

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 7 March 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1902
- Attendance:
  - Mario Carrello
  - Judi Sittler
  - Dave Dudukovich
  - Ed Zweig
  - Bob Vierck
  - Mark Pencak
  - Jim Lanning
  - Paula Sowers
  - Scott Brumbaugh
  - Diane Brown (guest)
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
  - Amendments: Change to 'Central PA Women Anglers' per Sittler
  - Motion to Approve: Lanning
  - Second: Sowers
- Review of Treasurer's Report
  - Amendments: NONE
  - Commentary:
    - The 9 month CD will expire 10 April. Carrello will investigate alternatives for the CD.
    - The endowment value is slightly updated.
  - Motion to Approve: Brumbaugh
  - Second: Pencak
- Old Business
  - Action Item Review:
    - Dudukovich, Sowers, and Vierck will call the credit card company to change the billing address for their specific credit cards to their home address.
      - Done.
    - Carrello will shop around for a better checking and CD accounts.
      - In process.
    - Sowers will resend the list of previous Order of Sulfur winners.
      - Done, see below.
    - Sowers and Pencak will approach Collegiate Pride about making some SCCTU T-shirts (carry-over from last month).
      - Sowers and Pencak visited Collegiate Pride.

- The shirts can be available in time for sale at the banquet.
- There is a choice to buy regular or 'high quality' T-shirts. We chose the higher quality T-shirt, at a cost of \$11.50 each.
- The cost to buy the shirts will come out of marketing. We will resell the shirts for a TBD cost.
- A motion was made by Pencak to buy 6 dozen T-shirts.
  - Second = ?
  - The motion passed.
- Jim George will approach a local guide to obtain a fly pattern article for the newsletter. (Carry over from last month).
  - No status.
- Dudukovich will write a fly-tying article for the newsletter.
  - No status.
- Everyone will review the strategic plan survey prior to the next BOD meeting.
  - See below.
- Dudukovich brought up the point that thistle growing in abundance at the PSU sheep farm. Dudukovich will send an email to Vierck / Boston to get this on the stewardship schedule.
  - Joe Boston contacted Clearwater Conservancy, and they will address the issue.
- Brumbaugh will contact DEP regarding the Graymont temperature rate of change and the new permit advertisement in the PA Bulletin.
  - See below.
- Sittler will contact PATU to encourage them to respond to the Chapter's email to PATU regarding stocking on Saucon Creek.
  - PATU responded with an email that was non-committal. See below.
- Vierck and Carrello will contact Clearwater Conservancy to ask what new credit card system they used at the Art and Chocolate Banquet.
  - Vierck obtained a 'free' credit card "Square". Vierck plans to get quantity 4X "Squares" for the banquet. The square works for any smart phone.
- Vierck and Dudukovich will contact Steve Sywenksy at FFP regarding an Orvis buy.
  - Done.
- Vierck will contact a registration software company to get software to help with registration of the Get Outdoors Picnic.
  - OBE, we will not pursue this.

