

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

17 June 2013

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Judi Sittler
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Mark Pencak
 - Bob Donaldson
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Bob Vierck
 - Jim Lanning (banquet committee)
 - Jim Purtell
 - Dave Dudukovich (banquet committee)
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1900
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: A few typos
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Vierck
 - Second: Van Horn

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$55340.86
- Corrections: NONE
- \$5K was sent to the Centre Foundation to start the Spring Creek TU Endowment
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Mitchell
 - Second: Purtell

- **Old Business**

- Action Item Review:
 - Sittler will contact Schipanski and Carline to invite them to the September or October 2013 board meeting to present WRMP results, and discuss their general merit relative to our budgeting process.
 - Pending, Sittler will follow-up.
 - Brumbaugh will send a follow-up letter to the DEP regarding Graymont/Hawbaker Tressler mining activities.
 - Done
 - Brumbaugh will send a letter to the Corman and Benninghoff regarding Graymont/Hawbaker Tressler mining activities.
 - In draft
 - Sittler will send a letter to the list serve regarding the steak fry.
 - Done
 - Vierck will post to Facebook regarding the steak fry.

- Done
- Sittler will organize a date for a group to assemble the thank you notes.
 - Done
- Brumbaugh will contact the Ruffed Grouse Society to see what date their banquet will be in 2014.
 - Done
- Sittler will contact the Ramada regarding a date for next year's banquet, after Brumbaugh contacts Ruffed Grouse.
 - Done.
- Vierck will take a picture of the erosion at the new state penitentiary and send it to Donaldson.
 - Donaldson actually accomplished this.
- Vierck will follow-up with PFBC enforcement regarding resolution of the make-shift kayak course.
 - This is pending, but Vierck believes the kayak is gone now. Vierck will follow-up.
- Mitchell will research the TU Endorsed Business program to determine applicability relative to Comfort Suites and FlyFisher's Paradise.
 - Mitchell will report later in the meeting.

- **New Business**

- General membership meetings (Pencak)
 - Mark had a list of several ideas for the general membership meetings.
 - Advertising: Mark will continue to advertise the meetings via fliers “around town”
 - Van Horn suggested that we could send out “snail mail” requests asking for people to return/verify their email address to the chapter.
 - Mark will pursue getting some back up DVD's in case the scheduled speaker has to cancel.
- Banquet
 - Purtell stated that he does not want to be the banquet chair next year.
 - Everyone complimented Purtell on a job well done for this year's banquet.
 - Dudukovich suggested that we should advertise the date sooner to allow people to make long term plans.
 - Both Dudukovich and Lanning felt that the task was a large undertaking, and it was important to spread the tasks amongst many people. Everyone agrees that more people need to be involved in the banquet.
 - Van Horn suggested having a quick 5 minute briefing amongst the committee members the night of the banquet. This will help everyone get organized for the banquet.
 - Vierck believes we need to find alternative methods to make money besides just the banquet so that we can get more profit return for level of effort investment.
 - Dudukovich suggested that we could send a direct letter to the members simply asking for a donation to the local chapter.
 - Sittler thinks we should try to get bigger ticket items for the silent auction.
 - Pencak would like to see the 50/50 reinstated.
 - Purtell suggested that it might be useful to ask Paul Rebarchak for his input on how the banquet has evolved.

- Sittler formed a new banquet committee (Dudukovich, Lanning, Mitchell, Van Horn, Sittler, Vierck)
 - Past attendees of the banquet will be asked to join the committee.
 - The first banquet meeting will be shortly after Labor Day.
 - Vierck and Sittler will visit with the Ramada regarding the rate.
- Logan Branch update
 - Brumbaugh is confused relative to what is going on with Graymont/Hawbaker and the DEP. Several different ads have recently appeared in the PA bulletin relative to the issue. Brumbaugh will attempt to meet with Brusse or Carline to try to get guidance.
 - Brumbaugh will send the legislative letter to Corman, Benninghoff, Hanna, and Conklin.
- The total amount earned by SCTU from Centre Gives was \$2129.30. This money was part of the \$5K sent to the SCTU endowment.
- It is proposed that SCTU move an additional \$5K to the Centre Foundation endowment to bring it to a total of \$10K. This would put the SCTU account into the fully vested status. The necessary \$5K to do this is sitting dormant in a savings account that is only earning 0.5% interest.
 - Motion: Vierck
 - Second: Brumbaugh
 - The motion was unanimously accepted.
- TU Endorsed Business (Mitchell)
 - This costs the business \$295 to join, so it is unlikely that anyone will want to join.
 - Mitchell suggests we could print a banner for Fly Fisher's Paradise and Wiscoy for them to hang, and show that they support SCTU.
- We have tax exempt letters on file with Lowes, Fly Fisher's Paradise, and the Frame Shop.
- PATU Nominations for awards
 - SCTU will not make any nominations this year.
- NFWF grant
 - We got our money last week.
 - All contracts are in place for work on 6/24 & 6/25.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2102
- Motion: Van Horn
- Second: Vierck

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Sittler will setup a banquet meeting committee after Labor Day.
- Brumbaugh will attempt to discuss the DEP – Hawbaker/Graymont permitting issue.
- Brumbaugh will sign-up for the 8/3 PATU meeting.