

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 18 June 2012

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Chris Haser
  - Bill Brusse
  - Judi Sittler
  - Chris Hennessey
  - Bob Vierck
  - Bob Donaldson
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1903
- Review of old minutes
  - Amendments:
  - Old minutes approved as amended
    - Motion: Brusse
    - Second: Donaldson

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Given by Judi Sittler
- Chapter's net worth = \$54659.31
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
  - Motion to approve: Vierck
  - Second: Hennessey

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review
  - Hennessey will contact Clearwater regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.
    - Done, included in proposal.
  - Brusse will contact Anne Donovan at Centre County Conservation District regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.
    - Done, included in proposal.
  - Vierck will contact PAFBC regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.
    - Done, included in proposal.
  - Vierck will contact LJRA regarding a letter of recommendation for the NFWF grant.
    - Done, included in proposal.
  - Sittler, Brusse, Brumbaugh will review the NFWF grant draft that Vierck sends out.
    - Done, all reviewed and provided comments.
  - Vierck will submit the NFWF grant.
    - Done, grant proposal was submitted.
  - Sittler will create an initial list of possible grants that we can apply for.

- Done, sent out.
  - Brumbaugh will review the PSU students recommendations and summarize at the next board meeting.
    - The recommendations were reviewed. The board agreed that the website and Facebook could be improved.
    - The board agreed that we will NOT create a student auxilliary group through PSU.
- George Harvey / Tony Gerace memorial report (Bob Donaldson reporting):
  - Mrs. Gerace does not look favorably on the “wet lab” memorial that was proposed for the Millbrook Marsh. She plans to contract an architect to place a memorial at Fisherman's Paradise. To Bob's knowledge, Mrs. Gerace has not made any progress on this matter.
  - Bob plans to back off on the Tony Gerace memorial at this time.
  - George Harvey Spring Creek Heritage Memorial was awarded to Dan Shields at this year's Spring Creek Family Festival.
  - The George Harvey Spring Creek Heritage Memorial plaque will be displayed at the PFBC fly fishing museum at the Bellefonte Hatchery (located at Fisherman's Paradise). PFBC has agreed to hang the plaque there.
  - Bob Donaldson will speak with Spring Yonkin (when she returns from maternity leave) about adding a sign to alert people to the museum at Fisherman's Paradise.
- Steak Fry
  - \$25 was given to each of the musicians. The money came out of excess funds collected at the steak fry.
  - Donaldson requested that pictures and a short story be included the next newsletter.
- Rivers Conservation Camp
  - 32 bottles with the SCCTU logo were sent to the camp
  - 20 bottles are leftover from the order (for use by SCCTU)
- National TU teen summit
  - The event will be held at the PFBC Stackhouse School
  - Currently 13 students are signed up for the summit
  - Judi would like to donate leftover water bottles to the students at the teen summit.
- Centre Gives
  - The event will be 27 – 28 June 2012, for online donations only.
  - As previously stated, the Centre County Community Foundation will match up to \$100K dollar for dollar
  - Bob Vierck proposed that the SCCTU board pledges \$1000 to the event, and ask the membership to participate, and hopefully match.
    - It was decided not to set a specific dollar amount for each board member to contribute. Instead, we will create an email to say that the board is making a “substantial donation”, and ask the membership to participate.
    - Bob Vierck will create an email to send out that contains the link to donate money.
- **New Business**
  - Centre County Community Foundation
    - SCCTU was invited to participate in a special \$10K grant, the “Anniversary Circle”.
    - The proposal must be submitted by July 9<sup>th</sup> to the CCCF website.
    - 3 projects are chosen to compete in a final round, and then the final award selection is made at a luncheon on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

- SCCTU proposal ideas
    - Fund Summer Trout Camp for the next 5 years (Hennessey)
    - Education of Spring Creek landowners about stream stewardship / conservation ideas (Sittler)
    - Augment Carline's "Take a Child Fishing" program (Sittler)
    - A stream restoration project on Spring Creek with an education element to it (Vierck). Specifically, the stream restoration project at Milesburg could be proposed.
      - Bob Donaldson suggested that we try to obtain a letters of support from the Milesburg Borough Council and the Bald Eagle Watershed Association for the stream restoration project. The letters of support would help show the community endorsement for the project.
  - The board has decided to submit the Milesburg Stream restoration project to the Anniversary Circle.
  - Vierck submitted a proposal to First Energy for a \$5K grant for the Milesburg site. This grant is intended to supplement the NFWF grant that was already submitted.
  - PFBC mowing in Spring Creek Canyon
    - Pictures of the PFBC mowing in the canyon, as well as a map of the mowing activity was presented.
    - Bill Brusse will research who the maintenance / ground superintendent is at Fisherman's Paradise.
    - Bob Donaldson will contact John Arway directly regarding the issue. Brumbaugh will provide a specific list of concerns and photographs for discussion with Arway.
  - Walleye hatchery
    - Information regarding the new walleye hatchery in the canyon was presented.
    - Bill Brusse is going to contact Wilberding regarding what he knows about the project, and who to contact at the local hatchery regarding this matter.
  - Sittler is going to nominate Jason Detar for the Coldwater Conservation Professional award through PATU.
  - Renew Growing Greener
    - The board did not like how Renew Growing Greener appeared to be representing our chapter in its press releases. Additionally, we do not remember signing their letter of support.
    - Brumbaugh will contact Andrew Heath and ask him to remove SCCTU from the Renew Growing Greener supporting list.
  - Penn's Creek PFBC public meeting
    - PFBC is proposing to change Penn's Creek regulations from Coburn to Swift Run from All-Tackle Trophy Trout to Artificial Lures Catch and Release Only
    - The meeting is 21 June in Aaronsburg.
    - SCCTU has decided that the group will not formally attend the meeting. However, individual members from the chapter may attend and represent themselves as private citizens.
  - No board meetings will be held in July or August.
- **Closing Information**
  - Adjourned at 2103
  - Motion: Brumbaugh
  - Second: Vierck

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Bob Vierck and Judi Sittler will create a proposal, for the Milesburg Stream restoration project, for submission to the Centre County Community Foundation “Anniversary Circle” grant.
- Bill Brusse will research who the maintenance / ground superintendent is at Fisherman's Paradise.
- Bob Donaldson will contact John Arway directly regarding the issue. Brumbaugh will provide a specific list of concerns and photographs for discussion with Arway.
- Brumbaugh will contact Renew Growing Greener and ask them to remove our name from the list of supporting organizations.