

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2018

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

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- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell** at 7:05PM
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell
Robert Vierck
Ford Stryker
Mario Carrello
Fran Stevenson
Jim Lanning
Paula Sowers
Bob Caccesse
Bob Carline - Guest

- **Approval of January Minutes – Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve: Bob Vierck
 - Second: Mario Carrello
- **Review of Treasurer’s Report – Mario Carrello**
 - March results: Attached
 - Banquet results:
 - Attached
 - The club received a 15% discount for all costs due to bad food, poor service and dirty dishes
 - The proceeds from the Certificate of Deposit that matured in March were placed in the checking account. Mario Carrello made the motion to invest \$25,000 in a 13 month CD; Bob Caccesse seconded the motion
 - Motion to Approve the March reports : Paula Sowers
 - Second: Jim Lanning
- **Action Items**
 - **Stream cleanup** – Scheduled for April 21st. Lynn received many responses several days after the notice was sent out but none since. Paula will send a second notice on April 10th.
 - Question was asked how to dispose of hypodermic needles if found. The response was to leave the needle where found, note the location and advise the appropriate person who will arrange to have the needle discarded in a safe manner

- **Centre Gives** – Jamie San Fillippo is working with Bob Vierck to advise the membership of when and how to make a donation
 - **Get Outdoors** – Scheduled for Sunday June 3rd from 2:00 to 6:00pm. As there will be many activities and information stations volunteers are needed. See attached
 - **Old Business**
 - Nestle Bottles Water Plant (TU member forum) – **Mitchell/Vierck/Stryker**
 - A meeting was held with Nestles on Thursday April 5, 2018. Nestles provided a history of their company and projects. Spring Township has 2 wells; the second well backs up the first. The location of both wells was reported and it was noted that the origin of Spring Creek is in Gatesburg. It was noted that on the Lower Logan Branch pumping will cause an erratic flow of water and that a hydrologist should be consulted to explain the flow of water during pumping. A permit by SRBC (Susquehanna River Basin Commission) allows 20.4 million gallons to be pumped per day. At this time the SRBC has not given Nestle a permit. The “No Nestle” Group stated they are hiring a hydrologist and an attorney and has asked SCCTU for \$7000 to help pay. SCCTU has declined the request. **Ford Stryker** asked how pumping 500,000 gallons per day would affect the fish in Logan Branch. It was stated that pumping would not affect the water temperature. **Bob Caccesse** stated that SRBC will look at the effects of extracting the water and if the extraction will cause a low flow and affect the fish then SRBC will restrict the extraction. It was noted that SCCTU has been successful in challenging data four (4) times in the past two (2) years. **Ford Stryker** stated that Chris Finton at Nestle seems very credible and knowledgeable and Nestle is willing to talk about making the situation better and more reasonable. **Bob Carline** recommended that SCCTU work with other environmental and public groups to help work out the situation with Nestle. **Bob Vierck** asked if SRBC can place a time limit on a permit and then review the pumping effects before the permit is renewed. A question was raised if SRBC can be held liable if they don’t research the effects of pumping but approve the permit. **Bob Vierck** asked if SCCTU can suggest the amount of flow and time limit of the permit to SRBC. It was noted that SCCTU has been successful working in the past with DEP. **Jim Lanning** stated that Mike Hanna and Kerry Benninghoff have no relationship or input with the Spring Township Water Authority. **Ford Stryker** recommended SCCTU educate the membership and the public and hear both sides for and against the Nestle plant being built. **Jim Lanning** advised that John Arway will be in the area on May 3rd for the SCCTU general meeting and that South Hills School of Business and Technology has offered their big room for a meeting or public forum. It was recommended that on one of the first two (2) Wednesdays in May that a meeting/public forum be arranged for a balanced presentation that will include:
 - A representative from PFBC; to advocate for the trout
 - John Arway
 - ARM Hydrologist
 - Chris Finton; Nestle hydrologist
- Ford Stryker** and **Bob Vierck** will follow through to plan this meeting.

- New Business
 - Kate Lemon has notified the board of her resignation as of June 1, 2018. She and her husband are moving back to Michigan to be close to family
 - Motion to approve: Ford Stryker
 - Second: Mario Carrello

Committee Reports

- Banquet – Paula Sowers
 - Wrap up – Briefing on Ramada quality of service (Venue)
 - The Ramada service was poor this year
 - Comments were made about bad food, cold food, just ok food and dirty dishes
 - There was no coffee or beverage service and everyone had to help themselves
 - Paula asked that someone research another venue for next year. Lynn made the comment that it does not have to be someone from the board
 - Next year’s chairperson
 - Paula will work on the banquet for one more year and would like a co-chair next year to learn the issues related to the banquet
 - Apologies to all attendees
 - A follow up letter will be sent to all who attended the banquet apologizing for the poor food and service
- Education/Youth – **Jamie**
 - Upcoming events
 - (Lanning/Mitchell to Lewistown for Eco Day for 5th Graders)
 - Penns Valley Frog Fest – Will be held at the Muddy Paws environmental area on the same weekend as the Blue and White game
- Women Anglers – **Fran**
 - Reviewed relationship between WA’s, SCCTU and partners such as PFBC (Amidea Daniel fly fishing classes for women)
 - Reviewed up-coming SCCTU events
 - Reviewed up-coming events of interest to WA
 - Sold 2 Dan Shields books (on sale for \$8.00 to anyone) WA’s purchased 25 books at \$4.00 each
 - Topic was “Best Bugs - How to choose the right fly”
 - Life cycle of the aquatic insect: Spring Creek Hatch chart, Central PA Hatch chart, sample board of flies
 - Each attending received a SCCTU box with misc. flies
 - WA could use flies common to Spring Creek. Would VSP be willing to help
 - Next meeting is scheduled for April 15th (@-4pm) on Penns Creek with Tom Doman as the guide

- VSP – **Jim**
 - SCCTU is hosting a trip for VSP to Mifflin County on April 17th
 - Jim Lanning is hosting a fishing trip with a guide on May 3rd for John Arway
 - SCCTU will be hosting the Donigal TU in June
- Membership – **Paula**
 - Privacy Rules - It was noted that the SCCTU e-mail list had been given to an outside person. Paula reminded the board not to share the e-mail list with anyone outside of the board.
- Social – **Mark**
 - No report
- Conservation – **Vierck/Mitchell**
 - Status of manpower for sites (Boston?) – No report
- **Board member comments/announcements/concerns**
 - None
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Mitchell at 9:08pm
 - Motion: Bob Vierck
 - Second: Paula Sowers