

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 6th: **Eric Stroup**, guide and expert fly tyer, with the Spruce Creek Fly Co. in Franklinville, now operated by TCO Flyfishing. Eric is speaking on: "The Passion of Pursuing Trout with a Fly" 7:30 pm. Comfort Suites Motel off North Atherton.

Bring a couple of friends.

Future Meeting: Jan. 3, 2008. Joe Boston of SCCTU; Joe will be making a full report of the recent successful stream project on Spring Creek at the PSU Sheep Farm. Make plans to see what mighty works SCTU performed at the Sheep Farm.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The terms of Board members Brusse, Eberhardt, Lynch, and Stevenson expire on January 31, 2008. The election for the board seats will be held at the January 3, 2008 membership meeting. If anyone is willing to serve on the Board or if you would like to nominate someone for the Board, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Brusse at the phone number or email address listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: SPRING CREEK CHAPTER TU TREASURER.

Jere Willey, after long and faithful service to the Chapter, has announced that he is resigning as treasurer effective 1 January '08. The chapter desperately needs someone to step forward to assume Jere's duties.

If interested please contact Bill Brusse, or Jere Willey at the phone numbers or email addresses listed on page 4 of this newsletter. This is an important position. Please volunteer.

NEED FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As noted on the previous page, the election of Board members is scheduled for the January 2008 membership meeting and we need a new treasurer. Because of members like Dick Stevenson (Banquet Committee Chair), Joe Boston (Habitat Improvement Committee Chair), Jere Willey (Treasurer), Allen Phillips (Membership Meeting Committee Chair), and Bob Donaldson and Ted Trostle (Watershed Watch Committee Chairs) the Chapter is able to fund, support and implement activities such as the First Cast Program, youth leadership programs, storm water monitoring projects, and a very successful habitat improvement project at the Sheep Farm, with a planned habitat improvement project for 2008.

However, we can not expect these folks to do it forever. If the Chapter is to remain strong, we need more of the membership to become involved and be ready to assume these important leadership roles when these folks are ready to step down. We need the next cadre of Chapter leaders to begin now. Please join us at the Board meetings or volunteer for one of the committees.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Joe Boston has graciously offered to host this year's Christmas Party on December 9, 2007 from 5-9 pm (**Note the date change!**). His address is: 2326 Sagamore Drive State College. 814 861 5566.

An RSVP requested (Do it now!). Entrée's will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable, fruit, pasta, family secret dish, desert, snacks and beverage.

Be prepared to play pool, shoot darts, watch fishing videos, tell fishing stories from 2007, true or not true, and sing Christmas Carols.

Mark your calendar-time flies!

E-MAIL LIST

As some are aware, the Chapter has the capability to do email notifications of important events, updates, and to provide last minute notifications of changes. Of the 350 Chapter members, only 75 or so members have provided email addresses to receive these updates. We plan to begin the distribution of Tertiary Treatment by email. If you want to be added to the list, just email a request to Bill Brusse at the email address listed on page 5.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bob Donaldson was presented with the Spring Creek Heritage Award by ClearWater Conservancy and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited at this year's Spring Creek Day Family Festival at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. Bob was honored for his life-long passion for protecting Spring Creek's natural and cultural heritage.

Joe Boston was presented with a Conservancy Volunteer Award by ClearWater Conservancy at this year's annual Clearwater Dinner. Joe was honored for his tireless and dogged effort to organize and implement the habitat improvement project at the PSU Sheep Farm that was funded in part by a TU Embrace a Stream Grant.

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Meeting of October 15, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

Comfort Inn, State College, PA

Board members present: Bill Brusse (President), Bob Donaldson, Ted Trostle, Dick Stevenson, Jere Willey, Allen Phillips, George Moellenbrock, Jay Lynch and Bob Eberhart.

Treasurer's Report . Jere Willey presented his report for the end of September, which is also a year end report for the fiscal year. The report showed total assets of \$37,209; this is an increase of \$1808 over the previous year. He noted that for the last several years, the Chapter has been taking in more than it spends. Jere will meet with Bill Brusse to prepare a tentative budget for the coming year. It was noted that last year \$5000 had been allocated to the Tony Gerace Fund for habitat improvement projects but that none of that money had been spent. There was discussion about whether the Chapter should put money into that fund each year so that funds accumulated year after year, but no decision was reached.

Water Resources Monitoring Project. Bill Brusse noted that the annual report of the Water Resources Monitoring Project had just been distributed. The Chapter contributes to the project each year and there was some discussion about how the funds are used. The project is overseen by the Coordinating Committee of the Spring Creek Watershed Community. Bob Donaldson is the current chair of that group, and he agreed to provide a report to the Chapter of where funds for the project come from and how they are spent.

Spring Creek Canyon.

The House State Government Committee will hold a hearing on October 25 on House Bill 1657 that authorizes the State to divest lands in and around the Spring Creek Canyon to Penn State, Benner Township and the Pennsylvania Fish and boat Commission. Bill Brusse, as President of the Chapter, is a scheduled presenter. Ted Trostle is also a listed presenter, but he indicated that he intended to relinquish his slot.

The task for the Chapter was to prepare a position statement ; Bill Brusse could then build his presentation around that statement. The board considered a draft statement prepared by Bob Donaldson to be presented to the Coordinating Committee of the Watershed Community and a draft statement for the Chapter prepared by Ted Trostle. Both statements opposed HB1657. The Board then spent some time editing the Trostle draft. The final version was approved unanimously. The statement opposes 1657 and in addition recommends that a Rockview Lands master planning process, **without predetermined presumption of ownership**, should be developed prior to any land divestiture. This plan should include local input and incorporate the recommendations of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy ecological assessment. A copy of the final statement is attached to these minutes.

Bill Brusse agreed to provide copies of the statement to members of the Chapter via Listserv and urge them to express their opposition to HB1657 to members of the House State Government Committee.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:30

Respectfully submitted

Bob Eberhart
Secretary

Attachment:

**Rockview Lands Position Statement
of the
Spring Creek Trout Unlimited
Chapter 185
State College, PA
October 15, 2007**

The Mission of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to Preserve, Protect, Enhance, and Maintain Spring Creek and it's surrounding Watershed. The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is opposed to House Bill 1657 which is intended to transfer the Rockview Lands before the planning phase. Our chapter has studied and carefully considered the facts and concerns expressed by various interested groups regarding the divestiture of the Rockview Lands. We have determined that the protection of the Spring Creek Canyon and the lands adjacent to it must be given highest priority consideration. Specifically, the protection of Rockview Lands must focus on 1) the environmental sensitivity of the natural resources, 2) setting rules and regulations regarding the public's use, and 3) the establishment of protective conservation requirements on this land. In support of our Mission, we strongly believe that a Rockview Lands master planning process, **without predetermined presumption of ownership**, should be developed prior to any land divestment. This plan should include local input and incorporate the recommendations of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy ecological assessment. By planning first we will provide conservation and environmental protection, in perpetuity. Additionally, the Chapter hereby pledges to assist all involved parties with the preparation and implementation of a Rockview Land planning process.

SCTU BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 132 Village Drive, State College at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday following the scheduled Membership Meeting. Chapter members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. The Board members welcome and would appreciate greater participation from Chapter members. As many of you know, our membership and board meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Hotel. Comfort Suites provides the rooms to us at no charge. We want to thank Karen Mansfield and her staff for their support.

VISIT THE SCTU WEB SITE: springcreektu.org

The Web Site lists membership and board meeting dates; contains the past 5 months of Tertiary Treatment; and provides links to Spring Creek USGS stream flow conditions, weather, and a number of other good information sources.

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