

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/15/2020

Reported by: Frances Stevenson

- Meeting called to order by Jamie San Filippo at 6:00pm
- Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Ford Stryker, Lynn Mitchell, Bob Vierck, Mario Carrello, John Lynn Himes, Bob Sills, Jim Pivrotto, Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan, Fran Stevenson
- Approval of September 2020 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to approve: **Lynn Mitchell**
 - Second: **Bob Sills**
 - Motion Carried
- Review of Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - September 2020 Results
 - **Mario Carrello** stated the checking account has a healthy balance and funds will not be needed for several months
 - **Mario Carrello** recommend using a 9 month Flex CD paying .20% interest for proceeds from maturities of all short term CDs; funds can be redeemed as needed
 - The 2nd and 3rd quarter returns reported for The Centre Foundation, although still negative, are not as low as reported in the first quarter of 2020
 - **Mario Carrello** provided an explanation of the FNB and the Elan credit card transactions
 - **Jim Lanning** has not provided an explanation of what should be done with the balance in the Mike Marcinak Memorial Fund
 - Amendments:
 - Motion to Approve September 2020 results: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Dave DeWalle**
 - Motion Carried
- Action Items
 - General Meetings – **Dave DeWalle**
 - Greg Hoover's request for a fee to do a zoom presentation was sent out to the board for consideration. It was noted that this request is not out of the ordinary; we have paid fees and expenses for other presenters in the past.
 - **Bob Vierck** advised that vote is not required to approve payment of a fee to a presenter and that Greg Hoover's presentations are always well attended by a diverse audience
 - **Ford Stryker** reminded the board that board approval is required for any expenditure \$250 and greater

- Greg Hoover sent out a list of presentation topics, to Dave DeWalle, for the board's consideration
 - Greg has presented to the fly tying group at Juniper Village
 - His presentation on the 17 Year Locust is a favorite of all who hear it
 - **Ford Stryker** received confirmation from **Jamie San Filippo** that Greg Hoover's presentation would be for the December 3rd general meeting as there will be no Holiday Party this year
 - **Jamie SanFilippo - Sarah Mueller** present at the November 5th General Meeting. She will speak about Brook Trout in an hour long Zoom presentation
 - January 2021 – State of the Chapter
 - February and March 2021 – Looking for topics and speakers
 - It was suggested to ask **Bob Carline** to do a presentation that he gave to TU National about Climate Change and the effects on Cold Water Streams
 - **Jamie San Filippo** suggested one general meeting be devoted to tying one specific fly
 - This also could be a topic for the Winter VSP
- Old Business
 - Redd Count and Stream Clean Up - **John Himes** and **Lynn Mitchell**
 - To be held simultaneously on November 22nd
 - Six responses to volunteer were received almost immediately after the event was posted
 - Due to the pandemic chili and hot dogs will not be offered. It was suggested to look into getting boxed lunches
 - **Bob Vierck** stated that in past years SCCTU has done the Redd Count from Rock Road to Shiloh Church and the PFBC has done the Redd count from Millesburg to Route 550
 - **John Himes** will check with PFBC to ask if they will do the Redd Count from Millesburg to Route 550 this year
 - If so **Bob Vierck** offered to provide them with trash bags and SCCTU will meet them to haul away the trash bags
 - It was noted that PFBC will not do the Redd Count on the same day as SCCTU
 - Trash bags will be given to volunteers doing the Redd Count to pick up trash as they count the nests
 - Spring Mills YMCA TIC fish release and Duck Derby – **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Being held October 10th
 - A prize basket of fishing equipment will be presented to the first place winner
 - Several volunteers from SCCTU will be on hand to help
 - Prospective Board Members – **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Betty Bloom from the Women Anglers is interested in serving on the Board
 - Dave Kyle is not sure about serving on the board right now but is interested in becoming a member of SCCTU
 - It was advised that anyone who is interested in joining the board is welcome to attend a board meeting

