

**Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited Board Meeting**

**February 8, 2021**

**6:00PM to 8:00PM via Zoom**

Reported by: **Frances H. Stevenson**, Secretary

Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Ford Stryker, Mario Carrello, Frances Stevenson, Bob Vierck, John Himes, Jim Piviroto, Bob Sills, Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle, Betty Bloom, Heather Sees

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

Review of January 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – **Frances H. Stevenson**

Amendments: None

Motion to approve: **Ray Faczan**

Second: **Bob Cross**

Motion carried

Review of January 2021 Treasurers Report – **Mario Carrello**

Amendments: None

A review of the Treasurers Report was provided

The Flex CD allows for several withdrawals each month

The checking account balance is approximately \$95,000 after funds earmarked for the Sparrow Run Project

Fiscal year ends March 31<sup>st</sup>

Expenses for the past year have been lower than previous years due to the pandemic

Endowments

The investment returns are improving

The SCCTU endowment allows for a 2.3% distribution each year  
The Jean Brenchley endowment allows for a 4% distribution each  
year

Sub-accounts – Show monies earmarked for projects  
The Budget and Banquet spreadsheets were explained  
A \$810 donation for VSP was received in memoriam for Larry Levy  
The James Ferrell account is only to be spent on conservation projects  
and was donated by James Ferrell's sister

Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Bob Sills**

Motion carried

#### Action Items

New Officer Election – **Jamie San Filippo**

Senior Vice President – Jim Pivirotto

Junior Vice President – John Himes

Nominated for 2 years – **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Ford Stryker**

Motion carried

The Robert Eberhardt Order of the Sulphur Award – **Ford Stryker**

Criteria – Awarded to chapter members who go above and beyond the call  
of duty

**Lynn Mitchell** was nominated for 2021 – **Bob Vierck**

Second – **John Himes**

Motion carried

It was noted that Jen Shuey was nominated for the award in 2020 but the  
award was never presented due to the cancellation of the banquet

The George Harvey Award – **Ford Stryker**

The award is a collaboration between SCCTU and Clearwater Conservancy

**Bob Vierck** was nominated for 2021 – **Fran Stevenson**

**Ford Stryker** will present this nomination to Deb Nardone at  
Clearwater Conservancy

## Old Business

The board voted to accept **Betty Bloom** and **Heather Sees** as new board members and they were welcomed by all

### On Line Fund Raising Auction – **Ford Stryker**

The prizes will announced by a weekly email and posted to the web-site  
Middle March thru middle of April

The sweepstakes drawing will be some time in April

\$10.00 per chance or \$25.00 for 3 chances

The Chapter's projects will be publicized to show what the money is supporting

Two sweepstake items

7 ½ Bamboo Fly Rod received from TU National as being the best grant proposal for Sparrow Run

Made by Bill Lamberton

\$2500 value

Hardy Ultra Light 9'9" 3 Wt Rod - \$795 value

Incudes Hardy Ultraclick 3000 reel - \$250 value

Both items donated by Fly Fishers Paradise and will be on display at the shop for inspection

When items go live it was requested that all board members advise family and friends of the Sweepstakes

It was noted that emails are not viewed by everyone and suggested that a newsletter should also be sent out instead of or

in addition to the approximately 50 people who purchased sweepstake tickets last year

Auction items will include:

3 bottles of wine and a Wine tasting from Mt Nittany Winery

Richardson Chest Fly Box

½ day guided fishing on Spring Creek by **Jamie San Filippo**

Box of flies by **Matt Sanderson**

Silver bracelet from Confer Jewelers

A day of fishing for 2 on Spruce Creek by **Abe Harpster**

A framed Trout Stamp of a George Harvey Fly  
Fishing Library from **Bob Martin**  
Humidor, ash tray and cigar cutter from The Cigar Den  
½ day of fishing for 2 on the Lehigh Reiver by Wild East Outfitters  
A State College YMCA annual membership by **Jamie San Filippo**  
A home solar panel review by Envinity – **James Pivrotto**  
Fishing Trip on the Little J  
3 Wiscoy Spring Bird Baskets  
Penn State Course round of golf for 4  
Trophy Mountain 10 Chuker hunt  
Board of Directors basket of cheer

