

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/07/2019

Reported by: **Frances Stevenson**

- Meeting called to order by **Lynn Mitchell**: 6:08pm
- Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Jamie San Filippo, Jim Lanning, Bob Vierck, Mario Carrello , Ford Stryker/final 30 minutes, Mark Pencak, John Lynn Himes, Bob Sills, Fran Stevenson. Jim Pivirito attended as a guest of John Himes and may be interested in joining the board
- Approval of June 2019 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
  - Amendments: **Bob Sills** left the meeting early to meet with the Nittany Leathernecks
  - Motion to approve: **Jim Lanning**
  - Second: **Bob Sills**
  - Motion Carried
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
  - June, July, August 2019 Results
    - Checking account balance of \$11,362.01 is sufficient to cover bills until 13 Month CD matures on 12/13/19
  - Amendments: Beginning of current fiscal year changed to 4/1/2019
  - **Mario** explained the following for the benefit of the board:
    - A \$545.00 donation was received from the YMCA fund raiser
      - \$295 for the benefit of VSP
      - \$250 for the benefit of the General Fund
    - The TU National Dues Rebate
    - **Judi Sittler** spent \$625.00 for a new Chiller to keep the Fish in the Classroom aquariums at an appropriate temperature to support the fish
  - Motion to approve June, July, August 2019 results: **Bob Vierck**
  - Second: **Jamie San Filippo**
  - Motion Carried
    - **Bob Sills** stated that SCCTU money should not be tied up in the Foundation Endowment but that the money should be used for projects
      - **Mario Carrello** agreed with **Bob Sills**
      - **Fran Stevenson** will contact the Foundation and ask that the Executive Director address the board at the October 2019 meeting. The Foundation Director will be asked to explain:
        - The purpose of the endowment
        - The investment policy of the Foundation
        - If the principal can be distributed for conservation and environment projects

- **Bob Vierck** explained that the purpose of the endowment is to protect the organization during difficult financial periods and the principal funds cannot be used by the board of directors
    - **Mario Carrello** will apply for a credit card for **Jamie San Filippo** to use for Youth Education Projects
      - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
      - Second: **Jim Lanning**
      - Motion carried
- Action Items
  - Sparrow Run Project – **Bob Vierck** stated that the project did not receive the funding from Fish and Wildlife as expected due to two issues:
    - There are not enough Brook Trout in that section of the stream
    - The primary concern for the Chesapeake Bay is sediment and Sparrow Run does not contribute to that problem
    - The Hamer Foundation has provided an alternative and will provide 90% of what is needed for the project
  - Houseville – The project is progressing and as of 9/7/2019 the stone vein is being installed and by the end of the week all work will be completed above the Houseville Bridge
- New Business
  - **Lynn Mitchell** met with **Tim Shaffer**, the new PFBC Executive Director, and discussed issues at Fisherman’s Paradise:
    - The storage shed is no longer large enough to hold everything for VSP and we need more space
    - The Raparian borders
  - **Lynn Mitchell** noted that PFBC contacted TU National about acquiring an interest in property adjacent to Fisherman’s Paradise but **Lynn** has heard nothing further
  - **Bob Vierck** attended the memorial service for Jean Brenchley held on August 30<sup>th</sup> and noted that she was an exceptional person at Penn State and in the field of Microbiology as well as in the fly fishing community
- Committee Reports
  - Women Anglers – There was no report available
  - Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**
    - **Judi Sittler** reports that she will attend the National TU Annual Meeting being held in Rogers, Arkansas in October. It was also reported that there has been low attendance at the Stream Girl events
    - **Amidea Daniel** at PFBC is looking for volunteers to help with the Trout in the Classroom packing food and eggs:
      - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 1:00pm
      - October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am to 3:00pm

- VSP – **Jim Lanning**
  - The Women Anglers will attend the October 10<sup>th</sup> VSP meeting at Fisherman’s Paradise
  - Fly Fishing 101 will be held again beginning January 2020 at South Hill School of Business and Technology
  - A third stream access that is handicapped accessible has been installed at Camp Breac
  - **Jim Lanning** has been receiving out of state requests from Project Healing Waters to stay at Camp Breac when they come to fish at Spring Creek. Jim is hesitant to accommodate the requests because the philosophy of Project Healing Waters is sometimes contrary to Trout Unlimited. SCCTU has rejected several requests to become a Project Healing Waters Chapter in the past
    - **Bob Sills** stated that Project Healing Waters is sending the veterans but with no staff and questions if they will provide food or money for food for the veterans. Their policy requires that they send leadership when sending veterans
    - It was also noted that SCCTU is not able to provide Streamside Mentors for the three days that they will be at Spring Creek
    - **Bob Sills** proposed that the request be denied due to questions of:
      - Staffing
      - Food
      - Set up
      - Clean up
      - Fishing guides
        - Motion to approve: **Ford Stryker**
        - Second: **Bob Sills**
        - Motion carried
  - A question was raised if there is a doctor and/or a first aide person to work with VSP
- Membership - **Lynn Mitchell**
  - Two board positions will become open and need to be filled
    - **Mark Pencak’s** term is up the end of December and he has requested not to renew for a year
    - **John Himes** has moved to Williamsport and will not be able to commute to SCCTU meetings
      - He will Chair the Redd Count in November
  - **John Piviritto** is considering a board position

