

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/6/2017

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1902
- Attendance:
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Jim George
  - Mario Carrello
  - Jim Lanning
  - Mark Pencak
  - Bob Vierck
  - Paula Sowers
  - Judi Sittler
  - Kate Lemon
  - Ed Zweig
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Ford Stryker (guest)
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: As noted by Carrello and Sittler.
  - Motion to Approve: Sowers
  - Second: Mitchell
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Motion to Approve: Lanning
  - Second: Sittler
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - None to review.
- New Business
  - The 19 month CD is due to expire 11/15/17 (present value ~ \$42,400).
    - Motion: Roll the 19 month CD into a 13 month CD (not flex) at the best possible rate.
      - Motion by Carrello
      - Second by Lanning
      - The motion passed unanimously.
  - Nominating Committee (Mitchell)
    - Ford Stryker, Fran Stevenson, Jamie San Philipppo, Bob Caccese have all agreed to join the SCTU BOD.

- There is still 2 vacant seat to be filled (in addition to the volunteers identified above) open.
    - Sittler and San Filippo will meet on 14 November to discuss transition information.
- Legislative and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
  - SB 30 appears to be stalled
  - SB 953 was introduced to limit the term limit of the PFBC executive director.
  - Gill lice were found in brook trout in Linn Run (Westmoreland County).
- Banquet (Sowers)
  - Sowers asked for help to create an Excel spreadsheet that replicates the 'Check Out' sheet on Google Documents.
  - Sowers asked for bullet lines to be submitted for the 'brag sheet'.
  - The banquet is scheduled for 24 March 2017.
  - Bid for a Cause Ideas
    - Trout in the Classroom / Chesapeake Bay connection: Funding would help develop a program that shows Penns Valley students the connection between local waters and the Chesapeake Bay. This would involve a field trip from Penns Valley to the Chesapeake Bay.
    - "Stream Girls": This program is a Girl Scouts patch. The program would include fly casting, fly tying, and macro-invertebrate surveys. Funding would be needed to buy supplies and equipment for the program.
    - Raise money for a stream conservation project.
    - Raise money to implement a solution to the Hills Plaza / Super 8 Motel storm water problem.
- Education and Youth (Sittler)
  - Sittler asked for a replacement volunteer to send the 5 printed newsletters to the members that don't get email.
    - Sowers volunteered to take-over the newsletter mailing.
  - Mt. Top Elementary (Bald Eagle SD) received the former Park Forest Elementary tank, and is currently in use.
- PATU (Lanning)
  - Charlesworth said this is a new era of openness and transparency.
  - George Kutschel asked that SCTU submit their annual report by 15 November.
- VSP (Lanning)
  - Rivers of Recovery (from CT) and Oil Creek Chapter of TU will attend the 12 November 2017 VSP program.
  - 11 November 2017 is the veterans tailgate at Beaver Stadium.
  - Mike Marcinick, a frequent VSP volunteer, recently passed away.
    - Motion to contribute \$250 to Mike Marcinick memorial fund
      - Motion: Lanning
      - Second: Mitchell

- The motion passed.
    - Winter VSP meetings will be held at the South Hills Business Institute.
  - Membership and Public Relations (Sowers)
    - Vierck is currently writing the articles for the newsletter. A volunteer is needed to write stories and get pictures.
    - SCCTU won the award from PATU for the biggest increase in membership.
  - Social Committee (Pencak)
    - The Christmas party will be 1 December 2017 at Sowers' house.
    - January 2018 will be the 'State of the Chapter' meeting.
    - PSU Fly Fishers will do fly tying in either February or March.
    - Steve Goletta (Big Horn Anglers) will give the April presentation.
  - Conservation (Vierck)
    - Redd Count
      - Lemon reports that the redd count is well planned and accounted for.
      - Only 1 beat (10B) remains open for survey.
    - Adam Smith may be too busy to do the Houserville to Rock Rd. portion of the NFWF grant in 2018.
    - PSU completed Phase II of the Duck Pond / Thompson Run work. The work will reduce thermal pollution and sediment loading into Thompson Run.
  - Bob Carline, Dr. Mormon, and Calvin Bush will serve as technical advisors to SCCTU.
  - Strategic Plan Update (Vierck)
    - Watershed and legislative monitoring continue.
    - Communication efforts need some work.
    - Committee development still needs progress.
    - SCCTU has done a good job of diversifying the types of activities we have to expand our membership reach.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck at 2103
  - Motion: Brumbaugh
  - Second: Sowers
- Action Items:
  - NONE