

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/11/2019

Reported bswy: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell**: 6:01pm
- The SCCTU board members extends a thank you to all veterans who have served the board
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Jamie San Filippo, Jim Lanning, Bob Vierck, Mario Carrello , Ford Stryker, Mark Pencak, John Lynn Himes, Bob Sills, Fran Stevenson
 - Potential new board members: Jim Pivrotto, Bob Cross, Dave De Walle
 - Roger Garthwaite: guest
- **Roger Garthwaite** addressed the board about the Penn State Fly Fishing Program and The Joe Humphreys Student Angling Fund. The program has been thriving since the 1930's with the leadership being the responsibility of such Fly Fishing legends as George Harvey to Joe Humphreys, Vance McCullough, Mark Belden and most recently Greg Hoover. The Department of Kinesiology now welcomes George Daniel as the newest steward of the Fly Fishing Program. Roger noted that Fly fishing is not about catching but about being on the stream, relaxation and contemplation. The Cast and Fish Program has raised \$85,000 to purchase equipment with the goal of reaching \$100,000. Roger requested that SCCTU consider making a donation of \$3000 to the Joe Humphreys Student Angling Fund.
 - **Mario Carrello** asked who manages the money and how much is paid out each year
 - **Ford Stryker** responded that the endowment is managed by Penn State. The distribution is determined by the balance in the endowment in the past three years.
 - A distribution of 1.5% has been normal
 - The money is used to pay for quest speakers, equipment and field trips
- Approval of October Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Ford Stryker**
 - Motion Approved
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - October Results: **Mario Carrello** explained the reports for the benefit of the potential board members and all present
 - It was noted that the balance in the Certificate of Deposit due to mature on 12/13/2019 will be used to pay expenses for the Houserville Project
 - **Mario Carrello** will send the current tax exempt number and the account number of all businesses where SCCTU has established tax exempt status to all board members
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve October 2019 results: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Lanning**

- Motion Approved
- Action Items
 - Sparrow Run Project
 - **Bob Vierck** stated that \$105,000 was donated from the Hamer Foundation, \$9000 was received from Embrace a Stream and another \$12,000 was received from Crowd Funding
 - It was noted that **Bob Vierck** and **Paul Angeli** did the work to acquire the Embrace the Stream funds. SCCTU will not apply to Embrace the Stream in the future as it was a lot of work for a small amount of money
 - Installation for this project is planned for Summer 2020
 - The Pennsylvania Environmental Corp will be testing the water after each part of the project
 - Houserville Stream Project Wrap Up – **Bob Vierck**
 - A total of \$320,000 was spent on this project which completed on October 23rd
 - Trees and cages, provided by the Chesapeake Foundation, were planted by 20 volunteers in the rain
 - A 20 inch brown trout was spotted below the bridge on the day the trees were planted
 - The water in the section below the bridge has been reduced
 - Two feet of silt was dredged so as not to reduce the “swimming hole”
 - Riffles are now showing that were not there before the project
 - Kissinger Meadow, Oak Hall and Rock Road projects have also been completed
 - **Bob Sills** asked where the projects have been advertised
 - The projects are all well documented on the SCCTU website
 - **Bob Carline, Art Kemp and Bob Vierck** have collaborated on a history of SCCTU projects
 - The SCCTU website has an interactive map of the projects
 - **Dan Kerstetter** reported that he received a phone call from **Ted Trostle** who has moved to the Village at Penn State and wants to donate his fly fishing equipment to SCCTU
 - A fly fishing equipment box was presented and all agreed that it will make an interesting auction item for the banquet
 - A complete inventory was provided showing a value of over \$6000
 - This is an extensive in-kind gift donation
 - **Ted Trostle** only asks that he receive an acknowledgement from SCCTU of the gift
 - **Mark Faulkner** has moved to Williamsburg VA and has also donated fly fishing equipment to SCCTU
 - A discussion was started on which donated items could be used at the banquet auction
 - **Lynn Mitchell** stated he feels that SCCTU is very fortunate to have the support of the members

- The following have expressed an interest in joining the SCCTU Board and the slate of new board members will be announced in January 2020 at the annual meeting
 - Jim Pivrotto
 - Bob Cross
 - Dave DeWalle
 - Ray Faczan
- Old Business
 - Redd Count – **John Himes**
 - A good response was received from the request for volunteers and it is expected that all of Spring Creek will be included in the count
 - Maps are being sent out the week of November 11th
 - Holiday Party – **Mark Pencek**
 - December 11th, 5:30 to 9:00pm, Boalsburg Firehall
 - Members are asked not to park in the spaces dedicated to the volunteers who will need them if there is a fire call
 - SCCTU will provide several main dishes and a box each of white and red wine. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and a beverage of their choice
- New Business
 - Growing Greener DEP Grant Application – This grant will not be available for another five years
 - **Ford Stryker** recommends submitting an application
 - DEP wants a financial commitment from the board of \$5000
 - Motion to approve – **Ford Stryker**
 - Second – **Bob Vierck**
 - Motion approved
 - **Bob Vierck** and **Ford Stryker** met with PFBC to discuss grant money available for the following projects. All but one project is in excess of \$100,000
 - Centre Hills which will be a collaboration with Clearwater Conservancy
 - Bald Eagle
 - Houserville below the bridge to Dr. Clair's property, Benninghoff property to the sheep farm and the sheep farm to Puddingtown Road
 - Shiloh Road parking area and down stream to clean out the silt - cost of project \$30,000 to \$50,000
 - **Dave DeWalle** asked how projects are evaluated when completed.
 - **Bob Vierck** explained it depends on who provides the funds and if they want to spend even more on the cost of an evaluation
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
 - Both the September and October Women's Angler events were well attended
 - September's event was held on the little J and the members had the benefit of instruction from fishing guide, Julie Szur

