

Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited Board Meeting

May 3, 2021

6:00PM to 8:00PM via Zoom

Reported by: **Frances H. Stevenson**, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chapter President, **Jamie San Filippo**

Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Ford Stryker, Mario Carrello, Frances Stevenson, Bob Vierck, Jim Piviroto, Bob Sills, Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan, Betty Bloom, Heather Sees and John Himes

April 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – **Frances H. Stevenson**

No Amendments

Motion to Approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Bob Sills**

Motion Carried

April 2021 Treasurers Report – **Mario Carrello**

The May 1, 2021 Financial Report was presented. An explanation of income and expenses was provided

It was noted that the balance in the checking account contained the Jean Brenchley Endowment annual distribution of \$4257.00 and the proceeds from the Auction/Sweepstakes of \$5405.97

Funds will remain in the checking account to cover expenses for the Sparrow Run Project

There was no change to the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited endowment

The Activity Report for the 2020/2021 fiscal year was submitted to TU National

2100 hours of volunteer time was reported

No matching funds or in-kind receipts from other organizations was reported

Mario Carrello will provide a blank activity for members to record their volunteer time monthly

Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Dave DeWalle**

Motion Carried

Action Items

Begin in person board meetings

It was noted that The Chapter usually takes a 2 month hiatus from board meetings in July and August each year

In person board meetings will be held in September and November 2021

Ford Stryker will contact the Comfort Inn to arrange for a meeting room

Zoom board meetings will be held in October and December 2021

General meetings

Bob Vierck advised that zoom meetings attract more of an audience

Jamie San Filippo suggested it might be up to the presenter if they prefer an in person or a Zoom meeting

Bob Vierck suggested it might depend on the subject of the presentation if it is an in person or Zoom meeting

Local issues may be better for in person presentations

Decision whether Zoom or in person will be determined meeting by meeting

Tony the Trout mascot costume is in bad condition and should be replaced

Tony originally cost \$650.00

Jamie San Filippo found 2 Brook Trout mascot costumes

Neither seemed appropriate

One had an unusual face and fin

The other looked more like a shark

Heather Sees will research where the TU Chapter she came from in Colorado purchased their mascot costume

Old Business

Online Fundraising Auction Results – **Ford Stryker**

The consensus of the board was the Auction/Sweepstakes went well considering they were done on line

Mario Carrello said sponsorships were down and in the future should concentrate on contacting previous sponsors

Bob Vierck said the situation was much different then getting sponsors for the banquet

More difficult to promote the sponsors on line

Sponsors get less benefit from an on line event as opposed to an in person banquet

All items received at least one bid and all items have been sent to the winning bidder

New Business

Watershed Clean-up April 24th – **James Pivrotto**

Clean-up went well with 30 to 40 volunteers including the PSU Fly fishing Club

Riparian planter tubes were removed from McCoy Dam

13 bags of trash were removed from Rock Road

The Kissenger Meadow clean-up went well

Pictures will be sent to **Jamie SanFilippo** for posting to the web-site

It was thought that there was not as much trash as in previous years

More sites will be considered for next year's clean-up

Donation Site – **James Pivrotto**

Considering a new and separate site for people to make donations

Is Pay Pal only site to make donations

Ford Stryker advised that TU National uses Event Groove

Mario Carrello suggested that it be determined what each site charges for their services

Fisherman's Paradise grass mowing

Bob Sills will not take responsibility

Ray Faczan questions if SCCTU can give up the responsibility based on the contract with PFBC

What is liability of SCCTU

Will contact PFBC to see what can be negotiated

Look into an individual or landscaping company who might be interested in mowing

Bob Vierck stated it takes a minimum of 4 to 6 hours every 2 weeks

It was noted that Linda Adler is the Property Manager for PFBC

Ford Stryker questioned if SCCTU pays someone to mow what will be the benefit to the Chapter

Jamie San Filippo asked if we are locked into the contract

Bob Vierck says SCCTU can opt out but we will probably lose the use of the shed

John Himes stated there would not be the same liability if SCCTU paid for the mowing as opposed to having a volunteer do the work

Jamie San Filippo will set up a meeting with PFBC

Thursday September 2nd – Mt Nittany Winery Event

Josh Miller Zoom presentation – Thursday, May 6th at 7:30pm

Tim Flagler Sulphur Fly Tying demonstration – June 3rd at 7:30pm

Committee Reports

Conservation – **Bob Vierck**

Houserville stream maintenance

Kiddie pool has been taken out

Cross vane has been installed

½ mile of Riffles have been created up stream

Native trees have been planted

The 2 minute video produced for EPA for MS 4 Grants was shown to the board members

Received a phone call from PA Northeast to advise there is money available

Funds may be used for Sparrow Run project

Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**

Fishing events were held on 4/25 and 5/2 and well attended

4/25 – Penn's Creek with Tom Doman

5/2/ - Kish Creek with Jamie San Filippo

Bob Veirck asked what can be done to get Women Anglers more committed and become members of TU

