

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: October 8, 2018

Reported by: **Frances Stevenson**

- Board members introduced themselves
- Meeting called to order by : **Ford Stryker at 7:15pm**
- Attendance: Ford Styker, Mario Carrello, Fran Stevenson, Bob Vierck, Jim Lanning, Mark Pencak, John Himes, Guest – Heather Sees
- Vote on addition of John Himes as new Board Member
 - Motion to Approve: **Fran Stevenson**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
- Review of September Board Meeting Minutes – **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Mario Carrello**
- Review of Treasurer’s Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - September results - Attached
 - Review, discussion and approval of a 6 month budget to comply with TU National new Financial Year 9/30/2018:
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - Comments:
 - **Mario** advises that Centre Foundation is now providing a monthly electronic statement
 - The annual report to TU National and the tax return to the IRS are now due for 9/30/2018
 - **Ford** noted that SCCTU cannot access the Centre Foundation endowment if cash is needed
 - **Mario** added that is possible in extenuating circumstances
- Action Items
 - Future Outreach and Youth Programming throughout Fall time period, dates to SCCTU calendar – **Ford Stryker**
 - 10/31/2018 – Trout in the Classroom distribution of trout eggs
 - 10/31/2018 – Packing of YMCA food backpacks
 - 11/6/2018 – Packaging and mailing of trout eggs for Trout in the Classroom
 - **Bob Vierck** stated that the sign for the Penn’s Valley YMCA will cost \$2500 is too expensive and **Jamie** will be looking for alternatives to Graphic Design
- Old Business
 - UAJA Permit to discharge re-use water into Slab Cabin Run update – **Ford Stryker**

- **Ford** spoke with Cory Miller at UAJA about the schedule to receive the new permit and Cory is not aware of the status of the permit being issued
- A representative of DEP in attendance at Get Outdoors stated that the permit is ready but the lawyers are holding it up waiting for a legal review because they believe the permit will be challenged
- Issues of concern are with the treatment and temperature of the water
- SCCTU wants the water to be tested and hopes that the permit will be issued soon
- New Business
 - Review and comment on draft of Spring Creek Watershed Plan – **Ford Stryker**
 - **Bob Vierck** presented the 3 goals of the Plan and stated that the goals are a really good start but questioned the meaning of the term “base flow”
 - Protect, enhance and sustain healthy and resilient stream ecosystems
 - Maintain and improve water quality and supply to sustainably meet the needs of natural and human communities
 - Integrate and coordinate management of water for sustainability, economic growth and quality of life
 - Spring Creek is on the impaired list but **Bob Vierck** questioned if it should be because of the changes made in the past 15 years and further questioned if a macro-invertebrate study should be done by an approved person at DEP
 - The Spring Creek Watershed Coalition wants to update the plan and a committee has been formed and met in August and September
 - The new phase plan will have 4 elements
 - Introduction
 - Goals
 - Objectives
 - Implementation
 - **Ford Stryker** asked what is SCCTU’s management role
 - **Bob Vierck** responded “to create ideas”
 - There is not much money. It was asked if the plan will be funded by the townships and will this considered a quasi-government
 - A technical committee will work with the quality and quantity of the water
 - A new facilitator has been working with the Coalition committee
 - **Jim Lanning** asked if the first objective to Goal #3 should be to include SCCTU. **Bob Vierck** stated that it means forming a super water authority and looking at the watershed as a whole and that it is a municipal function that should have ngo’s in an advisory capacity
 - **Ford Stryker** asked the board to review the goals by the following Wednesday and get back to him with any comments

- Fall 2018 Redd Count – **Bob Vierck** and **John Himes**
 - **John Himes** is reviewing the Redd Count process from the past
 - **Bob and John** will meet with **Joe Boston**
 - **Bob Carline** has offered to do an education session to all participating
 - Redd Count is scheduled for November 18th
- Potential new board member for 2019
 - **John Himes** spoke to his cousin who has expressed an interest joining the board
 - **Fran Stevenson** suggested talking to **Lee Lazur** of the Women Angles
 - **Jim Lanning** suggested **Heather Sees** might be interested
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers – Report Included. It was noted there was increased attendance at October General Meeting
 - VSP – **Jim Lanning**
 - October 27th
 - 8000 Vets Military Tailgate @BJC by SCCTU and PSU
 - Mike Marcinek Memorial Dedication in Wikert
 - Emma Butler and Kim Forsythe have requested additional fly fishing instruction for PSU Vets
 - VSP is waiting to hear from the Bellefonte Moose if they will provide funding for a defibulator
 - **Mario Carrello** recommends not providing any further 2018 PA Fishing Licenses to Vets but offer licenses for 2019
 - Membership and PR – **All** – No report
 - Social and 2018 Chapter Holiday Party – **Mark Pencak**
 - The Holiday Party will be held at the Boalsburg Fire Hall on December 7th
 - Rental fee is \$25,00 per hour for 5 hours; 5:00pm to 10:00pm
 - SCCTU will provide 2 main dishes and members will bring a dish to share and beverage of choice
 - There are no issues concerning having alcohol at the party
 - The following presenters have been arranged for the monthly general meetings
 - November 2018 – Ed Parry , Climate Change Effects on Spring Creek
 - February 2019 – Nick Raftis
 - March 2019 – Dennis Charney
 - April or May 2019 – Will ask Joe Humphreys to hold a Q & A session
 - Judi Sittler has asked what SCCTU is doing for Get Outdoors Day 2019
 - Banquet – Potential Chairperson(s)
 - Currently there is no chairperson to coordinated the event
 - The board agrees that the chairperson does not have to be a board member
 - **Ford Stryker** thinks that **Paula Sowers** is willing to do the recording and letters
 - **Mario Carrello** will handle the financial issues

- Conservation
 - NFWF Grant Scheduled projects for Fall 2018 – **Bob Vierck**
 - Grant amount is \$180,000
 - Benner project is done and was on budget
 - Herbicide application is started at the Kissinger Property
 - Trout Road above Houserville Bridge
 - Another herbicide application project funded by Fish and Wildlife is planned for Spring Township
 - The Sparrow Run project is looking for grants
 - The Hamer Foundation and Clearwater Conservancy are both possibilities
 - McCoy Dam October 20th to re-stake trees and pull some cages
 - The Bob Eberhardt Memorial plaque has been installed at PAWS
 - Paradise Road at Spring Creek Road ditches have been filled to correct the erosion problem
 - Benner Township Policy Changes – **Bob Vierck**
 - The planning commission passed a proposal 2 to 1 to change the density of farms to 1/3 of an acre
 - **Bob Vierck** met with the Board of Supervisors and spoke about the effects to Buffalo Run and Spring Creek
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns - None
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Ford Stryker** at: 9:14pm
 - Motion: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Mario Carrello**