

March 9, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting of Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited called to Order by President Jamie SanFilippo at 6:03 PM.

Members Present – Jamie SanFilippo, Ford Stryker, Robert Vierck, Jim Piviroto, John Himes, Mario Carrello, Bob Sills, David Dewalle, Jim Lanning, and Lynn Mitchell

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were reviewed with a motion by Ford Stryker and seconded by Bob Sills to accept the minutes as presented. Vote was unanimous to accept.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Mario Carrello. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Robert Vierck and seconded by John Himes. Vote to accept the report was approved by unanimous vote.

Action Items

Banquet- Discussion on whether or not to proceed with planned banquet for later this month due to Coronavirus. Ford reports that contract with Ramada contains language that states if we cancel we will still owe Ramada between 75-100% of what their anticipated Revenue was to be.

Discussion continued and it was noted that there have been no reported cases of Coronavirus in Centre County as yet and majority believe we should proceed with banquet on March 21st. Bob Vierck noted that the demographics of our chapter and banquet attendees are primarily elderly who are most at risk and that Chapter should put out a warning along with the notice of the banquet still taking place.

Continued banquet preparations- Ford reviewed each members assignments and John Himes will operate Audio/Visual equipment in place of Bob Vierck.

Chapter Equipment in Storage Shed at Fisherman's Paradise- it was notes that many of the waders are in a state of disrepair and should be disposed of, and that the entire shed needs thoroughly cleaned out and re-organized so that all remaining equipment not stored at Fisherman's Paradise can be placed into a nearby rented storage unit. Bob Sills volunteers to organize the clean up and organization.

Coldwater Conference and Outreach efforts in Washington D.C. – Robert Vierck provided a report of both events stating the Coldwater Conference in State College was well attended, that our Chapter Display Booth was well visited and Bob Cross did an excellent job of selling raffle tickets during his time of manning the booth. Robert Vierck also gave a report on his recent Conservation trip to visit with local federal elected officials and make them aware of our continued great work on Spring Creek.

Stream Clean up – is scheduled for May 2. Lynn Mitchell will be coordinating manpower on behalf of the Chpater, with Robert Vierck attending the planning meetings at Clearwater.

Awards and Recognition – Discussion on nominee for the Jean Brenchly/Al Phillips award- consensus was to nominatte Judi Sittler. Discussion on recognizing South Hills School of Business and Technology for all of the support to the Veterans Service Programs during this past winter program held in their facility. Consensus of Board for Bob Sills to approach representative of School about attending banquet to receive an award and Ford Stryker will obtain a certificate.

Committee Reports –

Woman Anglers- No Report

Outreach – no report

VSP- Sills reports that Dan Kerstetter coordinated a film presentation at Juniper Village featuring the Joe Humphrey's film, there were lots of VSP/SCCTU brochres given out. There is an similar upcoming event at Foxdale Village. The first VSP event on the water will be April 5.

Jim Lanning Reports there is progress towards establishing a Veterans Court within the legal system for Centre County . The project is being supported by the Penn State Law College, and the Centre County District Attorney's Office.

Upcoming Programs- Dennis Charney is to do a program on dry fly presentaion at the April public meeting. The "Get Outdoors Family Fishing Day" is scheduled for June 7 from 2-5 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob Sills, and seconded by Ford Stryker. Vote was unanimous to close at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn P. Mitchell

Immediate Past President