

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: March 5, 2018

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by Lynn Mitchell at 7:01pm
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell  
Bob Vierck  
Ford Stryker  
Mario Carrello  
Fran Stevenson  
Jim Lanning  
Jamie SanFilippo  
Paula Sowers  
Bob Caccese  
Kate Lemon  
Mark Pencak
  
- Review of Secretary's Minutes – Fran Stevenson
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to Approve: Bob Vierck
  - Second: Mark Pencak
- Review of Treasurer's Report – Mario Carrello
  - Amendments: None
  - Banquet Income: 64 reservations received as of March 5, 2018
  - VSP Contributions: \$3000 from Bellefonte Elks Club. Purchase trailer for \$2000, AED \$1000
  - Motion to Approve: Bob Vierck
  - Second: Jim Lanning
- **Action Items** – Banquet/Paula Sowers
  - Donations of \$500 and over received through the year will be recognized as banquet table sponsors
  - Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets
  - Assistance is needed to make table signs
  - Kate Lemon will work with Judy Sittler to make table center pieces
  - Volunteers are needed to sell cards for the two (2) 52 Card Draw - winners receive 50X50 and wine donated by John Corr
  - Lynn asked Jim Lanning if there are any Vets available to volunteer at the banquet
  - Jamie San Filippo will provide members of the YMCA Youth Leadership Group to volunteer at the banquet as needed. SCCTU will pay for their meals
  - Bob Caccese will manage the dining room and keep track of time

- Bob Vierck will present the George Harvey award
- Denise Lanning will help Jim Lanning with check in
- Jim Lanning will help Paula Sowers with transporting banquet and auction items to the Ramada Inn the morning of the banquet
- Julie Mitchell will help with check-out
- Jim and Cheryl George will use Square to check out auction items being paid for by credit card
- Paula Sowers asked if table “Freebies” are needed for the banquet and will research what might be available
- **Old Business**
  - Nestles Bottled Water Plant(Ongoing)– Mitchell/Vierck/Lanning
    - Jim Lanning asked Bob Caccese about the quality of Spring Creek water and which regulatory agency monitors the water. Bob Caccese responded that DEP is the regulatory agency.
    - Jim Lanning asked if DEP mandates a Public Forum. Bob Caccese will research
    - Jim Lanning reported that Clearwater Conservancy has asked SCCTU to work with them on the Nestles issues
    - It was noted that Coca Cola built a plant to use Spring Creek water 30 years ago and improvements have not been made to that system
    - Jamie SanFilippo commented that individuals are making statements without having the necessary information about Nestles and their project. More information is needed
    - Jim Lanning is sending the SCCTU Board members Clearwater’s statement about the Nestles proposal
    - The Spring Creek Commission is working with a PSU professor to hold a meeting for people to voice their opinions about the Nestles proposal
    - Ford Stryker asked what schedule Nestles must follow and what is SCCTU’s position on Nestles proposal? Bob Caccese will research the process that Nestles must follow. Ford Stryker and Bob Vierck will draft a statement from SCCTU on our position on the Nestles proposal
    - There are 2 scheduled meetings, Spring Township, March 12 and the Sierra Club, March 14. Lynn Mitchell will attend at least one of these meetings
    - Bob Vierck stated that Nestles will be required to get permits for the pipeline, processing plant and dispensing the water
  - Keystone Coldwater Conference – Vierck
    - SCCTU provided an information table
    - Conference provided information on area streams and trout population
    - It was learned that Spring Creek and the Little J have high trout populations determined by national standards
  - Chapter By-Laws Amendment (Emeritus) – Mitchell
    - Discussion was tabled until after the banquet
- **New Business**
  - Bob Caccese will look for keynote speakers to talk about Spruce Creek stream improvements and the Indian Cavern’s section being open to public fishing
  - Centre Gives: \$5700 was raised for the benefit of SCCTU in 20017. Jamie SanFilippo will work with social media to engage the community and determine what is the best day of

the campaign and the best time of day for giving? Mt Nittany Winery was suggested for setting up computers to make donations. Bob Vierck will assist Jamie

