

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 6 meeting: David Trusdale, PFBC, "Efficiency of Microscreen Filters at Removing Solids from Effluents of Two PA State Trout Hatcheries". Dave will be reporting on the success PFBC has had in management of the Tylersville and Pleasant Gap hatcheries to improve the quality of their effluent.

7:30 PM, Comfort Suites, State College. Mark your calendar. Bring a couple of friends.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 3 meeting: Paul Weamer, State College TCO Fly Shop, will make a presentation about fishing on the upper Delaware River and will also describe changes being proposed for improving water releases from the NY reservoirs that contribute much of the Delaware flow, an issue that TU has been actively involved with. April 3, 7:30 PM, Comfort Suites, State College.

May 1 meeting: Scott Loughner, warmwater fly designer from Rillton, PA, will speak on the topic "Youghiogheny River Smallmouth Fishing" and will demonstrate tying some of his favorite patterns as well as describe how to fish them. May 1, 7:30 PM, Comfort Suites, State College.

No membership meetings are currently planned for the months of June, July and August -- we should all go fishing instead!

SPRING OUTING AT POE PADDY

Chef Bill Palmer informs us that the Poe Paddy Steak Fry will be June 14th at Poe Paddy State Park. Mark your calendars and tie up a few pheasant tail nymphs. Watch for details in coming months.

Announcing:

SPRING CREEK CHAPTER
OF
TROUT UNLIMITED

Annual Spring Banquet

Where: Ramada Inn, State College, PA

When: Saturday, April 5, 2008

Happy Hours 5:30 - 7:00

Deluxe Buffet Dinner served at 7:00

Silent Auction - Bucket Raffles - 52 Card Draws - Live Auction – 50/50

Ticket Price: Adults/\$35.00 - Children Under 10/\$15.00

(Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Free Keg, Cash Bar)

Mail Reservation Form & Check To: Richard E. Stevenson
20 Mahala Street
Port Matilda, PA 16870

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Joe Boston: 814-861-5566 email:joeboston1959@comcast.net
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Name _____
Address _____

Adults Attending _____ Children Attending _____ Amount Enclosed
(\$35.00/adult, \$15.00/child 15 & under) _____

Checks should be made payable to Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited

Names of persons for whom you are making a reservation

Tables may be reserved for eight(8) or ten(10) people

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 1, 2008

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of January 14, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn, State College, PA

Board members present: President Bill Brusse, Bob Donaldson, Dick Stevenson, Jere Willey, Allen Phillips, George Moellenbrock, Jeff Senior, Art Kempf, Rick Van Horn and Bob Eberhart.

The Board welcomed three new Board Members, Jeff Senior, Art Kempf and Rick Van Horn. Bill Brusse announced that Jim St. George had resigned from the Board.

Election of Officers: Having been nominated, and the nominations duly seconded, the following officers were elected for 2008.

President - Bill Brusse
Vice-President – Jeff Senior
Treasurer – Rick Van Horn
Secretary – Bob Eberhart

Treasurer' Report: Jere Willey presented the Treasurer's report (Jere's last after ten years as Treasurer). He noted that as of Jan. 14, the Chapter has a net worth of \$30,015 including \$550 in the Embrace-A-Stream grant account. Jere noted that the Embrace a Stream Grant work has been completed and the funds remaining in that account can be rolled into other Chapter accounts.

He also noted that we are obligated to provide \$15,000 for material and equipment for the new C2P2 grant from DCNR. We will also need to keep track of the value of in-kind services provided by the Chapter for that grant.

To Audit or Not to Audit. Outgoing Treasurer Jere Willey and Incoming Treasurer Rick Van Horn have discussed what sort of audit or review of the Chapter's books would be required to ensure that the Chapter's fiscal affairs are in good order as a new Treasurer takes office. Rick indicated that he would be comfortable with a review by an audit committee made up of Board members. However, there was some feeling that a more formal procedure, perhaps involving an accountant, would be more satisfactory. It was agreed that Bill Brusse would contact Dave Wakefield to discuss the kind of review that would be most useful and what his fees would be if an accountant's services were required. If an Audit Committee of Board members is needed Allen Phillips, Jeff Senior and George Moellenbrock agreed to serve.

Committees: Committee chairs for the upcoming year will be:

Membership and Program – Allen Phillips
Banquet – Dick Stevenson
Watershed Watch – Bob Donaldson
Habitat Committee – Joe Boston.

