

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/07/2019

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell**: 6:04PM
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Jamie San Filippo, Jim Lanning, Bob Vierck, Mario Carrello, Mark Pencak, John Lynn Himes, Bob Sills, Fran Stevenson
Molly Kunkle, Executive Director, Centre Foundation (Guest)
Michelle Shippert D.O., Oasis Lifecare (Guest)
 - Absent: Ford Stryker
- Molly Kunkle presentation of Centre Foundation and SCCTU Endowment
 - Provided general explanation of Community Foundations
 - There are over 400 Community Foundations in the United States
 - Provided names of Investment Committee members
 - Available on the web-site and in the annual report
 - Explained how endowments benefit non-profit organizations
 - Money is available at all times to carry on the mission of the organization
 - Compared other organizations to SCCTU
 - Compared the cost and the return of the SCCTU funds to others in the industry
 - 1.2% of the funds is charged as the annual administrative fee
 - Answered questions from the board members
 - Distributions are dictated by the document establishing the endowment
 - Principal is available for distribution during an emergency and by approval of the board
 - Explained “Centre Gives” and how and from where the awards are given
 - The board of the Centre Foundation is representative of Centre County and includes a member from each of the 5 school districts
- Approval of September Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Mark Pencak**
 - Motion Approved
- Review of Treasurer’s Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - September Results
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve September 2019 results: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - Motion Approved
 - The annual return, as of 10/1/2019, of the SCCTU Endowment Fund was noted to be 9.20%

- The distribution from the Jean Brenchley Women Angler Support Endowment Fund will be available in April 2020
- Action Items
 - Sparrow Run Project – **Bob Vierck**, Funding was not received from NFWF
 - SCCTU is funding \$5000.00
 - Hamer Foundation is funding \$100,000.00
 - Embrace a Stream was asked for \$10,000.00 but will provide \$9000.00
 - SCCTU was the highest ranked chapter in the country
 - A \$2400.00 custom made bamboo rod was presented to Judi Sittler, at the Annual TU National meeting, as a representative from SCCTU. The rod will be a special auction item at the annual banquet
 - Crowd Funding 11/4 – 11/10/2019, Orvis will contribute 50% up to \$1000.00
 - This group was created to evaluate proposed projects
 - Houserville – **Bob Vierck**
 - The work was not completed by October 1st as was first thought but finished on October 4th
 - Extra work was required above the Houserville Bridge
 - DEP and Matt Royer from PSU reviewed the Houserville project along with the Oak Hall and Whitehall Road projects
 - An article on the Houserville project will be in the 10/11/2019 edition of the Gazette
 - This has been the second largest project on Spring Creek covering 1.47 miles at a cost of \$168,000.00
 - Fishing is available between the two bridges
 - REDD Count – **John Himes**
 - Emails asking for volunteers will be sent out shortly
 - Scheduled for the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 24th
 - Food will be provided at Spring Creek Park
 - Update on potential new board members due to resignations and expirations of current members of the board – **Lynn Mitchell**
 - Names mentioned: **Jim Pivita, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan, Dustin Pease, Bob Cross**
 - These potential board members will be contacted in the next couple of week to schedule an interview by **Ford Stryker, Jamie San Filippo and Bob Sills**
 - Request for reimbursement of TU National Conference and PATU Annual meeting registrations by Judi Sittler – **Lynn Mitchell**
 - \$35.00 PATU
 - \$350.00 TU National meeting

- It was it was discussed that future requests for reimbursement be made and approved at least thirty (30) days prior to an event
 - Motion to approve **Sittler** request and preapproval for future events – **Bob Sills**
 - Second – **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Motion Approved
 - New Business
 - Clean out and organize VSP shed – **Lynn Mitchell**
 - **Ford Stryker** spoke to Sullivan Storage about the rental of a 5' X 10" storage unit to hold SCCTU records and minutes and contents of the shed
 - Normal monthly cost is \$85.00 per month but with a 2 year contract the cost will be reduced to \$58.00 per month
 - **Mark Pencak** asked if a 5' X 10' unit will provide enough storage room
 - **Bob Vierck** suggested that what food doesn't get used for the 10/27 VSP could be donated to Clearwater Conservancy or thrown out
 - Also suggested to wait until the end of the year to do an inventory of the contents of the shed
 - Geoff Brugler the owner of Appalachian Outdoors is hosting a "Pint Night" on October 11th to assist the Youth Fly Fishing Team in raising funds for stream restoration on Laurel Run above Whipple's Dam. Geoff requested if SCCTU would like to participate and make a donation to help with the cost of food and for volunteers.
 - A request for volunteers will be sent out to the membership
 - A \$50.00 donation will be made to the event
 - Motion: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Motion approved
 - Project Healing Waters members, from Ohio, to visit in May 2020
 - **Jim Lanning** – Tom Doman from the Penns Valley Chapter asked **Ray Faczan** why SCCTU said no to the visit. Ray was not aware of the conversation at the SCCTU September board meeting concerning the visit
 - **Bob Sills** and **Jim Lanning** stated that SCCTU could accommodate the group if the following occurs
 - PHW sends 2 chaperones with the group
 - Tom Doman provides fishing guides
 - PHW pays for the food
 - **Bob Sills** will advise PHW that 2 dates in May will not be available
 - **Bob Sills** suggests that Scott Winters be invited
 - **Jamie San Filippo** advised that volunteers are needed to stuff backpacks at the State College YMCA on April 8, 2020 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**

- No report due to time constraints
 - VSP – **Jim Lanning**
 - **Jamie San Filippo** finds the VSP waders to be in poor condition and that Euro Nymphing equipment is needed
 - The Pleasant Gap America Legion Post #867 is donating \$1000 for the new equipment
 - The board authorized **Jamie San Filippo** to ask Fly Fishers Paradise to donate equipment
 - Motion: **Jim Lanning**
 - Second: **Bob Vierck**
 - Motion Approved
 - Membership and PR – **Board Members** - None
 - Social – **Mark Pencak**
 - Phil Thomas will be the presenter at the November 7th general meeting
 - It was requested that a member of the board take Phil out to dinner before the meeting
 - PSU Fly Fishing Club will also be at the meeting giving fly tying demonstrations
 - \$100 is needed for fly tying materials
 - Pizza and soda will be provided to the club members
 - Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker** - None
 - Conservation – **Bob Vierck** – See action items
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns - None
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Lynn Mitchell** at: 8:22pm
 - Motion: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Bob Sills**