- Request for Support – Sittler Drawstring Backpacks for **STREAM Girls**
  - 50 backpacks with logos are needed at a cost of \$280.00. The board approved the expense
- UAJA Permit to discharge re-use water into Slab Cabin Run – Comments to DEP
  - The permit for renewal is due to expire. UAJA has requested and extension for a year
  - Bob Vierck, Bob Carline, Lynn Mitchell, Ford Stryker and Jim Lanning met with UAJA on 2/14/2018
  - DEP has made new requirements
  - Conclusion is that water being discharged into Slab Cabin Run is clean but the temperature may be higher than desired. PFBC has determined that the water should be cooled to no higher than 68 degrees for the benefit of the trout
  - Bob Vierck stated that the requirement of chlorinating the water should be ended because it is not good for the trout
  - PFBC is sending a letter to UAJA this week explaining their position
- Choose Clean Water Coalition “Hill Day” March 21, 2018
  - Elizabeth Nellums via nfwf. Onmicrosoft.com sent a letter about a lunch and poster session on Capitol Hill
  - Bob Vierck plans to attend and present a poster
    - Networking is important
    - Participation could have an impact on future grants and funding
  - Jamie SanFilippo suggested that the YMCA Youth Leadership Group help with the poster using available photos from SCCTU
- **Committee Reports**
  - Education/Youth – **Jamie**
    - The next event will be Earth Day at Millbrook Marsh on April 22, 2018. A table with SCCTU information will be at this event
  - Women Anglers – **Fran**
    - A report was given on the February 25, 2018 meeting “The Joe Humphreys Film Festival” held at Schlow Memorial Library from 2-4pm
      - It was determined that the winter meetings will continue to be held at the library because of the central location, availability of technical equipment and ample space
      - Future SCCTU events were highlighted
      - The VSP and STREAM Girls programs were discussed
      - Joe Humphreys was introduced and shared his fishing tips and 2 of his videos were shown

- PATU – **Jim**
  - This is a final report
  - A new representative for the North Central Region will be elected
  - A meeting focusing on Trout Management is being held in Bellwood the weekend of March 10, 2018
- VSP – **Jim**
  - Meetings and fishing begin on Spring Creek begin on March 11, 2018 and will continue for every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month until November
- Membership and PR – **Paula**
  - No report
- Social – **Mark**
  - The presenters for the April, May, June and September general meetings were announced
- Conservation – **Bob V**
  - Stream Clean Up is scheduled for April 21, 2018
  - Bob will attend planning meetings and keep the Board and membership advised of the plans
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Mitchell at 9:07pm
  - Motion: Bob Vierck
  - Second: Mark Pencak

Corrections:

I always proof read the minutes several times for punctuation, spelling and grammar. On my last go around I realized I neglected to mention, under the Treasurers Report, that the \$466.00 balance in the Mike Marcinak Memorial are the funds remaining after paying for the memorial plaque installed on Penns Creek. If there are no further expenses related to this memorial plaque these remaining funds will be transferred to VSP: A motion by Bob Vierck and 2nd by Ford Stryker. I have now included this discussion in the minutes under the Treasurer's Report. Fran



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to Robert, Mario, Jim, Kate, Lynn, Mark, Jamie, Paula, Bob

Mario made the following correction to my addition to the board minutes and I have made the correction in the minutes. Fran

----- Original Message -----

From: Mario Carrello <[mcarrello@gmail.com](mailto:mcarrello@gmail.com)>

To: Frances Stevenson <[fstevenson47@comcast.net](mailto:fstevenson47@comcast.net)>

Date: March 7, 2018 at 3:59 PM

Subject: Re: Addition to SCCTU March 2018 Board Minutes

Fran,

For clarification it should state: "If there are no further expenses related to this memorial plaque the portion of the remaining funds that were contributed by the SCCTU board will be transferred to VSP".

Mario

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