall redd survey is still needed.
 - Vierck put out a call to ask for volunteers to help with mowing at Fisherman's Paradise.
 - There will be an herbicide application at Boston Common's on Thursday (5/11/17).
 - PSU and SCCTU will work in repairing / armoring the Duck Pond dyke. The exact date is still TBD.
- Mitchell thanked everyone that participated in the Spring Creek (garbage) clean-up day. SCCTU cleaned up 3 sites.
 - More people may be needed at the Slab Cabin site next year.
- Centre Gives is 9-10 May 2017 (tomorrow).
 - SCCTU is targeting the 1100-1200 lunch hour tomorrow (9 May) for most donations.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Mitchell at 2036
 - Motion: Sowers
 - Second: Lanning
- Action Items:
 - Sittler and Vierck to discuss the potential project site in Lamont.