People need to be aware that TU is not a fishing club but an advocate for environmental and conservation issues

The Jean Brenchley Endowment was explained and stated that Jean Brenchley would not be happy if women were forced to become members of TU to be members of Women Anglers

Bob Sills suggested that women new to Women Anglers be offered a free first year membership to TU paid by the Jean Brenchley endowment

The women need to be aware about the SCCTU programs as well as fly fishing

Ray Faczan suggested that women who are members of TU share Trout Magazine with the other women

Heather Sees suggested that one of the Women Angler meetings be a presentation of what TU does

It was suggested that the women see and learn about the Houserville project

VSP- **Bob Sills**

The Fly Fishing 101 outdoor finale was held on 4/25

8 individuals attended and showed great interest in all the presentations

Many positive comments were given by the participants and the volunteers

The Veterans Cohort program is now being considered

There is concern about promoting it on the VSP web-site because too many people receive the information

A leadership meeting will be held in a couple of weeks

Larry Ragan did an excellent job of coordinating the Fly Fishing 101 Program and it was suggested that he be presented with a certificate and gift card at the wine event in September

Clair Farm

A Rules, Regulations and Liability Agreement has been signed

Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**

SCCTU had a table at the 4/24 YMCA event with a visit by Tony the Trout

General Meetings – **Dave DeWalle**

No new information

There are still plenty of promotional materials for the club to sell at the meetings

It was recommended that **Dave DeWalle** begin looking for a site and date to reserve for the 2021 Holiday Party

Jamie San Filippo suggested the Pleasant Gap Legion be contacted to find out what they have to offer

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm by **Jamie San Filippo**

Motion to Approve – **Ray Faczan**

Second – **Bob Sills**

Motion Carried

Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Ray Faczan**

Motion Carried

It was reported that TU National is requiring a new annual report about
Volunteer Hours for the following:

Volunteer Hours

Conservation Activities

Youth Education Activities

Community Engagement Activities

General Board Practices

The leadership of each committee will provide a report to **Mario
Carrello**, by April 20th, according to the guide lines provided by
TU National

Old Business

On Line Fundraising Auction – **Ford Stryker**

There is one week left for bids to be submitted

Another notice will be placed on the Facebook page

The auction has received \$1600 in bids

The Sweepstakes are doing OK

One more email will be sent to the membership

The auction closes at 6:00PM on April 17th

New Business

Stream clean-up – **Jim Pavirotto**

Clean-up will be held at the following sites on April 24th:

Mc Coy Dam

Kissinger Meadows

Rock Road

Being organized and directed by:

Lynn Mitchell

Mario Carrello

Scott Brumbaugh

24 volunteers have signed up to date

One more email will be sent to the membership asking for
volunteers

Mt Nittany Winery Event, September 2nd – **Jamie San Filippo**

General Meetings – **Dave DeWalle**

Josh Miller, Night Fishing Zoom presentation – Thursday, May 6th,
7:30PM

Tim Flagler, Sulphur Fly Tying Zoom demo – June 3rd, 7:30PM

Jim Pavirotto asked if it is appropriate to request donations at the General
Meetings

Jamie SanFilippo advised that fund raising solicitations have been
made in the past

Bob Vierck suggested the donate button on the web-site be
mentioned; payments go through Pay Pal

There is also the opportunity to make a donation on the Home
Page of the web-site

Committee Reports

Conservation – **Bob Vierck**

The Sparrow Run Project will begin in June or July

May – EPA & PA DEP MS4 Conference has requested SCCTU do a
presentation

Grant Season is beginning – Grants requested for 2022-2024 projects

Bald Eagle

PSU

Clair Property

Slab Cabin – Millbrook Marsh

Centre and Huntingdon Counties agriculture projects

SCCTU has met with DEP to begin discussions on Chesapeake Bay
projects

Woman Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**

On April 25th the members will be fishing Penn's Creek with the guidance of Tom Doman

VSP – **Bob Sills**

On the water event at Fisherman's Paradise – April 25th, 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Registration required – up to 25

Small groups at stations

Leadership Zoom planning meeting scheduled for April 6th at 7:00PM

Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**

State College YMCA Healthy Kids – April 24th

General Meetings – **Dave DeWalle**

Heather Sees will present at a Fall meeting, after the Mt Nittany Wine Event

Ford Stryker asked if SCCTU might begin in person meetings beginning in September as he will need to coordinate with the Comfort Inn

Jamie San Filippo suggested to begin meeting in person quarterly
There are benefits to both in person and Zoom meetings
There are lower costs to Zoom meetings as payment of travel expenses for the presenters is not needed

Ray Faczan suggested a presentation by Bill Anderson from the Little J Association

Adjourn at 7:45PM – **Jamie San Filippo**

Motion to approve: **Ray Faczan**

Second: **Ford Stryker**

Motion Carried

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- Adjourned by **Lynn** at:
 - Motion:
 - Second: