

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes

16 September 2013

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Paula Sowers
 - Bill Voigt
 - Bob Donaldson
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Bob Vierck
 - Judi Sittler
- Board Meeting called to order by Sittler @ 1901
- Review of old minutes
 - Amendments: A few spelling corrections
 - Old minutes approved as amended
 - Motion: Vierck
 - Second: Donaldson

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$80486.40
- Donations were received in memory of Vance McCullough
- \$300 was received from the Community Foundation to support/fund the Buffer Buddies Program
- Corrections: NONE
- Treasurer's Report Approval
 - Motion to approve: Vierck
 - Second: Voigt

- **Old Business**

- Old A/I review:
 - Sittler will setup a banquet meeting committee after Labor Day.
 - First banquet committee meeting is 9/23/13.
 - Brumbaugh will attempt to discuss the DEP – Hawbaker/Graymont permitting issue.
 - The DEP notice in the PA Bulletin was confusing. There is no new/additional permit issue.
 - A meeting was held between PAFBC, PADEP, SCTU, Graymont, Hawbaker, and some environmental consulting firms
 - Donaldson will contact DEP to inquire about the permitting progress and if SCTU can be invited to future DEP/PFBC/Graymont meetings.
 - Brumbaugh will contact Graymont regarding current status in the permitting process.
 - Brumbaugh will sign-up for the 8/3 PATU meeting.
 - Brumbaugh gave a summary to the board of the meeting.

- **New Business**

- Sittler introduced Paula Sowers as a new board member
- Budget for Fiscal Year 2014
 - Van Horn presented a draft budget for 2014
 - Brumbaugh suggested that SCCTU should not establish / contribute scholarships for individual students to go to schools / camps. This is due to IRS laws that prohibit 501(c)3 organizations creating scholarships.
 - Brumbaugh suggested that the \$1680 Endowment contribution be made at the end of the fiscal year, allowing the endowment contribution to absorb any money short falls for the year.
 - The \$250 assigned to “Tony Gerace Habitat Project” is a typo, and Van Horn will correct the error.
 - The draft budget was approved unanimously.
- A contribution from the 2013 budget will be made as follows:
 - \$2000 to the Centre Foundation Endowment
 - \$2000 to the CD
 - This money represents the surplus from the 2013 budget.
- At the next meeting, the board will consider making monthly contributions to the endowment based on the previous year's “budget surplus.”
- Nick Schipanski will speak about the Water Resource Monitoring Project at the October general membership meeting.
- “Return the Roots”
 - Sittler briefed the “Return the Roots” program which will rehabilitate a Spring Creek stream side property. The program will conduct planting and “minor” stream side rehabilitation on a single private property.
 - The program will be paid for by the WREN grant which is \$3800. The WREN grant will pay for books, mailings, and the stream side rehabilitation.
 - Public access (with specific landowner permission) will be made part of the “Return the Roots” evaluation system.
- The PFBC walleye pond NPDES is up for renewal. The chapter will consider making public comment on the permit renewal.
- Tree planting on the First Energy property (where the Milesburg stream improvement project was completed):
 - First Energy still needs to give permission to plant on their property – so standby.
 - Jim Lanning will manage the project because Vierck will be out of town.

- **Closing Information**

- Adjourned at 2105
- Motion: Brumbaugh
- Second: Vierck

- **Action Item Summary:**

- Donaldson will contact DEP to inquire about the permitting progress and if SCTU can be invited to future DEP/PFBC/Graymont meetings.
- Brumbaugh will contact Graymont regarding current status in the permitting process.
- Brumbaugh will contact Mark Hanes about obtaining a conductivity monitor for Logan

- Branch (would replace the temporary WRMP conductivity monitor).
- Donaldson will contact SEC to see if they would be willing to monitor the new conductivity monitor on Logan Branch.
 - Donaldson will discuss the “walleye pond” NPDES renewal issue with Brian Niewinski.