

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 12-09-2019

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell** at 6:03pm
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Jamie San Filippo, Jim Lanning, Mario Carrello, John Himes, Bob Sills, Fran Stevenson
  - Proposed board members: Bob Cross, Jim Pivrotto, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan
- Approval of November Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to approve: **Jim Lanning**
  - Second: **Mario Carrello**
  - Motion Carried
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
  - November Results
  - Amendments: None
  - **Mario Carrello** asked what money might be needed prior to the banquet
  - **Mario Carrello** made a motion to rollover the December 13<sup>th</sup> certificate of deposit into a 12 to 14 month certificate
    - Second: **Bob Sills**
    - Motion Carried
  - **Mario Carrello** gave a brief explanation of the Budget and Treasurer's Report
  - **Bob Sills** is now the Assistant to **Jim Lanning** in VSP
    - **Bob Sills** requested a credit card. **Mario Carrello** stated that he prefers that members make purchases with a credit card
      - Motion to approve: **Jim Lanning**
      - Second: Jamie San Filippo
      - Motion Carried
    - **Ray Faczan** provided his credit card to **Bob Sills** until a credit card was obtained
  - Motion to Approve November 2019 results: **Jim Lanning**
  - Second: **Bob Sills**
  - Motion Carried
- Action Items: **Lynn Mitchell**
  - Houserville Project – NFWF made the final grant payment
    - Total expenses for the project are \$325,000
  - Sparrow Run – Funding is completed to begin the project in Spring 2020
  - Growing Greener – This is a new grant proposal for SCCTU
    - Could be enough funding for 6 additional projects in 2021

- Holiday Party
  - RSVP's are light. Board members are asked to respond
  - Ray Faczan will bring Susan Clair
  - Joe Humphreys will attend
  - **Jim Lanning** is providing a Christmas tree for those attending to decorate
  - Christmas music will be available
- 2020 Banquet
  - **Lynn Mitchell** will sign the contract next week
  - Meal will be similar to what was served at last year's banquet
  - Date for 2022 is March 19<sup>th</sup>; there will be no conflict with the Easter Holiday
  - The grand prize has not been determine
- Redd Count – **John Himes**
  - All of Spring Creek was covered
  - Volunteers noticed there was a healthy spawn this year
  - There were plenty of participants; all who responded showed up
  - Still expecting results from several volunteers
  - **Mario Carrello** asked about the health of the stream
    - **John Himes** responded that many volunteers saw lots of fish on the nests
- New Business
  - Public January 2, 2020 meeting
    - Advertised as beginning at 7:30pm
    - State of the Chapter and the annual business meeting
      - **Bob Vierck** providing **Lynn Mitchell** with a draft of the presentation
      - Proposed board members were reminded to provide a picture and a bio
    - **Bob Sills** will send an announcement of the meeting to the veterans
  - **SCCTU** has been nominated for the Governor's Conservation Award for the Kissinger Meadow Pollinator Garden by the CEO of the company that provided the silt socks
  - **SCCTU** has been requested by **Greg Malaska**, President of the PA TU Council, to assist with a Five Rivers (college age) event in our area
    - The event is a fishing competition that will take place on Spring Creek between Bellefonte and Milesburg on April 5<sup>th</sup>. **Greg** will agree to the event if the participants will do a conservation effort as part of the event
  - **Lynn Mitchell** reported on his discussions with PFBC, in the Fall, concerning Fisherman's Paradise
    - The board was asked if SCCTU wants to continue with the maintenance
      - Will require full board attendance to make decision
    - Thinks PFBC would like to take over the maintenance and have SCCTU work on special projects such as tree planting and deterring erosion
- Committee Reports
  - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
    - The Women Anglers group is on hiatus for the winter
    - On February 16, 2020 the Joe Humphreys Film Festival will be held a Schlow Library
    - The Steering Committee for the Jean Brenchley Endowment and the annual Al Phillips Award met in November and December

- Some of the funds from the endowment will be used to offer fly fishing workshops for women in the Spring of 2020
  - The Women Anglers is looking into hosting a social event at The Queen B&B in Bellefonte in January. This will be advertised as an event for women interested in fly fishing
- VSP – **Jim Lanning**
  - **Bob Sills** announced that a \$300 donation was received from the State College Elks
    - **Lynn Mitchell** will send a thank you letter
  - It was determined at the last meeting that VSP will continue meeting at Fisherman's Paradise the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's from April through October
  - A leadership group has been formed
    - Will discuss what to do differently or change to attract more veterans
    - **Mario Carrello** was asked to join the leadership team
      - He will consider it
  - Bob Sills announced a grant opportunity through the State of PA
    - Focus on mental and physical health and teaching fishing skills to veterans
      - Mentors would receive training and education
      - **Larry Regan** is preparing a training plan
      - **Scott Winters** can provide mental health training
    - More offsite fishing would be offered
      - The Canyon
      - Camp Breace
    - Provide more wading gear
      - Boots
      - Waders
      - Belts
    - Offer retreat time for training
    - Bring mentors up to date on CPR and AED
      - **Jamie San Filippo** stated that YMCA can provide training
    - Develop plan for medical situations
      - **Michelle Shippert** will provide training
  - Concerns with Suicide Prevention
    - **Jim Lanning** this is an issue that is underserved
  - **Ed Crow** is interested in veteran issues and has carved a Brown Trout from an old dead tree at Camp Breace
  - The 6 missing fishing rods will not be investigated
  - In May 2020 SCCTU will host the Wounded Warriors group from Ohio
  - January 11<sup>th</sup> begins the Fly Fishing 101 classes being held at South Hills School of Business and Technology

- Classes will continue through March
  - Prior to the first class South Hills will provide a presentation of classes available
  - Brian Querry will talk about veteran programs
  - All are welcome; no one is excluded
- Membership and PR – **Board Members**
- Social – **Mark Pencak**
  - **Brian Swisstock** will do the presentation at the February general meeting and will speak on climate change and the effects on streams and ground water
  - **Jay Stouffer**, Professor of Ichthyology, will be asked to do a presentation on his research at the May general meeting
  - **Jim Pivrotto** will look to purchase a new projector and laser printer needed by the chapter
    - Purchase limit of \$500
    - Motion to approve: **Jim Lanning**
    - Second: **Jamie San Filippo**
    - Motion Carried
- Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker**, reported under action items
- Conservation – **Bob Vierck**, reported under action items by **Lynn Mitchell**
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns
  - Will SCCTU rent a storage shed for items for the banquet and VSP materials
  - **Dan Kerstetter** has begun working with residents at local assisted living and nursing homes
    - Living the Stream film will be shown
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by **Lynn Mitchell** at: 8:04pm
  - Motion: **James Lanning**
  - Second: **Bob Sills**
  - Motion Carried