

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/14/2020

- Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at 6:00pm
- Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Ford Stryker, Mario Carrello, Frances Stevenson, Bob Vierck, Bob Cross, Bob Sills, John Himes, Lynn Mitchell, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan, Jim Pivirotto, Jim Lanning
- Approval of November 2020 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to approve: **Mario Carrello**
  - Second: **Bob Cross**
  - Motion Carried
- Review of November 2020 Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
  - The financial reports were reviewed with the board members
  - A \$250.00 check payable to Julie Azur for guiding services to the Women Anglers is outstanding. Julie will be contacted to ask if a replacement check is required
  - The Water Resources Center has requested a \$2500 donation. This request is made annually and is part of the approved budget. This will be paid on December 17<sup>th</sup> from the proceeds of the CD maturing on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - Balance of the matured CD will be deposited into the 9 Month Flex CD
  - The Chapter has been receiving a small amount of income from Amazon Smiles who pay a small percentage of purchases to designated non-profit organizations
    - **Jim Pivirotto** suggests a notice about Amazon Smiles making donations to SCCTU be placed on social media
    - **Jamie San Filippo** will put the notice on Facebook with directions how to use Amazon Smiles
  - A check in the amount of \$840.00 was received from Centre County Probation for restitution for the damages at Houserville. This will be used to pay the contractor who made the repairs
  - Motion to Approve: **Lynn Mitchell**
  - Second: **Bob Sills**
  - Motion Carried
- Action Items
  - Postpone 2021 Annual Meeting
    - By-laws require at least a 30 day notification to the SCCTU membership
    - By-laws require the meeting be in January or as close to January as possible
      - **Jamie San Filippo** recommends having the meeting in February 2021 in place of the General Meeting for the month
    - **Dave DeWalle** suggests having a Zoom General Meeting in January featuring Bill Sharp speaking on monitoring stocked fish in streams
      - **Ford Stryker** suggests making an announcement if starting time is changed from the usual 7:30pm

- **Bob Vierck** recommends maintaining the starting time at 7:30pm because that is what members are used to
  - **Ford Styker** announced he is receiving phone calls from Comfort Inn reminding us to contact them if in-person meetings are cancelled
  - **Jamie San Filippo** provided board members with a 2021 Schedule of Board Meeting and General Meetings
    - The September 6<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting will be moved to September 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday
  - 2021 Banquet – **Ford Stryker**
    - Issues with virus will prevail and banquet will be cancelled for Spring 2021
      - Suggestions were made to have an on-line auction, raffle and moving the banquet to Fall 2021
      - **Jamie San Filippo** provided approval to cancel the Banquet for 2021
      - **Bob Vierck** suggests we increase our efforts for donations at The Foundations Centre Gives fundraiser to make up for not having a banquet
    - Believes there will be no adverse reaction from Mt View or charges to cancel
    - There are existing auction and raffle items from previous years to be added to newly acquired items if we determine to have on-line auction or raffle
- Old Business
  - Redd Count – **John Himes**
    - More Redds were counted this year than last year and since 2015
      - Except for Section 3, because of obstructions, the count was down
    - Although there were some drop outs and no shows there were plenty of volunteers
    - **John Himes** stated he will organize the count for 2021
    - **Bob Vierck** asked if the results were broken down into the subsections
      - Thought this had been done in previous years
      - Some of the sections are quite large and it might be beneficial to break the results down into the subsections as they are now counted that way
        - This will be considered for future counts
  - Stream Cleanup – **Lynn Mitchell**
    - 160 pounds of trash were collected and Clearwater expressed their appreciation
    - **Bob Vierck** advises the cleanup includes all of the Spring Creek Watershed, not just the stream itself
    - Clearwater Conservancy took over the cleanup in 1995
    - PA Fish and Boat declined to do any sections of the stream in 2020
      - **Bob Vierck** asked how can we address this with Clearwater Conservancy
  - Greg Hoover zoom presentation December 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Dave DeWalle**
    - Greg provided an excellent presentation and all attending were appreciative
    - Those attending asked for instructions for a Cicada fly pattern

- Instructions for the fly was put on the SCCTU web-site, on the home page and on the fly patterns page
- New business
  - Youth leadership nomination
    - **Jamie San Filippo** will speak to Judi Sittler for nomination suggestions as she is familiar with the process
    - A young man familiar to SCCTU was suggested as a nominee
  - Mowing contract with PA Fish and Boat Commission at Fisherman's Paradise – **John Himes** will review the contract and advise **Bob Vierck**
- **Committees**
  - VSP – **Bob Sills**
    - Request for coach volunteers yielded 30 to 35 responses
    - Fly Fishing 101
      - **Larry Ragan** is looking into providing virtual classes
        - Veterans can be identified at the classes
      - **Ray Faczan** is working on a curriculum for the classes
      - Classes will be for 4 weeks
      - Looking for topics and presenter
    - Sue Clair has asked for a waiver to insure that she cannot be sued if a veteran is hurt when fishing on her property
  - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
    - Considering a virtual fly tying class in January
      - Flyfishers Paradise has 3 vises to lend
      - SCCTU can provide remaining vises and kits if needed by those attending
  - Membership and PR – **Board Members**
    - Board members were asked to make nominations for board vacancies
    - **Ford Styker** noted that **Lynn Mitchell** and **Jim Lanning** are going off the board and thanked them for their contributions to the Chapter
      - **Bob Vierck** asked for a resolution for their contributions to the Chapter
        - Motion to Approve: **Dave DeWalle**
        - Second: **Bob Sills**
        - Motion Carried
  - Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**
    - Trout eggs are not being shipped for Trout in the Classroom until February 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - PA Fish and Boat Commission are discriminating about who receives the eggs
    - Teachers must complete a survey
  - Social – **Dave DeWalle**
    - General meetings 2021
      - January – Bill Sharp
      - Tim Flagler, Tight Lines Productions
        - Does You Tube presentation
        - **Jamie San Filippo** and **Jim Pivrotto** are familiar with and endorse Tim's presentations

- Offered to do a zoom presentation for \$150.00 about a specific fly or group of flies
  - Ron Rohrbach, Little Lehigh Fly Shop
    - Has asked to do presentations to the SCCTU membership
    - Board members are not familiar with him
  - Others suggested for presentations at general meetings
    - Bob Carline
    - Dwight Landis, Spring Creek Watershed and author of Streams of Pennsylvania
    - Tim Shaefer, New Executive of PA Fish and Boat Commission
  - Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker**
    - See above
  - Conservation – **Bob Vierck**
    - None
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns
  - None
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Motion to adjourn by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 7:24pm
  - Second: **Bob Sills**
  - Motion Carried