

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/07/2020

Reported by: Frances Stevenson, Secretary

Meeting called to order by Jamie San Filippo, President at 6:02pm

Attendance: Lynn Mitchell, Bob Vierck, Ford Stryker, Bob Cross, Jamie San Filippo, John Himes, Bob Sills, Dave DeWalle, Mario Carrello, Jim Lanning, Ray Faczan, Bob Sills

Approval of June 8, 2020 BOD Minutes - Fran Stevenson

Amendments: None

Motion to Approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Bob Cross**

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report for June 2020 – Mario Carrello

Amendments: None

Motion to Approve: Bob Vierck

Second: Ray Faczan

Motion Carried

The 3 month CD maturing on 6/23/2020 was reinvested into a 9 month Flex CD.

It was reported that the SCCTU Endowment showed a negative return of 12.09%, down \$2000, for the first quarter of 2020.

The Jean Brenchley Endowment showed a negative return of 7%, down \$7000 for the first quarter of 2020.

In response to questions posed by Judi Sittler and Jim Lanning, Mario Carrello reported the expense for herbicide used at Kissinger Meadow was only paid once but shows twice for accounting purposes.

All banquet money refunds are being paid to people as requested.

Jim Lanning asked if it is still the board policy that all expenditures \$200 and greater be approved by the board. Mario Carrello responded that if a project supported by a grant has been approved by the board that each individual expenditure for the project does not need to be approved by the board regardless of the amount of the expenditure.

Action Items

2020 Banquet/Auction Sweepstakes – Ford Stryker

Mt. View will not charge SCCTU a fee for cancelling the 2020 annual banquet due to Covid 19. Ford asked board members to support Mt. View by patronizing them when dining out.

Update – There has been a flurry of activity. There has been over \$1000 in bids made.

This is encouraging as there are still several weeks available for the bidding process. There have been more bids for auction items than the sweepstakes.

Paula Sowers will send out the auction /sweepstake information to the SCCTU Membership.

Ford asked the board members to post the auction/sweepstake information on their social media websites.

Bob Vierck commended Ford Stryker and Mario Carrello for doing a great job setting up the online auction/sweepstakes.

VSP Leadership Team charter-Bob Sills and Ford Stryker

Ford Stryker shared the VSP Charter with all the members and asked the board to provide Bob Sills with direction for VSP and endorse the VSP program and the issues in the Charter.

It was noted that VSP has been on hiatus due to Covid 19.

Bob Sills stated that at the last VSP Leadership meeting many ideas were shared and there were two sides to each of the issues.

VSP may start up again in February 2021 with Trout Fishing 101 and be open to anyone who wishes to attend. It could include field trips:

- Houseville – Focusing on conservation issues.

- One of the hatcheries.

- Graduation at a hatchery including presentation by Joe Humphreys.

Veterans, National Guard and active military

- Fishing One on One with VSP mentors to learn how to fish independently.

- Hoping they may become active members of SCCTU.

Create a list of people interested in being on the leadership committee.

Larry Ragan recommends keeping the committee to 8 to 10 members; a manageable number.

- A training is needed for leadership members and mentors. If training is held in Fall of 2020 then committee members and mentors will be ready for a Spring 2021 VSP.

- At this time it is not known who the mentors will be.

The SCCTU Board will be asked for guidance and to approve a community outreach plan.

- The SCCTU board was asked if they wanted to continue with VSP.

Ford Stryker agrees with Bob Sills that the board should give support and share ideas with the VSP leadership committee.

Jamie San Fillippo reminded the board that they approved the budget with the VSP expenditures.

Bob Vierck asked if VSP plans to continue the Sunday afternoon fishing events at Fly Fisherman's Paradise.

Bob Sills responded that maybe for April, May and June.

- This is something the leadership committee must address and develop a process.

Fellowship is important.

Bob Sills wants the Sunday afternoon fishing to continue.

Bob Vierck thinks the Sunday fishing afternoons are the only events some of the veterans attend.

Bob Sills asked how we can make all this happen and stated the mentors are important and the fellowship needs to be continued as well as the fishing.

Ray Faczan is supportive of the program moving forward.

Motion to continue VSP: Bob Vierck

Second: John Himes

Motion Carried

Jim Lanning asked if other members agree?

John Himes believes in the mission of VSP and supports the Program.

Bob Cross supports the program and will volunteer.

Mario Carrello supports the program.

TU National believes the scope of VSP should include 1st Responders.

Ford Stryker and Ray Faczan attended a Zoom meeting.

Free first year TU membership will be provided.

Ford Stryker believes SCCTU has enough to consider to get VSP up and running again and should not invite 1st Responders at this time.

Ray Faczan understands that inviting 1st Responder to join VSP
Is a choice by each TU Chapter.

Motion to continue VSP but not expand: Ford Stryker

Second: Bob Sills

Motion Carried

Old Business

VSP Shed /Storage Unit – Ray Faczan

Helpers are needed to trim and mow along Spring Creek. Cut to 2 ½ feet.

Takes 4 to 6 hours for 2 people.

Jamie San Fillippo knows of someone who may be interested and will provide Ray Faczan with their contact information.

Centre Gives – Jamie San Fillippo

\$5,179.95 was raised successfully.

Spring Cleanup and Redd Count – Lynn Mitchell

An email has been sent to Clearwater Conservancy about holding the Cleanup and Redd Count simultaneously in the Fall of 2020.

All trash will be taken to Spring Creek Park for pick up and Clearwater has been asked to provide the trash bags.

Clearwater has not responded yet.

If Clearwater Conservancy is not able to help, Lynn Mitchell will contact the Township.

New Business

Wine Event, August – Ford Stryker

Mt Nittany Winery is not doing events due to Covid-19

Spring Creek White has been discontinued but now Spring Creek Peach is being offered. 10% of Spring Creek Peach sales will go to SCCTU.

September General Meeting – Will not be held

Dave DeWalle reported that Dennis Charney is not comfortable doing a Zoom presentation but will present at a future general meeting.

Jamie San Filippo agreed that not everyone is comfortable doing a Zoom presentation.

It was suggested to look for a speaker who can do a presentation on Tankara fishing.

It was suggested to begin preparing for the October general meeting.

Bob Cross said he has a person who might be interested in doing a presentation.

Board Recruitment

Jamie San Filippo asked that each board member bring recommendations for 2 new board members to the next board meeting.

Committee Reports

Women Anglers – Fran Stevenson

Members will meet at the Spring Mills YMCA on Sunday July 19th. Jamie

San Filippo will guide and instruct members at Poe Paddy. The members who wish will stay at the Y and fish at the pond and/or Penns Creek.

Comments/Announcements

Sparrow Run – Bob Vierck advised the project may begin in October but thinks it might be later. A permit will need to be applied for and if extended a permit for the extension.

Adjourned: By Jamie San Filippo at 7:09PM

Motion to Approve: Bob Sills

Second: Bob Cross

Motion Carried