

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes

### 14 April 2014

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- **Opening Information**

- Attendance:
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Bob Vierck
  - Jim Lanning
  - Lynn Mitchell
  - Paula Sowers
  - Rick Van Horn
  - Judi Sittler
  - Mark Pencak
  - Bill Voigt
  - Dave Dudukovich
- Board Meeting called to order by Vierck @ 1902
- Review of old minutes
  - Amendments: Sittler asked the date to be fixed (now done)
  - Old minutes approved as amended
    - Motion: Sittler
    - Second: Van Horn

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter's net worth = \$60293.73
- Corrections: NONE
- It appears we made ~\$12K on the banquet this year, but a few expenses have yet to trickle in.
- Treasurer's Report Approval
  - Motion to approve: Brumbaugh
  - Second: Dudukovich

- **Old Business**

- Voigt is still working to setup a meeting with PFBC to observe the NZ mud snails in Spring Creek.
- Pencak reports that the Comfort Inn and Fly Fisher's Paradise got good coverage at the banquet.

- **New Business**

- TU Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (Vierck)
  - Sittler and Vierck are helping to plan the (national) TU Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting (held at the Ramada).
  - The meeting will be held 31 May – 2 June.
- Bellefonte Flood Wall
  - Vierck discussed this with Mike Smith about the issue. Vierck is working to arrange a meeting with Jason Detar (PFBC) and one of Mike Smith's employee (DEP) to

- discuss how to make a “good” flood wall.
- Annual Dinner and Fundraiser Wrap-Up
  - Paula will store the banquet “goods”.
  - The old style “chinese auction” tickets will be thrown out.
    - Motion: Brumbaugh
    - Second: Dudukovich
    - Approval: Unanimous
  - Mitchell provided all financial records (bank deposits, etc) he had to Van Horn to posterity.
  - Pencak delivered Dave Swann's hand tied flies to the appropriate winner.
  - Dudukovich has approximately 2/3 of the thank you notes printed.
  - Vierck will meet with Dudukovich to add some personal notes to the thank you letters.
  - Mitchell will meet with Jenn at Ramada regarding next year's banquet. We would prefer to move back to the Ramada on Atherton.
  - Vierck would prefer to have the banquet in the 1<sup>st</sup> two weekend of March.
- Membership Committee (Sowers)
  - Sowers reports that we are picking up more free women memberships.
  - Sowers encouraged the board to participate on the Chapter Facebook website.
  - Nate Gould and Whitney Trueax will be the volunteers of the month.
- Centre Gives (Vierck)
  - Vierck suggested (by way of suggestion from Centre gives) that each board member should contact a friend and ask them to donate to the Centre Gives event.
  - Centre Gives also suggested that the Chapter could have a donation party to get people to pledge, and then enter the pledges at a specific time.
  - The minimum donation this year is \$25.
- General Meeting (Pencak)
  - The next meeting will be Larry Fennessey from PSU OPP to talk about the Duck Pond.
- Conservation (Vierck)
  - McCoy planting: Approximately 40 volunteers are available to help.
  - Fisherman's Paradise + Rock Rd: Today, EPA came and inspected Paradise and the Kelly (Oak Hall) property for endangered species.
  - Stormwater: Vierck would like to do a demonstration project with bio buffers via the State College Borough.
  - Bells Gap Headwaters Project: Chris Grant sent a letter requesting funds to help his project, but understands that we are limited to working within our Chapter.
- Return the Roots (Sittler)
  - The Bonnie Lepro property (on Slab Cabin Run) won the backyard makeover.
  - Sittler is working with adjacent land owners to gain access to do the backyard makeover.
  - Sittler is trying to change the WREN grant to mail out the “Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater”.
    - If the WREN grant cannot be changed, the Chapter will kick-in approximately \$100 to mail the pamphlets.
      - Motion: Pencak
      - Second: Mitchell
- Legislation and Planning

- Haser and Brumbaugh are researching the property line of the PFBC property between Roopsburg Rd, Buffalo Run Rd, and Spring Creek.
    - Hanson is currently planning to apply for a permit to dig a deeper quarry along Spring Creek. The Chapter needs to keep informed of this situation.
  - Education (Sittler)
    - Voigt received packets from PFBC .
    - The Chapter will pay ~\$200 to create SCCTU pamphlets to give to the students along with the PFBC pamphlets.
  - Watershed Watch
    - Brumbaugh is the new chair of the Watershed Watch committee.
  - Angler Survey
    - Many interviewees have responded that they would like to see more enforcement along Spring Creek.
  - Adjourned at 2048
    - Motion: Brumbaugh
    - Second: Van Horn
- **Action Item Summary:**
  - Vierck will contact Beverly Smith to see if we are allowed to sell paraphernalia at the Mid-Atlantic meeting.
  - Vierck will contact national TU about helping to prevent the spread of NZ mud snails and/or how to deal with them in Spring Creek.
  - Brumbaugh will contact the Ruffed Grouse Society to see when their banquet is next year.
  - Mitchell will contact Penns Creek TU to see when their banquet is next year.
  - Pencak will contact PFBC to see if we can get the name / contact info of the local WCO.