

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 December 2017

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1900
- Attendance:
 - Bob Vierck
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Lynn Mitchell
 - Mario Carrello
 - Jim George
 - Judi Sittler
 - Mark Pencak
 - Kate Lemon
 - Jim Lanning
 - Paula Sowers
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Fran Stevenson (future BOD member)
 - Ford Stryker (future BOD member)
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: Amendments by Sowers and Sittler
 - Motion to Approve: Mitchell
 - Second: Sowers
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Amendments:
 - Carrello gave a summary of the SCCTU finances.
 - \$65,654.03 is available in checking and CD's.
 - The Centre Foundation endowment balance is \$20,234.37.
 - Motion to Approve: Sittler
 - Second: Pencak
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - No action items to review.
- New Business
 - Nomination Committee (Mitchell)
 - No new names, in addition to the 4 named last month, are expected.
 - Legislative and Permitting (Brumbaugh)
 - Anne Donovan retired from the Centre County Conservation District. Justin Kozak has taken her position.

- There is no known progress or movement on any of the pending PFBC related bills in Harrisburg.
 - Banquet (Sowers)
 - Sowers talked to Tammy about the banquet date.
 - The ‘banquet spreadsheet’ has been converted to Excel, eliminating fears of lack of internet connectivity.
 - Youth / Education (Sittler)
 - “Tomorrow Fund” is an initiative started by the Guadalupe TU Chapter to match donations for youth education programs up to \$10,000.
 - Motion to donate \$500 to the Tomorrow Fund from the SCCTU “Youth Camp Support Fund”.
 - Motion: Sittler
 - Second: Lanning
 - The motion passed.
 - Sittler met with Jamie SanFilippo. Jamie will be the new lead of the Youth / Education committee.
 - The Women Anglers held a steering committee meeting to discuss outings for next year.
 - Vierck noted that very few women have been showing up to the SCCTU general membership meeting.
 - Sittler commented that she didn’t think the general membership meeting topics were interesting to women in general.
 - It was suggested that beginner level talks, with a local flavor, might be more appealing to women.
 - Pencak suggested that a possible general membership meeting could focus on wildlife in/around Spring Creek (flowers, birds, etc).
 - Sittler gave an update on the efforts of the Trout in the Classroom / Chesapeake Bay connection program (Penns Valley School District).
 - Sittler will meet with Discovery Space, to discuss putting a TIC tank in Discovery Space.
 - “Stream Girls”: a training date for volunteers has been set for May 5th and 6th at the PFBC Crowe Center.
 - PATU(Lanning)
 - PATU has many open positions to be filled on the Council.
 - PATU opposes the PFBC executive director term limit bill (SB 935).
 - VSP (Lanning)
 - Bellefonte Elks plans to donate \$1000 to VSP.
 - State College Elks donated \$500 to VSP.
 - The Mike Marcinek memorial (for Penns Creek) is now fully funded.
 - The fly tying classes are now available to the general public.
 - Membership and PR (Sowers)

- SCCTU is a member of the Spring Creek Watershed Association. Spring Creek Watershed Association is going through a refocusing effort. Sittler and Vierck have traditionally represented SCCTU on the association, but are looking for volunteers to take their place.
 - Social Committee (Pencak)
 - January meeting is the business meeting.
 - PSU Fly Fishers will be February 1st.
 - March and May are currently open.
 - Mark hopes to fill one month with John Arway.
 - The other opening could be for Spring Creek wildlife.
 - June is still planned for Get Outdoors.
 - Redd Survey (Lemon)
 - The Redd survey returns are in. The redd quantities are down compared to last year. A few potential causes:
 - Lack of stream access to some sections
 - Water turbidity
 - Timing
 - Conservation (Vierck)
 - Kissinger Meadow: A group of local organizations (USF&W, Clearwater, SCCTU, WRMP, College Township) met to plan the project at the meadow.
 - Vierck spoke with the College Township engineer regarding stormwater discharge to Slab Cabin Run. More meetings will follow.
 - Scott Thompson has sent many pictures of stormwater run-off from the South Hills Plaza / Super 8 Motel.
 - Stormwater from the South Hills Plaza discharges to the Super 8 Motel parking lot.
 - Vierck reports that it may be possible to divert the storm water to a grassy area (instead of the parking lot) to allow for ground infiltration.
 - The NFWF contract has been signed for \$160K.
 - The Rock Rd. portion of the project will be completed with PFBC this summer.
 - The Trout Rd to Houserville portion of the project will wait until 2019.
 - The fall clean-up at Fisherman's Paradise was completed.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Vierck at 2020
 - Motion: Dudukovich
 - Second: George
- Action Items:
 - NONE