**Jamie San Filippo** will send a list of auction items to the surrounding TU chapter

Items will be listed on social media and in a newsletter sent to more than 1000 people

Those with winning bids can pick up the items at either Fly Fishers Paradise or the State College YMCA

If items need to be shipped the bid winner will be asked to pay the shipping cost if over 15 miles from State College

## New Business

### Family Fishing Event – **Dave DeWalle**

Usually 300 to 400 people attend

Wondering how many people will be vaccinated by then

Would need at least 35 TU members for volunteers who would be working close to each other

6 or 7 display stations

Hot dogs

Partner with Clearwater Conservancy

It was noted that Tim Flagler has a temporary hold on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for a presentation

**Hazel Stryker**, Chair of the event, feels holding the event will be risky due to the pandemic. It will not be easy to adapt to an in person event

No one is sure of the PA guideline for groups

**Bob Vierck** feels it will be difficult getting the number of volunteers needed

**Jamie San Filippo** feels it will be too much too soon and is only 3 months away

**Bob Sills** suggests holding in the Fall on a non-football weekend and not during a VSP event

Consensus of the board is to go ahead with the Tim Flagler presentation on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Fly Tying Sulphurs in 3 different stages

#### General Meetings – **Dave DeWalle**

Asked for suggestions for presentations; especially women speakers

Recycling of water from UAJA

Penn State Life Program

MS 4 Permit – Storm Water

Spring Creek Watershed Plan – **Joanne Testafindy** (?)

About the Canyon; Mills of Spring Creek – **Bob Hazelton**

Historic Towns of Linden Hall and Boalsburg

Irwin Mill – Joe Humphreys home

All meetings will begin at 7:30pm

Question was raised if Mt Nittany Winery will be willing to do their wine tasting event in August or September

Tim Flagler, Night Fishing presentation: Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup>, in place of April meeting

Josh Miller, Tricks to Catch More Trout: May 6<sup>th</sup>

Tim Flagler, Sulphur Fly Tying Demo: June 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Committee Reports

##### Conservation – **Bob Vierck**

Sparrow Run is scheduled to begin in July

Will be looking into the following:

Millbrook Marsh

Thompson Run

Walk thru of Slab Cabin Run

Eroding Banks

Cedar Run to the headwaters

Peter Sherm House

NRCS Grant

#### Women Anglers – **Frances Stevenson**

Joe Humphreys Film Festival via Zoom on February 21 at 2:00pm

Those attending will have the opportunity to ask Joe for tips on fly fishing and some of his experiences

Creation of a piece of jewelry for the Jean Brenchley annual award

Creating a logo to be engraved on a pin purchased from a local jeweler

#### VSP Update – **Bob Sills**

Fly Fish 101, Wednesday evenings for 5 weeks, beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>

Announcement is posted on the SCCTU website by **Bob Vierck**

It was suggested to post the announcement on the PSU Veterans Program

To date 45 people have registered

Hope to finish the course on the Water in April or May

Mentors/coaches are needed and will be trained via Zoom

Dan Kerstetter has 4 boxes of fly fishing equipment donated by Larry Levy (deceased) for the VSP

#### Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**

Rainbow Trout Eggs are being shipped the week of February 8<sup>th</sup>

It is not known at this time how many schools will participate in Tout in the Classroom (TIC) this year

**Bob Sills** commented that when he was teaching, TIC had some successes and failures

The program teaches about but not limited to:

Biology of fish

Water quality

Math statistics

**Bob Vierck** stated there are 5 middle schools in Centre County but he is unsure of which ones will participate

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 by: **Jamie San Filippo**

Motion to approve: **Ford Stryker**

Second: **Dave DeWalle**

Motion carried