

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 13 February 2012

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:

- Scott Brumbaugh

Bob Donaldson

Bob Vierck

Jim Purtell

Bill Brusse

Judi Sittler

Rick Van Horn

Bill Voigt

Chris Haser

- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1900

- Review of old minutes

- Amendments: amendments via email have been processed

Brumbaugh will send the approved minutes to Dan Kersteter via email for posting to the website

- Old minutes approved as amended

- Motion: Brusse

Second: Van Horn

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$30,415.81

- Various expenses related to the banquet have been incurred

Dues rebate from national was provided in the amount of \$95

DCNR sent a letter to the chapter stating that the \$18K retainer has been approved for return to the Chapter; expect delivery in 4-6 weeks

- DCNR stated that we must return any interest earned on the retainer

- Corrections: none

- Treasurer's Report Approval

- Motion to approve: Haser

Second: Purtell

- **Old Business**

- Harvey / Gerace memorial report (Bob Donaldson report)

- Tony Gerace was a local attorney who was involved in many local conservation activities (former president of SCTU and Clearwater)

- The Centre Region Parks and Recreation was approached to see if there is anything that could be done to memorialize Tony Gerace at the Millbrook March

CRPR responded they would like to purchase a "wet lab" to facilitate educational experiences

The available funds match well with the cost of the wetlab

The wetlab could be adorned with Tony Gerace's name

- George Harvey was a local fisherman and conservationist
  - Bob suggested rededication of the Spring Creek Heritage award as the “George Harvey Spring Creek Heritage Award”

It may be possible to display the award/plaque in the PAFBC's fly fishing museum (in the hatchery building at Fisherman's Paradise)

- The group concurred that they like the general progress and direction of these ideas, and Bob agreed to keep working the issues
- Sittler talked to PATU regarding rechartering of Spring Creek TU
  - Sittler reports: There is no issue with respect to our recharter, PATU expects to renew our charter
- Keystone Coldwater Conference (Sittler report)
  - Judi Sittler, Jean Brenchly, Scott Thompson will man the poster at the conference
- Youth mentorship (Sittler report)
  - Bob Carline sent a letter, to people who had previously expressed interest in youth mentorship, asking for their interest in participating in a Youth Service Bureau and Big Brothers / Big Sisters activity for fishing. The letter asked for interest level and schedule availability for the month of June.
- Watershed Watch (Donaldson report)
  - Donaldson contacted Jim Coslo regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile property: Jim stated that all proper erosion and sedimentation devices have been installed, except for the over seeding. The seeding will be accomplished once weather permits.

A new concern has been identified: On Elmwood St (formerly the Alden House furniture store) a brew pub is in the process of obtaining permits. The property is immediately adjacent to Slab Cabin Run. Bob intends to monitor this process for adverse effects on Slab Cabin Run / Thompson Run / Spring Creek.

Bob Donaldson stated that he will watch the PSU construction (ice hockey facility) in the future with respect to storm water run-off.

- **New Business**

- Michele Kittell presented the “Pennsylvania Brookies” school for the Wildlife Leadership Academy
  - The school is for youth of ages 14-17

The goal of the academy is to create conservation leaders in the youth

Michele is seeking Team Leaders to help at the school

- Teachers can get Act 48 credit hours (40 hrs) for volunteering
- Michele is also seeking youth nominations for the academy
- The school dates were \*originally\* supposed to be July 10-14, 2012 @ the Sieg Conference Center (LHU center on Fishing Creek). However, the school has been postponed until 2013 to allow for better organization of the event.
- Bill Voigt reports:
  - PSU will host a youth outdoor expo on (Friday) April 27 (0930 –

1430)

5<sup>th</sup> graders from the area will come to the PSU arboretum to learn about outdoor topics  
PSU is asking for 2-3 volunteers to man a fishing exhibit

The group expressed general interest in the expo, and Bill will follow up to get more information

- Judi Sittler spoke with Joe Boston regarding a stream improvement project for this summer

- Joe mentioned the “550 bridge” (this is the footbridge ~ 1 mile upstream from 550, below the “cliff” on Spring Creek Road)

Joe suggested placing boulders in the stream to provide cover and break-up the stream

Bob Donaldson reminded the group of the Oak Hall commitment we have to do an improvement project there

The group decided to research participating in a “phase” of the Oak Hall project with Clearwater this summer as well as pursuing a different stream improvement project with the PAFBC this summer

- Watershed Clean-Up day (Haser report)
  - Watershed Clean-Up day is 21 April 2012

Our stretches will be the “Rock” to I-99 and McCoy dam

- The May board meeting will interfere with the “on-the-fly-event”
  - The board meeting will be moved to May 7<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict
- Banquet Committee (Purtell report)
  - Purtell reports that our banquet will conflict with Grouse's this year, and several people will be attending that banquet instead of ours. He has asked us to try to increase attendance.
- Trout in the Classroom (Sittler report)
  - Jessica Martin lost all of her fish due to high ammonia levels. PAFBC will replace the fish.

Jessica requests an ammonia treatment: the board approved the expenditure of \$20 for ammonia treatment

- Summer Trout Camp (Sittler report)
  - Sittler reports that Trout Camp is requesting new hip boots for the camp
    - Sittler plans to ask multiple sources for potential donations to fund boot replacements
  - Bill Brusse volunteered to speak to Molly Hietrick regarding the cost of the camp and our ability to provide funding at such a significant level in the future
- Membership Committee
  - Fiona received the materials to organize the list-serve

Fiona will meet with the PSU students who volunteered to aid the chapter with communication efforts.

Bob Vierck stated that he would like to be involved in the meeting with the PSU students to talk to them about receiving their help on developing a new website for the SCTU website

Fiona will try to setup the meeting with the PSU students and Bob Vierck for the week of 2/20/12.

- Sittler expressed a desire to recognize Bob Eberhart's service to the chapter
  - Judi and Bill will research how long Bob served on the board

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2058

Motion: Haser

Second: Brusse