

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 5 December 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1901
- Attendance:
 - Mario Carrello
 - Ed Zweig
 - Jim Lanning
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Mark Pencak
 - Bob Vierck
 - Jim George
 - Paula Sowers
 - Dave Dudukovich
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Motion to Approve: Mitchell
 - Second: Zweig
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Chapter's net worth = \$62624.35
 - Endowment = \$18600.35 (not included in net worth)
 - The SCCTU annual report was submitted to National TU on time.
 - Carrello commented that he would like to receive expense receipts sooner. It is ok to scan and email them to him.
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Motion to Approve: Pencak
 - Second: Lanning
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - Lanning to write a By-Law description for the VSP committee.
 - Done, Brumbaugh received 5 December, and will incorporate into the draft by-laws.
 - Brumbaugh to write a By-Law description for the Legislation/Advocacy committee.
 - Done.
 - Brumbaugh will send out the draft by-laws to the BOD for comment.
 - DONE
 - Brumbaugh to contact PFBC:

- Were fish stocked into the Class A section of Sixmile Run and were gill lice found?
 - This issue is outstanding / not completed.
 - What rules exist / who enforces where co-op hatcheries are allowed to stock fish?
 - This issue is outstanding / not completed.
 - Brumbaugh will send the DEP / Hanson notice to Judi Sittler.
 - DONE.
 - Dudukovich and Mitchell will meet with the Ramada to pick out the menu and set a price.
 - DONE.
 - By-Law Review
 - Revisions to the by-laws were reviewed by Vierck.
 - Major revisions include:
 - Allocation for 2 vice presidents (senior vice president and vice president)
 - Provisions to fill existing, vacant director's seats.
 - Specific instructions for how to remove a director from the BOD.
 - Description of the legislative & permitting, and Veteran's Service Program committees.
 - Removal of the requirement that 2 members of the nominating committee cannot be on the current BOD. Additionally, members of the nominating committee can be up for election that year.
 - Motion: Dudukovich
 - Second: Carrello
 - Approval was unanimous
 - Sowers will distribute the draft by-laws to the general membership for review. It is intended that the By-Laws will be voted on at the January Membership Meeting.
 - Storage shed at Fisherman's Paradise
 - An agreement was signed with PFBC to allow SCCTU to use the 'amish' shed at Fisherman's Paradise.
 - Lanning made a motion to request permission to research installing and supplying power to the shed.
 - Second: George
 - The motion is only to research the issue, and what would be required to do it. The motion is not to actually install the electricity yet.
 - The motion passed.
- New Business
 - PATU (Lanning)
 - PATU has requested to know specific committee chair members of each individual chapter.

- Vierck will answer the request offline.
 - PATU requested help from SCCTU to plan / host the next annual PATU meeting in State College / Bellefonte area.
 - The meeting is held in September, during a 'PSU away game' weekend.
 - The Stackhouse facility (where the meeting has historically been held) is too small now. The Undine facility (where the meeting was held last year) has some administrative problems.
 - PATU would like help finding a new facility and finding sponsorship to fund the meeting.
 - Mitchell made a motion that SCCTU host a Friday night picnic event on 9/22/17 as a precursor to the 2017 PATU meeting.
 - Second: Dudukovich
 - The motion passed.
 - NOTE: SCCTU will not expend resources otherwise to host or plan the annual PATU meeting.
- Fly Fishing Film Tour (Vierck)
 - George Costas (TCO Fly Shop) approached SCCTU to see if we would like to host a fly fishing film event in State College.
 - SCCTU would pay for half of the initial cost of the event, TCO would pay for the other half of the event
 - SCCTU would get 'paid' to cover our expenses first
 - After SCCTU covers our expenses, the expenses of TCO would be covered.
 - If profits over & above the SCCTU and TCO costs exists, SCCTU gets all the profits.
 - Given the above, it is substantially unlikely that we would lose money.
 - Dudukovich made a motion to support the film event, contingent upon the terms above being true.
 - Second: Sowers
 - The motion passed.
- Legislation and Permitting
 - Hanson Quarry:
 - Hanson has applied to increase the depth of their Oak Hall quarry by 200 ft. There is concern that this could dewater Spring Creek.
 - Brumbaugh drafted a letter expressing concern and requesting a public hearing for the permit proposal. Carrello and Vierck reviewed the letter.
 - Minor edits are required, prior to signature and submission to DEP.
 - PFBC Wild Trout Stream Additions and Class A Additions
 - PFBC is proposing to add new streams to the Wild Trout Stream list. Two streams are in our area.

- PFBC is also proposing to add new streams to the Class A Wild Trout Stream.
 - Two streams are within the SCCTU area.
 - One of the streams is Bald Eagle Creek from Spring Creek down to the mouth (Bald Eagle Lake).
 - PFBC has not explicitly said that they would intend to continue stocking Bald Eagle if it is made Class A.
 - Vierck will ask PATU if they know if PFBC plans to continue stocking Bald Eagle Creek.
 - Brumbaugh will contact Jeff Ripple to ask if he knows if PFBC plans to continue stocking Bald Eagle Creek.
 - Brumbaugh, absent other information, will draft a comment letter to PFBC. The letter will express support for making Bald Eagle Creek Class A, but only if PFBC ceases stocking.
- Watershed Watch
 - The Paradise Hill site continues to be a problem. Vierck continues to be in conversation with the Centre County Conservation District.
 - Bernel Hill (at the Rte 550 intersection) also experienced significant sediment flow in October.
- Banquet (Dudukovich)
 - Dudukovich will approach FlyFisher's Paradise about donating a Helios rod for a prize.
 - Vierck and Sowers will update the information sheet.
 - There is some question about whether we are allowed to sell 50/50 tickets ahead of time.
 - The menu pricing is \$23.99 per meal. This is approximately a \$3 increase from last year.
- Social Committee (Pencak)
 - The SCCTU Holiday Party is Friday, 9 December.
 - "Potluck" food additions are requested to bring to the party.
- VSP (Lanning)
 - Allen Foldger has retired from the National TU VSP program.
 - The Elks Club donated \$500 to the VSP program for training of volunteers to help deal with individuals with mental health issues.
 - Unfortunately, the PAMV grant was denied this year. VSP will apply again next year.
 - The VSP winter program will begin January 2017. All meetings will be held at the Comfort Suites.
- Youth Education / Outreach (Vierck)
 - PATU is working to setup a 5 Rivers "Spring Fling" event. SCCTU is interested in providing volunteer support, but not money.
- Membership and PR (Sowers)

- The PSU spam filter rejected many of the SCCTU emails.
 - A donation of \$1000 was received from Bob Campbell.
 - Conservation
 - Carrello visited Sparrow Run (tributary to Bald Eagle). US Fish and Wildlife + Carrello mapped the stream from Rte 220 to the Bell Hollow bridge. US Fish and Wildlife is working on a plan to stop the erosion problem at the site.
 - Spring Creek Watershed Association + Spring Creek Watershed Commission
 - Atlas Project: The effort is working to create an encyclopedic database of the Spring Creek Watershed.
 - The PFBC redd count is nearly completed.
 - The NFWF grant will be resubmitted.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Vierck at 2100
 - Motion: Dudukovich
 - Second: Sowers
- Action Items:
 - Carry forward: Brumbaugh to ask PFBC: “Were fish stocked into the Class A section of Sixmile Run and were gill lice found?”
 - Carry forward: Brumbaugh to ask PFBC: “What rules exist / who enforces where co-op hatcheries are allowed to stock fish?”
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 - Brumbaugh will contact Jeff Ripple to ask if he knows if PFBC plans to continue stocking Bald Eagle Creek.
 - Brumbaugh, absent other information, will draft a comment letter to PFBC. The letter will express support for making Bald Eagle Creek Class A, but only if PFBC ceases stocking.
 - Vierck and Sowers will update the information sheet.