

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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, 132 Village Drive, off North Atherton Street, 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, 132 Village Drive, off North Atherton Street, 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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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 February 18, 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, Jay Lynch, Rick Van Horn and Bob Eberhart.

Others present were Katie Ombalski of ClearWater Conservancy, Jason Detar of Pa. Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), and Joe Boston, Chair of the SSCTU Habitat Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting of January 14: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

DCNR C2P2 Grant to SCCTU: The main topic of the meeting was the grant entitled ‘Spring Creek Habitat Enhancement, Restoration and Access Project’ awarded to the Chapter through the VC2P2 (Community Conservation Preservation Project) of DCNR. Katie Ombalski, using a PowerPoint presentation, explained that the TU grant, which focuses on in-stream habitat improvement, fits nicely with the efforts of the Riparian Conservation Partnership, a multi-organization group working to protect and enhance riparian areas. The TU grant application, prepared mainly by Jason Detar of PFBC and Joe Boston, the Chapter’s Habitat Project Chairman, was submitted to DCNR in April of 2007 and the grant was awarded to TU in December of 2007. Jason Detar explained many of the details of the project. The amount of the grant is \$178,700, and the grant’s three year term is from July 2007 to July 2010. Signing of the grant contract is expected by the end of April. The Chapter has submitted an advance payment request and should receive \$89,350 (50% of the grant amount) in May or June.

Projects scheduled are:

2008: McCoy public access area; McCoy instream and riparian improvements; PFBC property above Rte. 550 instream and riparian improvements.

2009: PSU Sheep Barn phase II instream and riparian enhancements; Spring Creek Park instream and riparian enhancements.

2010: Fisherman’s Paradise instream and riparian enhancements; the Rock instream and riparian enhancements.

The Grant does require a 1:1 match. Contributions that count as match include cash, some donated and volunteer services, various in-kind services, donations (e.g. PFBC staff time and equipment), donated project materials, and volunteer labor. Some grant funds received by the Riparian Conservation Partnership may be counted as matching funds, and it is possible that funds already expended for the McCoy dam removal and the PSU Sheep Barn Project may be counted as matching funds. Accumulating enough match to meet the grant requirements should not be a problem.

The Chapter’s major responsibilities will be a) grant management and coordination; b) financial management; c) obtaining construction materials, and d) coordinating and tracking donations and volunteer time (for match).

An issue still needing resolution with DCNR is what bidding process will be required for purchase of project materials.

Jason Detar was asked whether a Tony Gerace memorial, which the Chapter has been considering for some, might be sited on PFBC property as a part of this project. He said that that was possible.

Katie Ombalski distributed an estimate of what it would cost for the ClearWater staff to administer this grant on behalf of TU. Her comment was that it was too much.

Joe Boston distributed to Board members several important parts of the grant application which showed the amount of the grant request, the scope of work, a short description of the projects to be undertaken and a timeline.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Van Horn distributed the Treasurer's Report dated 2/15/08. The Chapter's net worth was \$29,865.10. He noted that he will open a new account for funds associated with the new C2P2 grant.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee, comprised of Allen Phillips, George Moellenbrock and Jeff Senior, will, with new Treasurer Rick Van Horn's concurrence, carry out a "quick audit" of the Chapter's books. The audit will cover a period of sixteen months before Rick took office.

Banquet Committee: Chair Dick Stevenson reported that Banquet preparations are proceeding nicely and that a meeting of the Banquet Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Rockview Status: Bob Donaldson reported that Benner Township, along with representatives of the Master Plan Steering Committee, will be meeting on Feb. 26 with the "short list" of consultants who submitted proposals for a Master Plan for the Spring Creek Canyon lands. He said that the Township hopes to have a contract signed by March 3 and that the Master Plan is to be completed within nine months.

Other Business: Bill Brusse announced that the annual Cold Water conference will be held at the Penn Stater on the last week-end in February.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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)

Senior/Student (\$20)

State _____ Zip _____

Individual Life (\$1000)**

Family Life (\$1100)**

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Conservator Member (\$250)

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** No further dues

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