- **Lynn Mitchell** stated that due to the Corona Virus prospective members will not be invited to lunch and it will be advantageous for them to attend a Zoom board meeting
 - Other individuals who might have an interest in serving on the SCCTU Board
 - Dennis Charney – As per **Bob Vierck**
 - Ashley Wilmont – As per **Jamie San Filippo**
 - Cory Relk – As per **Ford Stryker**
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
 - The group had a good event on the Little J in September with professional guide Julie Azur. The water was higher than expected and most caught fish
 - There will be two guided trips in October on the 18th and 25th. Times and places to be determined based on conditions
 - VSP – **Bob Sills**
 - The leadership group will meet on the evening of October 12th to finalize the budget and schedule for 2021 and provide the information at the November board meeting
 - **Larry Ragan** will begin looking for a venue for the 2021 Winter Program depending on the status of the Corona Virus
 - **Bob Sills** stated the SCCTU web-page needs to be edited with more current information about VSP
 - **Jamie San Filippo** asked that an email address be established for the VSP chairperson
 - Youth/Education – **Jamie San Filippo**
 - TIC Rainbow Trout release at Spring Mills YMCA on October 10th
 - Truck or Treat, October 23rd
 - **Judi Sittler** will have Swedish Fish for the kids
 - Membership and PR – **Board Members** – No report
 - Social – **Dave DeWalle** – No report
 - Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker**
 - Members were asked to express their thoughts about the 2021 Banquet
 - It was noted that Mt View Country Club has been reserved for the 2021 banquet with a signed contract
 - It was suggested that it might be too soon to decide due to the unknowns of the pandemic
 - Conservation – **Bob Vierck**
 - Possible future projects
 - Funded and Scheduled – Section I
 - Sparrow Run
 - Have until September 2021 to complete without extension
 - Homeowner has been advised

- Schempf Farm
 - At the headwaters of Cedar Run
 - \$160,000 has been committed to the project
 - SCCTU may pay for the permit
- Funds Requested – Section II
 - Shiloh and Handicap Area
 - This has received a Growing Greener Grant
 - Will look for further funding if needed
 - Houserville Lyn Farm to Houserville Bridge
 - Also part of Growing Greener Grant
- Unfunded Projects – Section III
 - Bottom of Sheep Farm to Puddintown Road
 - SCCTU has dropped out of the project
 - Vinyl King Fencing (Bald Eagle)
 - Property is owned by the company
 - Property on Bald Eagle is in very poor condition
 - Oak Hall at the Bridge
 - \$1000 for this project has been funded from the James Bloom Estate by his daughter and son-in-law Gretchen and Paul Rebarcek
 - Curve below Dam, next to spring above Bellefonte hatchery pond
 - This is a PA Fish and Boat Commission project
 - Roopsburg Road
 - PA Fish and Boat Commission is interested in this project and may provide funding
 - Rock Road between Parking Lot and Big Bend
 - This project has restrictions due to endangered species and poor access.
 - PA Fish and Boat Commission does not like to work in this water. SCCTU will discuss further with them
 - Kissinger Meadow at Super 8 Motel
 - A spillway was built, by the landowner without a permit, that goes right into Spring Creek
 - Kissinger Meadow – Stormwater outlet from Royal Circle
 - This should be a College Township project
 - A stormwater pipe comes off Royal Circle into Spring Creek
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns
 - **Lynn Mitchell** asked if TU National has asked any questions about the Centre Hills Golf Course project

- Funding is provided by Centre Hills Country Club
 - Clearwater Conservancy will provide the trees
- **Ray Faczan**
 - Thanked **Bob Sills** for donating shelves to the storage unit
 - A volunteer is needed to cut grass at Fisherman's Paradise
 - **Jamie San Filippo** will ask around. SCCTU sometimes gets requests from Penn State students who are required to do community service
 - **Bob Vierck** advised the chapter is insured for a volunteer to do the work. Form in Leadership Manual must be filled out by the volunteer
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 7:16PM
 - Motion: **Jim Pivirotto**
 - Second: **Bob Sills**
 - Motion Carried