



Tertiary Treatment

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NEWSLETTER CHANGES....PLEASE READ

From Board Member Ted Trostle

The annual cost to produce and mail this newsletter is over \$3600. Being that your chapter is a non-profit organization with a mission to preserve and protect the waters of Spring Creek, it has been decided to redirect this cost to support the mission.

Therefore, we will be making a change to provide the SCTU newsletter electronically via email using our List-server

The February 2010 issue will be the last post office mailing.

To assure that you continue to receive the newsletter, you **MUST** sign up or subscribe to this service.

To subscribe send an email to:

l-sp-tu-subscribe-request@lists.psu.edu

No subject or message text is needed. Note some email systems require a Subject, in that case simply type the letter "S" w/o quotes The system will collect your email address from the email header.

If you do not have an email address it is strongly suggested you obtain one.

If you previously subscribed to the list-server and later changed email addresses, please update your subscription as described above to continue to receive the newsletter. Invalid email addresses will be deleted.

Note: The newsletter may be also viewed on the SCTU Website www.springcreektu.org

Feb. Membership Meeting

All membership meetings are at 7:30 PM at the Comfort Suites Inn, 132 Village Drive, just off North Atherton St.

February 4: Roughly five members of the PSU Flyfishing Club will put on a fly tying demonstration which will feature a variety of different patterns being tied by each person. This is a particularly good opportunity to see how patterns come together and to ask questions about techniques used.

MINUTES, JANUARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of December 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn Suites, State College, PA.

Board Members present: President Bill Brusse, Judi Sittler, Rick Van Horn, Bob Donaldson, Dick Stevenson, Cliff Wurster, Allen Phillips, Ted Trostle and Bob Eberhart.

Others present were Genie Robine and Steve Lupis of the Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corp and Katie Ombalski of the Clearwater Conservancy

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting of November 16 (that were prepared by Bill Brusse in the absence of the Secretary) were approved as submitted.

Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corp (PASEC): Steve Lupis and Genie Robine made a presentation on PASEC, an organization of older citizens who monitor certain metrics of water quality at 25 sites on area streams. The group now needs funds to resupply their chemical testing kits and to purchase new testing meters. The Chapter has previously provided funds to this group. Bill Brusse pointed out that the Chapter's budget for next year has already been agreed upon and that it would be difficult to find funds for this purpose. He said that the Chapter would keep PASEC in mind for next year or if new funds became available. Ted Trostle said that such funds might be available through the Dominion Mini- Grant program sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Newsletter Transition: John Shaffer and Ted Trostle began by pointing out that starting in February of 2010, our newsletter, *Tertiary Treatment*, will be available only electronically; printed copies will no longer be mailed to members. Members will be notified each month via the Chapter's Listserv that the newsletter is available. A decision needs to be made as to whether the members should be invited to read the newsletter on the Chapter's website or whether they should be provided with a link to a pdf version of the newsletter that will be available on a PSU server. In either case, the newsletter will be posted on the Chapter website. At present the Chapter's Listserv includes email addresses of about 120 members.

Habitat Project Update: Cliff Wurster, Chair of the Chapter's Habitat Project and Katie Ombalski of ClearWater provided a status report of the Habitat project. Substantial progress has been made on three sub-projects – those at the 550 site, the PSU Sheep Farm, and the removal of the McCoy dam. In 2010, sub-projects at Paradise, at Spring Creek Park in Houserville, and improvements to the access area at the former McCoy dam site will be undertaken. One of the originally planned sub-projects at the Rock will not be undertaken because of access problems and because constructing the planned improvements may actually cause more harm than benefit. All of the work to be done under the DCNR C2P2 grant must be completed by December 2010.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Rick Van Horn reported the Chapter's net worth as \$28,455 as of November 30. Note that this figure does not include grant funds held in separate accounts that must be spent on habitat projects.

Communications with PFBC concerning fishing tournaments held during the brown trout spawn: Cliff Wurster reported that the ad hoc committee that he is leading had not completed its draft of a letter on this subject to PFBC. It was reported that PFBC will have a meeting on January 30 at which this subject might be considered; the Chapter should appoint a representative to attend this meeting, especially if we choose to take a position on the issue.

Election of new Board members and new Officers of the Chapter: At the end of 2009, Allen Phillips and George Moellenbrock will complete their terms on the Board and will not seek reelection. Cliff Wurster has said that he will resign. There has also been one vacant seat on the Board. This means that four new members of the Board should be elected at the January Membership meeting. In addition, as Bill Brusse has said that he will not serve as President next year, the Board will need to elect a new President.

Rockview Lands: Bob Donaldson reported that the Clearwater Conservancy is now considering the purchase of the entire 1800 acres of Rockview land that are being slated for divestiture. This effort may be supported by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and possibly the Nature Conservancy. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob 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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