

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/06/2020

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell** at 6:00pm
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Jamie San Filippo, Jim Lanning, Mario Carrello , Ford Stryker, John Himes, Bob Sills, Fran Stevenson
 - Jim Pivirotto, Dave Cross (Proposed new board members)
 - Judi Sittler and Betty Bloom(Women Anglers))
- Approval of December 2019 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to approve: **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - Motion carried
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - December 2019 results
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve December 2019 results: **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Motion carried
 - The proceeds from the CD maturing on 1/17/2020 will be invested in a 6 month CD for \$10,000 and the balance will be invested in an 18 month CD
 - **Ford Stryker** stated that the money for the Sparrow Run project will be needed this summer when the project is started
 - **Mario Carrello** stated SCCTU will receive substantial income from the Banquet and will receive the results of the Jean Brenchley Endowment Fund at the end of the first quarter of 2020
 - Motion to approve reinvestment of CD: **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Motion carried
- Action Items
 - Board reorganization
 - **Jim Pivirotto, Dave Cross, Dave DeWalle and Ray Faczan** were voted on for the Board of Directors each for a 3 year term at the annual meeting
 - **Bob Vierck, Mario Carrello and Jim Lanning** were voted on for a second 3 year term at the annual meeting
 - **Lynn Mitchell** stepped down as President and **Jamie San Filippo** was nominated for President by **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **James Lanning**
 - Motion carried

- **Ford Stryker** was nominated by **Lynn Mitchell** for Vice President for a 1 year term
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - Motion carried
 - The By-Laws call for a Vice President and Senior Vice President
 - There was not a nomination for a Senior Vice President
 - **Mario Carrello** was nominated to be re-elected as Treasurer for a 2 year term by **Jim Pivrotto**
 - Second: **Bob Sills**
 - Motion carried
 - **Fran Stevenson** was nominated by **Jim Pivrotto** to be re-elected Secretary for a 1 year term
 - Second: **Dave Cross**
 - Motion carried
 - Discussion /Action on site for 2020 Family Fun Day – **Hazel Stryker**
 - SCCTU was offered the option to hold the Family Fun Day at the Bellefonte Expo to be held on the first Sunday in June at Tallyrand Park
 - Upon inspection of Bellefonte’s Tallyrand Park the board determined that the character of Family Fun Day would be changed by changing the venue
 - Logan Branch is not easy for fishing
 - Tussey Mountain is available on June 14th but the PFBC rods are not available on that date. It was determined to hold Family Fishing Day on the first Sunday in June
 - **Ford Stryker** spoke to Deb Nardone from Clearwater Conservancy. Clearwater will participate in both the Bellefonte Expo and Family Fun Day on June 7th and Clearwater will promote SCCTU and Family Fun Day at the Expo
 - Tussey Mountain Outfitters will be at the Bellefonte Expo. SCCTU will ask if they can also participate in Family Fun Day
 - Banquet details – **Ford Stryker**
 - It was recommended that the Spring Banquet count as the General Meeting for the month of March
 - Motion to approve: **Fran Stevenson**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - Motion carried
 - **Lynn Mitchell** has not been able to meet with Mt View to discuss the menu prices and sign the contract for the 2020 Banquet
 - **Ford Stryker** will arrange to meet with Mt View to discuss the menu and prices and get the contract for **Jamie San Filippo** to sign
 - Women Anglers spending plan for 2020-**Judi Sittler**

- Discussion about determining if girls in SCASD high school and middle schools and Penn State are interested in fly fishing and participating in the schools fly fishing clubs
 - SCCTU Women Anglers business cards have been printed and distributed to local fly fishing shops
 - **Judi Sittler** asked that SCCTU again consider a donation to the Guadalupe River Fund which supports youth fishing programs
 - Motion to approve \$500 donation: **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **Lynn Mitchell**
 - Motion carried
 - **Judi Sittler** will replace **Jamie San Filippo** as the chair of the Youth and Education Committee
 - The next meeting will be held at the YMCA at noon on February 23rd
 - Packing of backpacks will follow at 12:45pm
 - Jim Pivirroto has agreed to be a member of the committee
 - On February 2nd **Amidea Daniel** and the **Youth Committee** will offer an ice fishing event at On Golden Pond if the ice is strong enough to be safe
 - On 2/8th the Girl Scouts will ice fish at On Golden Pond after adult ice fishing
 - On 2/28 and 2/29 **Judi Sittler** and **Amidea Daniel** will do a presentation on Stream Girls at the PATU Keystone Coldwater Conference
 - This same presentation will be provided on March 19th at the Mt. Springs Conference
- Old Business
 - Redd Count Wrap Up – **John Himes**
 - Will bring the results to the next board meeting
 - Count provides the information that Spring Creek is a healthy stream
 - The stream rebounded in 2019 from 2017 and 2018
 - **Jim Lanning** wants to send the results out to all SCCTU members
 - **Jamie San Filippo** will report the results of the count in the quarterly newsletter
 - Tabled until next meeting
 - Storage at the shed
 - Maintenance of Fly Fisherman’s Paradise
 - **Jamie San Filippo** will not buy any Orvis equipment until a decision has been made about the shed and storage
 - **Jim Lanning** suggested reconstruction of all the committees
 - **Ford Stryker** thanked everyone who responded to the letter he wrote to UAJA about Spring Benner’s proposed new project to collect sewage. Correspondence was received from the residents of Walnut Grove stating their appreciation for SCCTU’s position on the proposed new sewage project

- New Business
 - Interim Program Handling for 2020- **Lynn Mitchell**
 - **Dave DeWalle** will step back in as chair of programs when his health improves
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers – See above
 - VSP – **Jim Lanning**
 - **Bob Sills** and other VSP members will meet with representatives from the State and Centre County Court System to set up a Veterans Court at a cost of \$10,000. **Bob Sills** is meeting with the Centre County Commissioners on Wednesday, January 15th
 - WTAJ and WPSU will provide publicity for Fly Fishing 101 and the South Hills School of Business and Technology Winter Kickoff Picnic January 11th
 - Jim Hibbert and Scott Winters from the Vet Center won an award for saving the life of a veteran. GT Thompson will award the medals at the Winter Kickoff Picnic
 - **Ford Styker** and **Judi Sittler** will accompany Adam Smith from Fish and Wild Life and GT Thompson to inspect the Kissinger Meadow Project after the Winter Kickoff Picnic on January 11th
 - Membership and PR – **Board Members:** None
 - Social – **Dave DeWalle** : See new business
 - Annual Banquet – **Ford Styker**
 - See above
 - **John Himes** will purchase gift cards from TCO
 - The bamboo fly rod presented to SCCTU at Embrace a Stream will be used for the Mega Raffle. An appropriate reel and fly line will be purchased from Fly Fishers Paradise to complete the package. Bob Cross stated that many reels are not heavy enough for bamboo rods and to be cautious on the reel purchased
 - **Jamie San Filippo** will provide a half day of guiding on Spring Creek and **Jim Lanning** will provide a one night stay at Camp Breace to make a package with the bamboo fly rod
 - Conservation – **Bob Vierck** : None
 - Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns
 - **Jamie San Filippo** brought the new projector, pointer and printer purchased for the programs to the meeting. **Ford Stryker** will keep them until Dave DeWalle is able to resume as Program Chair
 - Meeting adjournment:

- Adjourned by **Lynn Mitchell**: 8:00pm
- Motion: **Ford Stryker**
- Second: **Lynn Mitchell**
- Motion carried