

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2015

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh, Paula Sowers

- Meeting called to order by Bob Vierck at 1900.
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: per Sittler's email
  - Motion to Approve: Dudukovich
  - Second: Lanning
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Motion to Approve: Sowers
  - Second: George
- Attendance:
  - Bob Vierck
  - Paula Sowers
  - Dave Dudukovich
  - Mark Pencak
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Jim Lanning
  - Jim George
  - Ed Zweig
  - Judi Sittler
- Old Business
  - Project Healing Waters:
    - Sowers has not contacted Alan Folger. Would like others to review the document and gather questions for Skip Hughes (Healing Waters, Erie) and Dave Thomas (local Healing Waters group asking for signature. Group wants Dave Thomas to come to board meeting. Sowers would like to submit questions to be addressed prior to board meeting.
    - Sowers will send Pencak, Mitchell, and Brumbaugh the document to review.
  - Mitchell talked to Gary P at Penns. They decided not to combine donation. Done.
  - Brumbaugh has drafted letter for Brook Trout Enhancement. Dave and Jim G feel strongly about issue. Bob suggested they review the letter and work with Scott on final draft.
  - Lanning: TU will have no involvement in stocking the pond.
- New Business
  - TU Mid Atlantic Regional Meeting
    - Vierck proposed that the Chapter reimburse board members who want to attend the TU Mid Atlantic Regional Meeting in Frederick, MD. Reimbursements would cover registration, hotel, mileage, etc. Board discussed a cap of \$500 for the meeting (not per person).

- At this time there is no one attending.
  - Motion to accept: Pencak
  - Second: Lanning
  - This topic will be addressed again in the fall for the TU National meeting in Scranton. We are submitting for Chapter of the Year. Bob: we should have a presence at the meeting.
- Membership committee:
  - Sowers is researching the best way to get memberships for the Philipsburg High School Fly Tying Club. Can we get free trial memberships and what is the bulk rate for memberships.
  - Will purchase memberships when we find the most cost effective way.
- Social Committee
  - Next Meeting: Henry Ramsay. Pencak will contact and confirm. Mark/Bob have not heard anything from him lately.
    - Discussed what to pay him: \$200 plus lodging if he stays overnight. Mark will reserve a room at the Comfort Inn if Henry has not made other reservations.
  - Several ideas were given to Pencak for future meetings.
- Conservation
  - The permit for the stream improvement project below the Distillery is approved. We have the funding to purchase all materials.
  - Bob projects that all but \$600 of the \$69K grant will be spent. SCCTU has provided \$200K in matching funds.
  - Stewardship of planting sites: the most immediate need for a stewardship is Oak Hall. Watering at all the planting sites is needed due to the dry weather.
    - PFBC has not yet agreed to a plan to do stewardship work (watering, herbicide, etc). Vierck is still working the issue with PFBC.
    - Vierck will talk to Landscape II to see if they can water the Oak Hall site.
- Legislation
  - Brumbaugh presented a draft letter to send to PFBC regarding the proposed termination of the Brook Trout Enhancement Project. Deadline to submit comments is June 3, 2015.
  - Dudukovich and George will provide edits / comments to the letter prior to submission to PFBC.
- Education / Youth
  - There will be no family picnic this year due to lack of interest.
  - June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the YSB fishing event at the USFW facility in Lamar.
  - Sittler will participate in the Teen Summit (national TU) in Asheville, NC.
  - The Brookies Leadership camp is July 9<sup>th</sup>. Dudukovich and Tursell have volunteered to help.
- Veteran's Service Program
  - New fliers for VSP were made by Sowers.
  - A submission to a \$2500 regional Walmart grant was made.
  - Lanning is looking for a box trailer to haul VSP items in.

- Financial Development
  - Centre Gives: \$2790 was raised, with a match of \$365.16, and a \$1000 bonus prize. There is a fee of 3% of the raised funding. The total, net amount received was \$4071.06.
  - Appalachian Outdoors submitted a \$500 grant for SCCTU.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Verick @ 2052
  - Motion: Zweig
  - Second: Lanning
- Action Items:
  - The Project Healing Waters document will be reviewed; Sowers will talk to Skip Hughes and Dave Thomas. Dave will be invited to June board meeting.
  - Vierck will contact Landscape II to see if they can periodically water the Oak Hall site.
  - Brumbaugh will send the draft Brook Trout Enhancement letter to Dudukovich and George.
  - Dudukovich and George will provide comments to Brumbaugh on the Brook Trout Enhancement letter.