

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

07 May 2012

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:

- Scott Brumbaugh

Judi Sittler

Rick Van Horn

Chris Hennessey

Bob Vierck

Bill Brusse

- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1902

Review of old minutes

- Amendments: NONE

Old minutes approved w/o amendment

- Motion: Brusse

Second: Van Horn

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$54791.55

The banquet netted \$8300 this year

- This underperformed the 2012 budget by ~\$800

- Amendments: NONE

Treasurer's Report Approval

- Motion to approve: Brusse

Second: Brumbaugh

- **Old Business**

- Review of Action Items

- Sittler to seek clarification regarding CRPR/College Township insurance requirements regarding the Steak Fry @ Spring Creek Park.

- Van Horn contacted National TU regarding this matter. National TU contacted the insurance company, and the insurance company supplied a letter of coverage to Van Horn.

- Van Horn to check with TU national regarding insurance coverage for SCTU, CRPR, and College Township regarding the steak fry.

- See above.

- Brumbaugh to check with Mitchell Blake regarding upcoming Coldwater Conservation Corps training events.

- There are no currently scheduled training events for the Coldwater Conservation Corps. Mitch Blake offered that SCTU could sponsor a training here in State College. All that was needed was for SCTU to provide a meeting location.

Brusse said that he believes we will have significant opportunity to intervene and/or test the water if the Shaner / old Cerro plant ever begins to actually process frack water and discharge into Logan Branch. Brusse said he doubts that the facility will actually be used to process frack water. It is more likely that the site will be used as an inter-modal transportation site (rail / truck).

The group decided that we will not pursue sponsoring a Coldwater Conservation Corps training event at this time. Additionally, SCTU does not plan to pursue water monitoring on the Logan Branch unless we receive notice of Shaner's intent to process frack water at the old Cerro Plant.

- Brumbaugh to discuss potential days for the new Cub Scout fishing seminar with the interested den leaders.
 - This is still in progress. A weekend date in June or July is currently targeted.
- Haser to contact Jason Deter, PFBC, and request that PFBC monitor/survey/approve the fish hatchery that is used to stock fish into the Spring Creek Exhibition area. Additionally, Haser will request that PFBC take any and all actions to mitigate potential harm/disease of the stocked fish into Spring Creek.
 - Haser sent an email to Jason Deter at PFBC. Jason did not respond. Haser and Sittler chose not to pursue the matter further.
- Sittler to pursue application process for the Centre County Community Foundation fundraiser "Centre Gives".
 - Sittler started the application process, but it is not completed yet.
- Memorial
 - Donaldson reports via email that the memorials are currently on hold.
- Steak Fry
 - We are going to continue to call the event the "Steak Fry"

Hennessey and Sittler comprise of the Steak Fry committee

The steak fry will be 1500 – 1900 at Spring Creek Park on 9 June 2012.

- Arbor Day at PSU
 - A group of SCTU supported the Arbor Day event at PSU.
- Watershed Clean-Up recap
 - We had a large turnout this year. We will consider undertaking 3 sites next year given the good participation we received this year.

The names of participants in the clean-up will be posted in the SCTU newsletter.

- Rotary Club grant request.
 - The Rotary Club is still considering our grant request. It looks promising that we may get funded. If we do win the grant, funding would not be provided until February 2013.

The grant is strictly to pay for equipment in the youth education programs.

- Spring Creek Family Festival
 - The event is 2 June 2012, from 1000 1200

Dan Shields has been nominated for the George Harvey Memorial Spring Creek Heritage Award Sittler and Hennessey will man SCTU table at the event. In addition, Scott Bamfield (a SCTU member) will help man the table.

- Water bottles for the PA Rivers Conservation Camp (sponsored via CVTU)
 - We have agreed to purchase 50 bottles from Collegiate Pride.

This will require paying a \$40 short run fee.

32 bottles will be provided to the PA Rivers Conservation

18 bottles will remain with the Chapter for sale.

- **New Business**

- Conservation Committee (Vierck reporting)

- We did not win the American Waters grant for the Milesburg project.

Vierck has attempted to contact First Energy regarding a grant from their foundation. Vierck has not yet heard back from First Energy.

It has been suggested that we could contact the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). They have a grant that is in the application phase, with a deadline of May 16. Vierck has started the application.

Currently identified / considered potential stream improvement project locations are:

- Milesburg site (First Energy sub station): Per Vierck's American Waters proposal

Oak Hall: Per the existing Embrace A Stream Grant

“The Rock”: improve the parking lot to reduce sediment flow from the parking lot into the creek
Fly Fisher's Paradise

- Install a vane/diverter directing kayakers where to exit the stream

Replant trees that were cut down

- There is a surplus of trees available to SCTU, currently located at Pinecroft. The trees are left over from the Spring Creek Park / sheep farm project.

Vierck is going to send the NFWF application out to Sittler, Brusse, and Brumbaugh for review. The application covers all 4 potential projects listed above.

Many of the grants require letters of recommendation

- PA Fish and Boat

Clearwater

LJRA

Centre County Conservation District

- Brusse suggested that we apply for a C2P2 grant next year. The application will likely be due April 2013.

Sittler will create an initial list of possible grants that we can apply for. Brusse will maintain and update the list after the initial creation.

- Take a youth fishing at Lamar (Bob Carline)
 - 19 June from 1300 to 1500
- Trout in the Classroom (TIC)
 - Jade Thompson at BEA hasn't returned a call back to Sittler regarding the release date

Sittler is going to attend Mt. Nittany Middle School and Penns Valley Middle School TIC releases

- PSU student recommendation regarding SCTU interface with Penn State students
 - The students sent a memo of recommendations for SCTU. We just received it today, so no one has really reviewed it yet.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2037

Motion: Van Horn

Second: Brumbaugh

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Hennessey will contact Clearwater regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant..

Brusse will contact Anne Donovan at Centre County Conservation District regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.

Vierck will contact PAFBC regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.

Vierck will contact LJRA regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.

Sittler, Brusse, Brumbaugh will review the NFWF grant draft that Vierck sends out.

Vierck will submit the NFWF grant.

Sittler will create an initial list of possible grants that we can apply for.

Brumbaugh will review the PSU students recommendations and summarize at the next board meeting.