- New Business
  - Order of the Sulfur
    - Sowers created a list of recent recipients.
      - 2015 = Donaldson
      - 2014 = Sittler
      - 2013 = Humphreys, McCullough, Blankenhorn, Bowersox, Piper, Brown
      - 2012 = Katie Ombalski
      - 2011 = Al Phillips
      - 2010 = Joe Boston
      - 2009 = Dick Stevenson
      - 2006 = Bob Carline
      - 2004 = Ted Trostle
    - Lanning nominated Dan Kerstetter for the 2016 Order of the Sulfur
      - Second = Sittler
      - The motion passed.
  - Centre Foundation Endowment Reporting (Carrello)
    - Carrello has received a minimal account statement from the Centre Foundation. We would still like a fuller reporting of the account statement.
  - Jim Lanning requested a credit card to make VSP purchases.
    - Zweig made a motion to give Lanning a credit card to make VSP purchase. Carrello recommended a credit limit of \$1K.
    - Second = Dudukovich
    - The motion passed.
  - Central PA Women Anglers (CPWA)
    - Diane Brown was an invited guest to discuss a women's initiative in SCCTU.
    - The Central PA Women Anglers are considering merging into SCCTU.
    - Diane posed a number of questions to Bob Vierck about joining SCCTU. Vierck was able to get Bev Smith (National TU) to answer the questions via email.
    - The stated mission of CPWA is to promote the sport of fly-fishing among women.
    - Sittler expressed a strong interest in having CPWA join SCCTU.
    - Dudukovich made a motion to extend an open invitation to CPWA to join SCCTU as the SCCTU women's initiative.
      - Second by Sowers.
      - Discussion:
        - Diane Brown expressed concern that CPWA could say "no thanks". The board said there would be no hard feelings, and that is no problem.
      - The motion passed by majority vote.
      - Diane Brown will take the invitation back to the CPWA. The next CPWA meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Strategic Plan (Sowers)
  - Sowers distributed an updated draft of the strategic plan survey, and asked for comments ASAP.
  - Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the planned 'offsite' strategic planning meeting. The location is likely to be a PSU OPP facility.
- Social Committee (Pencak)
  - Pencak asked if we want to forego a general membership meeting in December in lieu of the Christmas Party. We decided "yes".
  - Pencak asked if we want to "normally" make the June membership meeting a picnic / outing on a continuing basis. We decided "yes"
  - Some of the upcoming winter general membership meetings will be combined with the VSP meetings because the speaker is common between the 2 groups.
  - Great Outdoors Picnic (Sittler)
    - The Great Outdoors picnic is June 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - Kate Lemon (Jake Lemon's wife) will help with the advertising / promotion of the picnic.
    - Sittler will approach Harris Township to see if they are willing to be a partner at the event, and potentially contribute funding.
    - The prorated food cost is \$130 per 100 people.
    - PFBC will supply fishing gear.
- Conservation (Vierck)
  - Vierck asked PFBC to improve the timeline to approve the stewardship project.
  - Vierck will be meeting with PFBC regarding potential projects for Spring Creek for 2017 – 2020.
- Legislation and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
  - Saucon Creek update: Vierck spoke with PATU about writing a letter to PFBC opposing the stocking and regulation changes on Saucon Creek. No action has been taken by PATU yet. Vierck also spoke with Commissioner Lichvar, who is opposed to stocking Saucon Creek Class A.
    - Vierck made a motion for Spring Creek TU to write a letter to PFBC staff to oppose stocking of Saucon Creek.
      - Second = Brumbaugh
      - The motion passed.
  - Graymont / Logan Branch update: Brumbaugh reviewed the Graymont report and wrote a comment letter to DEP. The letter opposed Graymont's suggestion to remove the temperature monitoring requirement in June and September. Additionally, the letter encouraged DEP and Graymont to take proactive steps to reduce the number of temperature excursions.
  - Logan Branch Class A: DEP stated that they are not currently adding streams to the Class A Existing Use list based solely on Class A Wild Trout designation by PFBC (even though the rules allow this). Currently, DEP is also requiring streams

to meet the benthic macro-invertebrate scores, at a level where the score is “not impaired.” Brumbaugh is in discussion with Shawn Rummel at National TU to have a “DEP certified” crew potentially re-survey Logan Branch, which could cost ~\$300. Brumbaugh is also in discussions with Hanna Stout to find out what recent benthic tests have been done in Logan Brach Section 01.

- Watershed Watch (Brumbaugh)
  - Buffalo Run Turbidity: A homeowner along Buffalo Run complained that ‘a few times per Spring’ the creek becomes inexplicably muddy ‘for no reason’.
  - South Hills Shopping Center / Super 8 Motel: Scott Thompson reported that during heavy rain events, storm water from the South Hills shopping center swamps the Super 8 parking lot. Brumbaugh is not familiar with this issue, so Thompson will track it and take pictures as appropriate.
  - Biomass application to the Spicer Farm in Benner Township: This farm is immediately adjacent to Buffalo Run, and has applied to have biomass solids from the Bellefonte Sewer Treatment plant. The permit has already been issued by DEP. For now, this is a non-issue because the biomass application is probably better than cow manure application. The biomass is required to keep 100’ stand-off from Buffalo Run while the manure application does not require a stand-off. Additionally, a tree riparian buffer exists between the field and Buffalo Run. The farm has a valid erosion control plan, and appears to have adequately calculated how much biomass should be applied.
- Education / Youth (Sittler)
  - The Duck Pond plaque dedication will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Duck Pond.
  - Volunteers are needed for the April 10 Earth Day booth at Millbrook Marsh.
  - Sittler and Brenchley will assist with the PFBC fly fishing instructional seminar for women.
  - Bill Voigt is leading the April 29<sup>th</sup> presentation for Arbor Day at the PSU Arboretum.
- Banquet (Dudukovich)
  - Tammy Miller will again be the auctioneer.
  - Sittler has finished design of the table center pieces.
  - There will be another banquet meeting before the end of the month.
- VSP (Lanning)
  - Lanning and Vierck attended the VSP National Advisory Board.
  - Lanning is having VSP shirts made, let him know if you want to make an order.
- Meeting adjournment:
  - Adjourned by Vierck at 2131
  - Motion: Brumbaugh
  - Second: Dudukovich
- Action Items:
  - Carrello will investigate alternative options for the 9 month CD.

- Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak will meet with Centre Foundation to discuss the endowment reporting.
- Carrello or Vierck will obtain 3X more credit card “Squares”.
- Brumbaugh will write a letter to PFBC regarding opposition to stocking Saucon Creek.