

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 Sept 2017

Reported by: Paula Sowers

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1900
- Attendance:
 - Bob Vierck
 - Judi Sittler
 - Mario Carrello
 - Jim Lanning
 - Paula Sowers
 - Jim George
 - Jim Hepner
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Kate Lemon
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: None other than previously submitted via email
 - Motion to Approve as amended: Mitchell
 - Second: Lemon
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Discussion:
 - 9 month CD maturing day after Oct board meeting. Mario will renew at best rate he can find.
 - Motion to Approve: Mitchell
 - Second: George
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - Vierck will discuss Paradise Hill with the Conservation District
 - Talked to owner. Has permit for what they did and there is an engineering design. Conservation District following up.
 - As of meeting report from neighbor said mud is not coming down.
 - Loaning fishing equipment to beginners that don't have equipment.
 - Judi has not heard from her fishing equipment loan after multiple attempts. Per Lanning they have a system and will continue their program with discretion.
- New Business
 - PATU/TU National Meeting Expenses
 - Chapter will reimburse hotel up to \$200/night per person and pay registration. \$800/person maximum. Vierck, Sittler, Lanning attending
 - Motion: Sowers
 - Second: Hepner

- Approved: All
- Lanning asked Jeff Yates at TU for award stipend to be used for SCCTU VSP. Jeff Yates agreed.
 - Motion to accept: Hepner
 - Approved: All
- 2017/2018 Budget
 - Change name of Youth Camp Support to Youth Program Support
 - Budget to be increased for potential use in Tomorrow Fund, Trout Camp, memberships for fly tying clubs, Brookies memberships, etc.
 - Separate Marketing/Outreach into two categories – Marketing and Outreach
 - Increase budget for VSP
 - Carrello will finalize changes and send out for review
- Bob Eberhardt memorial
 - Rename Order of the Sulphur to Robert Eberhardt Order of the Sulphur
 - Rose bush planted in his name at PAWS next to the one he planted for his wife. Vierck estimates \$400 maximum
 - Plaque at tree at Fishermans Paradise
 - Motion: Sowers
 - Second: Lanning
- Centre County Sports Hall of Fame – Joe Humphreys being inducted. We were asked to place congratulatory add in program. Vierck proposed ½ page ad plus two tickets option for \$250. Vierck/Lemon created ad.
 - Motion: Sowers
 - Second: Sittler
- Legislation and Permitting (Vierck)
 - Benner trail complete. We had reports of cars driving on it. Vierck met with PFBC and XXX to discuss blockages and suggested plants on steep sections to mitigate storm drainage.
- Education / Youth (Sittler)
 - Needs to hand off jobs. Will not be as active in the future
 - Hats – Dave D? Can we go directly to embroidery company with hats rather than through Collegiate Pride?
 - Banquet fly boxes – Sowers
 - Get Outdoors Day
 - Sittler can act as General Manager, but needs more help including people to take charge of stations.
 - Need more volunteers
 - Booklet on event given to Lemon
 - Amidea Daniel and Judi talked to Girl Scout Council about setting up Stream Girls pilot.
 - Hazel Stryker will be helping with table events.

- PATU (Lanning)
 - Sept 23rd is PATU annual meeting
 - Lanning is now environmental investigator for PATU
 - Per the Trout Management Committee chair they will be starting to have meetings
 - PATU is working on bylaw changes.
- VSP (Lanning)
 - VSP was over budget due to:
 - Purchasing more licenses than expected
 - Use of VSP resources for other chapter events where Vets volunteer
 - Other work like teaching at Penns Creek.
 - Supplies needed to support 517 people in program.
 - Local Elks – approaching them to pay for trailer
 - National Elks – Local Elks wrote a \$2000 grant to provide VSP with an AED for use at events.
 - Shed at Paradise now has power and a freezer.
 - Sept 16-VSP training for mentors (streamside and operations). Event will be filmed for use at state and national level.
 - Thompson Run – Project is being completed. PSU has paid for project.
 - Spring Mills YMCA project is underway.
- Social Committee (Pencak)
 - Pencak is working on the schedule for general membership meetings next year.
- Conservation (Vierck)
 - Received grant from NFWF, \$160,700
 - Kissinger Meadow with UAJA
 - Area above Rock Road parking lot with PFBC – install log/stone deflectors, possible brush deflector. Have permit
 - Trout Road above Houserville Bridge – with USFWS, mud sill, deflectors, rain garden, etc. Have permit
 - Redd survey being coordinated by Kate Lemon
 - Spring Creek Watershed Commission requested \$2000 for Watershed Plan.
 - Old plan 2001, needs substantial revisions
 - Funding can come out of current Habitat budget.
 - Motion: Sittler
 - Second: Lanning
- Development (Vierck)
 - Received donation from member of Penns Woods Chapter
 - Donation from sister of a man who passed away.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Vierck at 9:45pm
 - Motion: Lemon

- Second: Pencak
- Action Items:
 - Lanning to check with PATU – What is the \$160 for the newsletter and when is it due?
 - Carrello will finalize 2017/2018 Budget for October meeting – done.
 - Vierck to touch base with Ed Zweig – done.
 - Sowers will redo Order of Sulphur certificate for Van Horn with new name
 - Vierck will research Bob Eberhardt rose bush and plaque.
 - Sittler will reserve June 10th at Tussey for Get Outdoors Day – done (changed to June 3).