There was also discussion of the need for a Communication Committee. The overall purpose would be to provide information to Chapter members and to the general public about Chapter activities. Some specific tasks might include providing information to the public about habitat projects, improving the content of the newsletter, reworking the Chapter's display board for use at public meetings, etc. It was agreed that John Shaffer should be asked for his ideas on forming a Communications Committee.

Banquet: Dick Stevenson said that so far about 300 letters asking for donations have been sent to local businesses and about 100 remain to be sent. Another 300 letters to the membership

announcing the banquet and inviting attendance or donations remain to be sent. He also added that it would be good to recruit some new members for the Banquet Committee.

Keystone Coldwater Conference: This will be held February 22 and 23 at the Penn Stater Conference Center. The program will focus on Headwater Ecosystems. Registration fee for individuals is \$35 until Feb. 1 and \$45 thereafter.

Habitat Project Status: Art Kempf presented a report on the DCNR grant on behalf of the Habitat Committee. (A copy of the written report of the Committee is attached to these minutes.) Art reported that in a meeting with PFBC and ClearWater, the three projects scheduled for 2008 are the McCoy Dam site, a site upstream from the Rte 550 Bridge, and moving livestock fences away from the creek in an area above the Sheep Farm Project. Projects for 2009 will include a reach above the power plant bridge in Milesburg, a project in the area of Spring Creek Park (College Twp.) For 2010, possible projects include reaches in the Paradise area and the Rock area.

Art said that PFBC equipment should be available for the McCoy dam project late this winter, but that DCNR funds may not be available by that time. A question for the Board is whether some chapter funds might be used. There is some uncertainty as to when DCNR funds will be available. Art said that DCNR has named Beth Helterbrand as grant manager.

Art also pointed out that volunteers, especially folks younger than most Board members, would be needed for some of the projects, and that it might be necessary to recruit volunteers who are not members of TU. Bill Brusse said that he believed that an umbrella liability policy provide by National TU would provide coverage. The Board seemed comfortable with recruiting volunteers who are not TU members.

Rockview Status: Bill Brusse reported that he had attended a meeting of the Stewardship Alliance, of which SCCTU is a member, with Rep. Kerry Benninghoff on the topic of Rep. Mike Hanna's bill to authorize transfer of The Spring Creek Canyon lands to Penn State, Benner Township and the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission. It was reported that Rep. Hanna is pushing hard to get this bill out of Committee and move it forward to a House vote. Bill Brusse said that he would write another letter to the new County Commissioners and to local legislators again expressing our concerns about future use and management of Spring Creek in the Canyon area.

Rusty Crayfish in Spring Creek: Bob Eberhart said that he had asked the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) whether they were aware of the presence of rusty crayfish in some reaches of Spring Creek, and if so, whether they had any plans to control this invasive species. He read from an email he had received from Robert Morgan, a Conservation Planning Biologist for PFBC. PFBC is aware of rusties in Spring Creek, but unfortunately has no funds for dealing with this problem. He said that a first step in dealing with this threat would be to educate legislators and the public about the seriousness of the problem. He also said that even if funds were available, the control methods available for a free flowing system like Spring Creek are very limited, and effective control is virtually impossible. He said that the Chapter could help by notifying PFBC if we become aware of effective control methods, by notifying PFBC if we find that rusties are present in areas not presently known to be infested, and by trying to educate legislators and the public about the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Eberhart
Secretary

Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp

This award winning camp will continue to emphasize our coldwater resources by addressing environmental issues as well as teaching fly fishing techniques.

The camp will be held June 15-20, 2008.

The location of the camp will be the Allenberry Resort on the Yellow Breeches Creek in Boiling Springs, PA.

The total cost, including tuition plus room and board is \$275.

Both boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 17 are eligible.
Applications must be received by March 15, 2008.

The camp will be limited to 32 students.

Students will be selected on the basis of a written essay, primarily detailing their interest and activity in coldwater conservation as well as fly fishing.

The application can be printed off of our website, www.riverscamp.com.

If you have any additional questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact Matt Lourdeau at 717.386.0549 or MLflyfish@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in creating tomorrow's leaders in conservation and fly fishing.

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 3.

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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Chapter Officers	
President	Bill Brusse
Vice-President	Jeff Senior
Treasurer	Rick Van Horn
Secretary	Bob Eberhart

Start or Renew Your TU Membership through SCTU

When your membership is about to expire, or join for the first time, fill out the form below and forward it with a check (payable to Trout Unlimited) to the address indicated below.

Name _____

Check Membership Category *

Address _____

Regular Membership (\$35)

City _____

Family Membership (\$50)

State _____ Zip _____

Senior/Student (\$20)

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Business Member (\$295)

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** No further dues

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