

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2018

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell** @ 7:02pm
- Attendance: **Lynn Mitchell, Ford Stryker, Mario Carrello, Fran Stevenson, Bob Vierck, Jim Lanning, Jamie SanFilippo and Michael Petrunyak and John Himes as potential board members**
- Introduction of **John Himes** (potential new board member)
- Approval of June Board Minutes and Summer Email Action Minutes - **Fran**
 - Amendments: See Attached:
 - Draft NPDES Permit – Sewage Application Number PA02344028
 - Title Transfer Authorization Letter – **Mario** will maintain the Registration for the trailer at his house and provide to VSP volunteers as needed
 - Joy Newcomer Donation
 - Secretary Lap Top Computer
 - Motion to Approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Ford Stryker**
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - Amendments: The financial reports and the budget were reviewed for the potential board members
 - Discussion: The Money Market will be liquidated and the 9 Month Certificate of Deposit will be liquidated at maturity to pay pending bills in the amount of \$11,254.50.
 - Motion to Approve June through August Results: **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - Discussion on 6 month budget to meet new TU Fiscal Year requirements – A six month financial report to Trout Unlimited and a tax return will be filed with the IRS as of September 30, 2018 to accommodate Trout Unlimited changing to a fiscal year of March through February. Trout Unlimited advised the change is being made to accommodate the Trout Unlimited staff who are busy in the field in September and October each year. In preparing the budget for the next year income and expense figures will be used from last year minus the donations. **Ford Stryker** recommends appointment of a sub-committee to prepare the new budget.
- Action Items
 - Resignation of Board Members:
 - **Bob Caccasse** resignation, due to moving out of the area for his new job at PFBC, is accepted.
 - **Paula Sowers** resignation, due to family illness, is accepted.
 - Motion by **Jim Lanning** and second by **Bob Vierck**.

- Future Outreach and Youth Programming throughout Fall time period (**Jamie and Jim**)
 - **Jim Lanning** – Programs will continue through the summer and Fall
 - 9/19 at Otto's/Barrel 21 – Taste of Fall Fly Fishing
 - 9/22 at Bellefonte Hatchery Brood Pond
 - Fishing Kids
 - Introduction of Smart Angler Instruction
 - Military Fishing Day
 - **Jamie SanFilippo** – Committee meets once a month
 - 9/19 - 9:00am to Noon at Hatchery – SCASD Tour and Fishing
 - 9/20 - 9:00am to 11:00am – SCASD Delta Program, 20 students
 - 9/23 – VSP, Bob Carline will attend
 - 10/5 – 11:00am to 2:00pm at Hatchery, CLC Charter School, 20 students, Mark Nale will attend
 - 10/31 - 1:00 to 2:00pm at YMCA, pack food backpacks
- Update on Fisherman's Paradise maintenance
 - SCCTU has done a good job maintaining the brush and grass at Fisherman's Paradise. Cost of the gas for mowing has been substantial. SCCTU has stuck to the 10 year agreement with PFBC.
 - **Jim Lanning** has tried to talk to hatchery employees to make arrangements with the hatchery to store the equipment over the winter. Another alternative is to store the equipment at **Jim Lanning's** camp.
- Old Business
 - UAJA Permit to discharge re-use water into Slab Cabin Run – A letter was sent in June to UAJA about their request to release more water but there has been no response to the letter. **Ford Stryker** will speak to Cory at UAJA.
- New Business – **Jamie SanFilippo** reported for **Judi Sittler** that the Brookie camp held on July 19th at the Seig Center went very well and that John Arway attended.
- Committee Reports
 - Annual PATU meeting – **Jamie**, the meeting was attended by **Jamie SanFilippo** and **Amidea Daniel**. They spoke about the PA Women Initiative, community outreach and the partnership between the Centre County YMCA, SCCTU and PFBC. Jamie asked if SCCTU would be submitting application to PATU for awards.
 - Women Anglers – Report Included.
 - The Women Anglers will attend the VSP meeting on October 14th.
 - **Lynn** and **Fran** met with the Women Anglers in September to garner interest in SCCTU and a board position.
 - **Lynn** spoke, at length, with a member at the general meeting held at Mt. Nittany Winery in August.
 - VSP – **Jim**, Jim stated that VSP was initiated by **Bob Vierck** and provided the history and information about what they do:
 - 627 Members
 - There is a 10 year agreement with PFBC to use Fisherman's Paradise

- National TU has a veterans program that collaborates with 10 other veteran programs
 - SCCTU collaborates with and helps other veteran programs
 - October 27th is the Military Tailgate at PSU Military Day at the PSU-vs-Iowa football game. It is expected that 8000 veterans will attend
 - Social – **Mark Pencak**
 - **Lynn Mitchell** reported on behalf of **Mark** that the presentations for November, February and April general meetings have been arranged.
 - Discussion was held on where to hold the annual Christmas party.
 - **Lynn** will talk to Denise Lanning about using The Camp for the party
 - **Jamie** offered the YMCA in State College
 - **Mike P** will talk to Chris Shuey about the availability of the Bellefonte Elks Club
 - **Ford** suggested looking into holding the party at Mt. View Country Club
- Membership and PR – **Lynn and Fran** spoke with some members of the Women Angler group to encourage them to join SCCTU and to let them know that we are looking for new members for the board. They provided a history of the SCCTU and spoke about what SCCTU does and the accomplishments.
- Banquet – Opening discussion on potential chairperson(s)
 - The banquet is scheduled for March 23, 2019
 - **Lynn** stated that we have a month to find a chairperson but thinks that **Paula** will assist. The new chairperson does not need to be a member of the board
- Conservation
 - NFWF Grant scheduled projects, update on Rock Road - **Bob V.**, Project is completed
 - The rock has been laid for people walk to the diverters
 - \$1500 was saved by using the flagger force and articulated balloon tire dump truck one day less than anticipated
 - A report was submitted to PATU
 - Future projects – **Bob V.** submitted attached report of Possible Future Projects with Schematics and Cost Estimates by importance
 - Stream Survey potential silt/mud infiltration sites – **Jim L.**
 - Paradise Road has been inundated with mud and silt from the recent rain and it all goes into Spring Creek
 - SCCTU members check conditions after each rain
 - **Jim Lanning** met and talked with Rick Shawley at Confer Trucking to discuss how to remedy the problem
 - PenDot does not maintain Paradise Road
 - **Jim Lanning** met with Jake Corman and pipes have been delivered and work has begun to divert the mud and silt
 - Super 8 Motel – A project has been funded by SCCTU, UAJA and the Super 8 Motel to install a new pipe to divert the flooding

- Sparrows Run Restoration
 - USFW estimates cost at \$110,000
 - We will need to write a grant for the money needed
 - Ask owner to look at previous SCCTU projects
 - **Ford** asked how many projects SCCTU can handle at one time. **Bob V.** responded that SCCTU can probably handle 2 projects at one time
 - **Bob V.** stated that he needs help with grant writing. **Ford** offered to help
 - Question as to when we need to decide on the Sparrows project. Response was by October
 - Board should think about what projects on which SCCTU wants to work
 - Projects should be voted on by the board
- Redd Survey – potential chairperson(s), dates
 - Joe Boston has all materials back to 2007
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns: None
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Lynn** at: 9:12pm
 - Motion: **Ford Stryker**
 - Second: **Bob Vierck**