

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/09/2020

- Meeting called to order by Jamie San Filippo at 6:00pm
- Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Ford Stryker, Mario Carrello, Frances Stevenson, Bob Vierck, Bob Cross, Bob Sills, John Himes, Lynn Mitchell, Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan
 - Betty Bloom– Prospective Board Member
- Approval of October 2020 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
 - Amendments: None
 - Motion to approve: **Ray Faczan**
 - Second: Dave **DeWalle**
 - Motion Carried
- Review of October 2020 Treasurer’s Report – **Mario Carrello**
 - The financial reports were reviewed with the board members
 - \$10,000 was moved from the checking account to the 9 month Flex CD
 - Proceeds from CD’s maturing on 11/10 and 12/16 will be invested in the 9 month Flex CD
 - The proceeds of the CD maturing on 1/13/21 can be deposited to the checking account and used as needed
 - Check numbers 1641 and 1642 were written in error and were voided
 - As there has been no response from **Jim Lanning** as to donors requesting refunds of the balance in the Mike Marcinak Memorial Fund the fund will be dissolved and the proceeds added to the checking account
 - Motion to approve: **Bob Sills**
 - Second: **Bob Vierck**
 - Motion Carried
 - Motion to Approve: **Bob Sills**
 - Second: **Bob Vierck**
 - Motion Carried
- Action Items - None
- Old Business
 - Sara Mueller Zoom presentation – 11/5/2020, 6pm -7pm
 - A good presentation about Brook Trout and their history
 - Only 6 or 7 attending due to confusion about the time of the presentation
 - Redd Count and Stream Cleanup – **John Himes** and **Lynn Mitchell**
 - A good response has been received from volunteers
 - 11/22/2020, 10am to 2pm
 - Spring Creek Park Pavillion
 - The pavilion must be reserved through College Township Parks and Rec
 - Trash bags will be handed out to volunteers doing the Redd Count. Filled trash bags will be stacked at a central location in the park to be picked up by Clearwater Conservancy to take to the transfer station

- **Lynn Mitchell** has advised PFBC of the date and time of cleanup
 - **John Himes** will contact Tyler at PFBC to request they do the count on the Milesburg section of stream
 - Adam Smith will be contacted about doing the Houserville section of the stream
 - Individually wrapped sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be provided for 40 volunteers. A budget of up to \$300 was approved by the board
 - Motion to approve: **John Himes**
 - Second: **Mario Carrello**
 - Motion carried
 - Waders, boots and wading staffs will be available to those volunteers who need them
 - Greg Hoover zoom presentation – December 3rd general meeting @7:30pm
 - Board recruitment
 - **Betty Bloom** has been nominated for election at the January 2021 board meeting
 - Board members were asked to suggest other nominations
- New business
 - VSP Document – **Bob Sills**
 - The plan was presented to the board for approval
 - **Bob Vierck** commented that he thought the plan looked good
 - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
 - Second: **Lynn Mitchell**
 - The amended report will be posted on the VSP and SCCTU home pages
 - **Bob Vierck** suggested writing a paragraph that refers readers to the whole report posted to another page within the SCCTU web-site
 - VSP – **Bob Sills**
 - State College Elks Club has donated \$500 to the program
 - **Jim Lanning** has advised Michelle Volman that SCTTU is not a participant in the Centre County Veterans Court
 - **Bob Sills** has contacted Susan and Amy Clair to request a piece of the stream on the Clair Farm to be used exclusively by veterans. It was noted that TCO has a contract with the Clair Farm to fish the entire stream on the Farm until 2024
 - **Bob Sills** and **Ray Faczan** have agreed with Mrs. Clair to allow 800 to 1000 feet of stream for the use by disabled veterans
 - Questions arose as to how to gain access to this part of the stream and when will TCO be using that part of the stream
 - Improvements to help veterans gain access to the stream will be publicized
 - It was noted that the gator is available to transport vets from the entry to the stream site
 - All veterans requesting access to the stream will be monitored
 - A trained coach will be provided for each veteran fishing on this section of the Clair Farm stream
 - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
 - The members had good outings and caught fish on 10/18, 10/25 and 11/8 with the benefit of professional guide services. There are usually 10 to 13 anglers in attendance

- Membership and PR – **Board Members**
 - Board members were asked to make nominations for board vacancies
- Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**
 - The YMCA fish release and Duck Derby was well attended
 - YMCA Trunk and Treat was well attended
- Social – **Dave DeWalle**
 - The general meeting for January 2021 will be a Zoom presentation on the State of the Chapter
 - Review of the previous year and a look ahead
 - A speaker is needed for the February 2021 general meeting
 - Members were asked to make suggestions for topics and speakers
- Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker**
 - No report
- Conservation – **Bob Vierck**
 - Scott Hueron is finished mowing at Fisherman’s Paradise and we need to find another volunteer
 - **John Himes** will review the contract between PFBC and SCCTU maintaining the grounds at Fisherman’s Paradise
 - It was suggested that the terms in the contract are guidelines and that the liability is for the volunteers and veterans
 - **Lynn Mitchell** met with PFBC, several years ago, to discuss the terms of the contract and learn what PFBC expects from SCCTU
 - **Bob Vierck** stated that SCCTU benefits from the contract with PFBC by having use of the storage shed and maintaining the area at Fisherman’s Paradise
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns
 - **Jamie San Filippo** received a notice from the Penns Valley Conservation Association that they are looking for a new Executive Director for a one year term
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 7:08pm
 - Motion to Approve: **Ray Faczan**
 - Second: **Bob Sills**
 - Motion Carried