

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/06/2019

6:00PM to 8:00PM

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell** at: 6:06pm
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Bob Vierck, Jamie San Filippo, Jim Lanning, Mario Carrello, Ford Stryker, John Lynn Himes, Mark Pencak, Bob Sills, Fran Stevenson
 - Absent: Bob Whitlinger
- Approval of April 2019 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Jamie San Filippo**
 - All Board members in favor of motion to approve
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - April Reviewed
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to Approve April 2019 results: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - All board members in favor of motion to approve
 - Recommendation was made to invest the balance of FNB CD maturing on 5/16/2019, approximately \$25,400, into a 19 month Cd paying 2.55% annually
 - **Bob Sills** asked if other banks offered the same or better interest rate. **Mario Carrello** stated that FNB has some of the best local bank interest rates
 - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Jim Lanning**
 - All board members in favor of motion to approve
 - **Mario Carrello** made the Foundation Annual Report available for review and noted that the SCCTU Endowment reported a 4.8% decline in value for 2018 from fees and value of securities. The annual fee is 1.16% of the account value and **Mario** will talk to the Foundation to get more information about the decline in investment values
- Action Items
 - Sparrow Run Project –Status on Funding Applications–**Bob Vierck**
 - A map of the project was provided
 - It is 3 miles west of Port Matilda
 - The stream is home top Eastern Brook Trout and Brown Tout
 - The stream is partially stocked by the Bald Eagle Fishing Club and produces native Brown and Brook Trout
 - SCCTU wants to emphasize the Brook Trout
 - The property is owned by Ted Lang
 - The temperatures measured up and down the stream are within 1 degree

- Fish are not found in some areas because the habitat is poor
- The stream is losing 1 foot of the bank per year
- SCCTU will improve the habitat for the short and the long term with log and rock veins and boulders
 - The work will be done by Fish and Wildlife
 - The permit is expected to be received shortly
 - Work will be paid for by:
 - Hamer Foundation - \$37,500 approved
 - SCCTU - \$5000 approved
 - California, PA - \$10,500 approved
 - Asking \$10,000 from the PA TU Embrace a Stream
 - Fish and Wildlife grant
 - A Watershed plan from 2002 was found to indicate the stream is impaired
 - Current research has shown the stream not to be impaired
 - This is the first project outside of Spring Creek that SCCTU has supported
 - Clearwater Conservancy, The Little J Association and PFBC will be asked to provide volunteers for the project
 - Letters of support will be requested from G T Thompson's office, Clearwater Conservancy and PFBC as well as other relevant organizations
 - **Mario Carrello** asked the about the time frame for starting the project
 - The application for the project was submitted on April 14, 2019 and approval is expected by August 15, 2019
- Centre Gives Campaign – **Jamie San Filippo, Lynn Mitchell**
 - SCCTU volunteers will set up computers at the State College YMCA and provide pizza, snacks and beverages from 12:00pm to 1:00pm on May 8th to coincide with a \$500 midday award and for people to come in to make their donation
- Get Outdoors Day – **All**
 - Scheduled for June 2nd
 - **Jamie San Filippo** will provide volunteers from the Youth Team Leaders
 - **Mark Pencak** will organize the food and beverages
 - **Daniel Kerstetter** will provide the bait
 - **PFBC** is providing the rods
 - There will be a face painter for the kids and Tony Trout will be on hand for the event
 - **Roger Garthwaite** will donate 400 hot dogs
 - Volunteers are still needed for all areas of the event

- Old Business
 - UAJA Re-use Water Discharge Permit. Chapter comments on DEP on testing – **Lynn Mitchell**
 - A letter has been received from DEP stating that SCCTU will be involved with testing at Slab Cabin Run and providing feed back
 - Combination lock number change at Fisherman’s Paradise storage shed – **Lynn Mitchell and James Lanning**
 - **Lynn Mitchell** will determine the new four number code and provide it to the individuals who need access to the shed
 - The equipment is still being stored at Dr. Clair’s property but is accessible at any time
 - The grass at Fisherman’s Paradise is being cut and trimmed
 - **Bob Vierck** mentioned that the tree guards should be removed
- New Business
 - Bellefonte Outdoor Expo June 9th
 - SCCTU will have a table for fly tying and casting demonstrations
 - TU members will be asked to staff the table for ½ day at a time
 - Tony Trout will attend
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
 - Wynnewood House seniors have been invited to fish with VSP on June 23rd. Wynnewood House requires that they are accompanied by a family member. **Fran Stevenson** will ask the Women Angler members to volunteer with the seniors when the arrangements are finalized with Wynnewood House.
 - April meeting fishing with Tom Doman on Penn’s Creek was cancelled due to weather and high water. A date in September is being considered to reschedule
 - VSP/ Program staffing updates – **Jim Lanning**
 - The fishing trip for Veterans on the Delaware River was successful
 - There are new conditions to zoning and development in Benner Township. Due to citizen’s complaints the Benner Township supervisors are working to remove the Spring Creek Overlay
 - The YMCA is selling American flags for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will be donated to VSP
 - **Bob Sills** is trying to contact Ultimate Flyfishers Adventures that is run by two combat veterans
 - The Cohen Veterans Clinic at the University of Pennsylvania will advise veterans about the SCCTU VSP. The Clinic will provide SCCTU VSP with their brochures

- Outreach/Education Committee – **Jamie San Filippo**
 - **Jamie** provided a list of Spring and Summer events and volunteer opportunities that will be posted to the SCCTU calendar
- Membership and PR – **Board Members**
 - No reports
- Social – **Mark Pencak**
 - The September 2019 general meeting will be held on August 29th at Mt. Nittany Winery
 - The holiday party will be held at the Boalsburg Fire Hall on December 6th or 13th based on availability. SCCTU prefers the date of December 6th
 - The November board meeting is scheduled for November 11th which is Veteran’s Day. Board members agreed that this date is acceptable for the board meeting
- Conservation – **Bob Vierck**
 - See Action Items
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns – None
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Lynn Mitchell** at: 7:40pm
 - Motion: **Jim Lanning**
 - Second: **Mark Pencak**
 - Approved by all board members