

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/14/2020

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at 6:03pm
  
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Jamie San Filippo, Bob Vierck, Mario Carrello, John Lynn Himes, Bob Sills, Jim Pivrotto, Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan, Fran Stevenson
  - Betty Bloom and Dave Kyle – Prospective Board Members
  - Judy Sittler-Past President and TU National Board Member
  
- Approval of 7/07/2020 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
  - Second: **Mario Carrello**
  - Motion Carried
  
- Review of Treasurer's Report as of 9/01/2020– **Mario Carrello**
  - Question was raised as to when Chapter will require funds from the checking account to pay bills. The money placed in the checking account in support of the Sparrow Run project will not be needed until the Spring of 2021 as the project has been postponed due to the Covid pandemic
  - It was noted that the negative returns for the Foundation endowments are as of the second quarter of 2020
  - It was noted there has not been much financial activity for the past two months
    - **Mario Carrello** provided an explanation of the small amount of activity
  - Thank you notes were received from the Penn State Joe Humphreys Fund for the Chapter's \$1500 donation to the student angling program, and from the Vets Fraternity for the \$250 donation in support of their Picture Frame project to Veterans Homes
  - **Judi Sittler** asked for an explanation of the balance in the Mike Marcinak Memorial Fund. It was explained that these funds were raised to install a plaque made in Mike's name. Money remaining in the account represents unspent funds. Jim Lanning has been looking into whether the unspent funds should be returned
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to Approve: **Ray Faczan**
  - Second: **Bob Vierck**
  - Motion Carried

- Action Items
  - Tomorrow Fund – **Judi Sittler** requested that the Chapter make a donation to the fund which sponsors youth activities. The Guadalupe, Texas Chapter of TU will match our donation
    - **Bob Vierck** made a motion to donate \$500
    - Second: **Bob Cross**
    - Motion Carried
    - **Judi Sittler** will contact **Mario Carrello** to provide the information where to make the payment
  - Veteran Service Program name change – It was noted that TU National has changed the name of the veterans program to the Veterans Service Partnership and it will include First Responders
    - It was previously decided that the Chapter will maintain the name Veteran Service Program for now and that if and when the Chapter makes the name change to Veterans Service Partnership it will include First Responders at that time
      - It was noted that **Dan Kerstetter** has requested that First Responders be included in VSP
      - This and any future requests will be presented to the board for approval
  
- Old Business
  - Spring Cleanup – **Lynn Mitchell– Deb Nardone** from Clearwater Conservancy has confirmed that Clearwater will supply the trash bags, gloves and vests
    - Trash collected will be taken back to Spring Creek Park
    - Clearwater will work with College Township to pick up the trash and transfer it to the transfer station and will ask to waive the landfill fee
    - **John Himes** stated that due to Rifle Season beginning on November 28<sup>th</sup> the clean-up should be scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Redd Count – **John Himes** stated that this will also be scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - People are interested in participating and a notice will put in the quarterly newsletter
  
- New Business
  - Vandalism at Houserville swimming hole was reported by **Bob Vierck**
    - A picnic table was thrown into the water along with other damage
    - A neighbor who lives near by reported the damage to the police and SCCTU
    - The police have determined who did the damage and \$940 restitution will be paid to SCCTU to fix the damage
  - Sparrow Run – Due to Covid-19 the project will not begin until Spring 2021
    - **Bob Vierck** or **Ford Stryker** will notify the Hamer Foundation because of their commitment of \$110,000
    - **Mario Carrello** will notify the landowner of the change in schedule
    - The \$9000 Cold Water Grant from TU National will be held for the project

- Per **Jamie San Filippo** the chapter was awarded a \$1000 grant from the On Line Platform used for the banquet auction
  - Potential new board members – **Jamie San Filippo** has asked all board members to nominate individuals for future board positions
  - Committee Reports
    - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
      - A report was provided of the activities during July and August
      - The steering committee has approved hiring professional guides for the Women Angler activities and paying a standard rate that guides charge clients
        - Payments will be made from the Jean Brenchley account
    - VSP – **Bob Sills**
      - The Leadership Committee met and established goals and roles and began establishing a process
        - Volunteers
        - Training at streamside
        - Mentors
        - Consistency
        - Plans will be finalized and presented at the November board meeting
      - Winter education classes
        - To begin end of January
        - Will include
          - Classroom
          - Field Trips
      - Streamside
        - April, May and into June
        - Meeting with vets every month
    - Youth Education – **Judi Sittler**
      - Volunteers are needed October 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to Noon
        - Rubber Ducky Race
        - Trout in the Classroom release of fish in Penn’s Creek behind the Spring Mills YMCA
      - Stream Girls – No activities due to Covid 19
    - Membership and PR
      - **Ford Stryker** has requested suggestions for speakers
        - **Dave DeWalle** suggested Greg Hoover’s presentation about Locust for a Zoom general meeting
        - **Jamie SanFilippo** suggested Sarah Mueller who specializes in Brook Trout
- Board Questions and Comments

- **Judi Sittler** met Scott Brumbaugh at Spring Creek, He noticed that trees are tagged with pink ribbons and wants to know if there is a plan for a path. No member of the board was able to provide an answer
- **Mario Carrello** was contacted by Brian Kissinger about Kissinger Meadow
  - **Bob Vierck** stated that according to UAJA there have been violations at Kissinger Meadow
- Meeting adjournment by **Jamie San Filippo** at 6:58pm
  - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
  - Second: **Bob Cross**
  - Motion Carried