

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Nov. 1: Jonas Price, owner of The Feathered Hook Fly Shop, Coburn PA, speaking on "Fishing Elk, Penns and Other Nearby Streams".

The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Comfort Suites in State College, Village Drive, just off North Atherton Street.

Mark your calendar. Bring a couple of friends.

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. 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!

**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.

Draft Minutes of September SCTU Board Meeting

**Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of September 17, 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, and Bob Eberhart. Rebecca Dunlap, Trout Unlimited, was also present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jere Willey presented the Treasurer's Report which showed Assets of \$37,557. He also made a few remarks about the First Cast Program. He noted that Chapter expenses for the program were \$2897, slightly more than the \$2800 that had been budgeted. He made the following suggestions about First Cast for next year: 1) the Chapter should consider trying to raise outside funds for this program, 2) the Chapter should meet with Molly Hetrick (of Centre Region Parks and Recreation), before plans are complete for next year; we might invite her to attend a Board meeting, 3) the Chapter provided no scholarships for the program this year; perhaps we should advertise that we have funds to provide scholarships next year. Jere also noted that of the

\$5000 Embrace-a-Stream grant from TU, only \$3772 had been spent on the Sheep Farm project, leaving \$1,228 that can probably be applied to other stream restoration projects.

The Chapter also received a letter of resignation as Treasurer from Jere effective Dec. 31, 2007. The Board agreed to ask Dave Wheatfield if he would consider filling the position.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition – Memorandum of Understanding. Rebecca (Becky) Dunlap, project manager of Trout Unlimited's West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Initiative, provided information on this program. The objective of the initiative is to develop a basin-wide remediation plan for restoring water resources impacted by Acid Mine Drainage (AMD). She asked if the Chapter would consider becoming a member of the Coalition. A motion to join the coalition and to sign the Memorandum of Understanding required of coalition members was passed unanimously.

Protocol for Response to Requests for Unbudgeted Funds. In an email to Board members, Allen Phillips had suggested the need for a more formal procedure for dealing with unexpected and non-recurring requests for funds. He suggested that an amount of perhaps \$2000- \$3000 be provided as a line item in the annual budget. The Board agreed to this, with the amount to be set aside to be decided during the next budget discussions. Allen also submitted a form to be filled out by the requester when requests for funds are made. After the forms are completed, they will be distributed by email to Board members before the Board meeting at which the decision to fund or not is to be made.

Request for Support for a Second Trout in the Classroom Project. The Chapter has received a request for a second year's support for the Trout in the Class Room project from Ron Shealer, a teacher at the Mount Nittany Middle School. The Board voted unanimously to provide \$500 to this project. The funds are to be used for the purchase of a second fish tank and water heating/cooling unit. Bob Donaldson and Bob Eberhart will provide assistance to Mr. Shealer as necessary.

Candidates' Forum: Bill Brusse announced that the Chapter will be a cosponsor for a Forum for County Commissioner candidates that will focus on environmental and conservation issues. The Forum will be held at 7:30 pm, Thursday, October 11, in the Courthouse Annex in Bellefonte.

Sale of Charles Meck Book at Chapter Membership Meeting: The publisher of Charles Meck's latest book has requested permission to sell the book at a Chapter membership meeting at which Charles will be the featured speaker. The board agreed to allow this sale.

Request for Funds for Testing from Dr. Duff Gold: Dr. Gold, a retired PSU geologist, who has followed the I-99 pyrite Skytop situation closely, believes that the bag house lime being used to neutralize pyrite now being moved to the ERPA site will not be effective. He has requested funds from the Chapter to carry out laboratory testing of bag house lime samples. After discussion, no one moved to support the request, and the matter was dropped.

Spring Creek Canyon and Rockview Lands Position Statement: Bill Brusse reported that representatives of ClearWater, The Sierra Club-Moshannon Group and our Chapter have been meeting in an effort to draft a joint position statement on the Spring Creek Canyon discussions.

In a related matter, the legislature's House State Government Committee has scheduled a Committee Hearing to be held October 25 at CPI near Pleasant Gap. Bill Brusse said that he had tried to arrange to make a statement on behalf of the Chapter but was denied. He said that Dwight Landis has a spot and that he might be willing to allow Bill to speak on behalf of the Chapter.

There was lengthy discussion of the Chapter's official position regarding the Canyon, and whether we still support the position of the Spring Creek Alliance. Initially the Alliance had been supporting ownership of the Canyon and adjacent lands by the Game Commission. Subsequently their official position has broadened to include DCNR and a conservancy as possible owners. Although some

Board members did not agree with the Alliance's position, the Board did not move to withdraw from the Alliance.

Bill Brusse moved, and Bob Eberhart seconded, a motion that the Chapter should advocate a planning process for the Canyon that does not assume any predetermined ownership in advance of the planning process. The vote was two for the motion, two against and three abstentions. The motion was defeated.

There was then discussion of whether Bill Brusse, as President of the Chapter, could legitimately represent the Spring Creek Alliance, at an upcoming meeting on the Canyon sponsored by the League of Women voters, when the Board was divided on whether to continue our support for the Alliance. The consensus seemed to be that he should represent the Alliance at the meeting, but that he should be aware that his Board was not unanimously supportive of the Alliance.

The Board agreed to devote most of our next meeting on developing a chapter position on the Canyon issue. This should provide a unified position statement in time for the Oct. 25 legislative hearing.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Eberhart
Secretary

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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Check Membership Category *

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Regular Membership (\$35)

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