

# Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## Board of Directors Zoom Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/11/2021

- Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at 6:04pm
- Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Ford Stryker, Mario Carrello, Frances Stevenson, Bob Vierck, Bob Cross, Bob Sills, John Himes, , Dave DeWalle, Ray Faczan, Jim Pivrotto,
  - Betty Bloom and Heather Sees; nominated for election at February board meeting
- Approval of December 2020 Board Minutes - **Fran Stevenson**
  - Amendments: None
  - Motion to approve: **Bob Cross**
  - Second: **Dave Dewalle**
  - Motion Carried
- Review of December 2020 Treasurer's Report – **Mario Carrello**
  - The financial reports were reviewed with the board members
  - The proceeds of the CD scheduled to mature on 1/13/2021 will be rolled over into the Flex CD. Because the Flex CD has withdrawal options it is an appropriate investment option until interest rates improve
    - **Ford Stryker** advised that \$100,000 will be need this summer for the Sparrow Run project
    - The Flex CD is scheduled to mature 3/23/2021 and funds will be available for projects and reinvestment
  - It was noted the improved return realized by both endowment funds
  - Motion to Approve: **Bob Vierck**
  - Second: **Ford Styker**
  - Motion Carried
- Action Items
  - Growing Greener for Spring Creek Restoration Grant – **Bob Vierck**
    - See attachment for Grant information
    - **Jim Pivrotto** asked about plans for the riparian area and can funds allocated to one site be transferred to another site
      - **Bob Vierck** stated that DEP controls the use of the funds but allocation from one site to another might be a possibility
    - A permit was previously obtained for site 4 and will not have to be requested again
    - **Ford Stryker** asked that SCCTU allocate another \$2000 to the project for a total of \$7000
      - Motion to approve: **Ray Faczan**
      - Second: **Bob Sills**
      - Motion Carried
    - **Jim Pivrotto** asked if the financial reports indicate funds that are earmarked for future projects

- **Mario Carrello** directed the board members where to find the information in the financial reports and explained that each site project is tracked on a spread sheet
      - Tim Flagler zoom presentations – **Dave Dewalle**
        - Jane Flagler advises that Tim is booked until May 1<sup>st</sup> on every Thursday of each month
          - Suggestion was made to change the day of the General Meetings
          - Suggestion was made to reserve Tim for the June General Meeting
        - It was noted that there are no presenters for the March or April General Meetings
          - Suggestion was made to change the day of General Meetings in March and April but maintain the start time of 7:30pm
          - **Bob Sills** noted that the VSP Fly Fishing 101 virtual classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings in February and March
        - Topics for zoom General Meetings offered
          - Fly tying with input from SCCTU which flies
            - Sulphurs
            - Dry flies
            - Green Drakes
            - Klinkhammer
          - What trout like to eat and the flies that feed them
          - Trout Spey Fishing
          - Euro nymphing
          - Night fishing
          - Fishing in Patagonia
          - Fishing Montana rivers
        - Cost of 2 presentations including one on fly tying is \$300
          - Cost of one presentation is \$150
        - **Dave Dewalle** will contact Tim about available dates and topics
        - **Bob Vierck** suggested contacting Ryan Hoey to do a fly tying presentation
        - The board suggested to pay up to \$300 for a presentation beginning in March through June
          - Motion to approve: **Dave Dewalle**
          - Second: **Ray Faczan**
          - Motion carried
- Old Business
  - Dr. Sharp zoom presentation – **Dave Dewalle**
    - A Thank You letter and \$100 gift card to Fly Fishers Paradise was sent to Dr. Sharp
    - **Mario Carrello** will reimburse **Dave Dewalle** for purchasing the gift card
  - Trout in the classroom – **Jamie San Filippo**

- The trout eggs are not being shipped as early as in previous years
    - The Penns Valley YMCA is anxious to have a TIC fish tank
      - The State College YMCA will give their tank to Penns Valley
        - The State College YMCA will purchase a new tank
        - The State College YMCA is requesting that SCCTU donate \$400 for the purchase of a filter and UV Light
          - Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**
          - Second: **Ray Faczan**
          - Motion carried
  - Resolution recognizing the work and dedication of Jim Lanning and Lynn Mitchell upon the exit from the SCCTU Board of Directors
    - In recognition of their service to the Spring Creek Chapter, and to the Spring Creek Watershed, the Board of Directors of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited recognize James H. Lanning and Lynn Mitchell for their outstanding leadership. Jim started and became the Chair of the Veterans Service Program and built it into a nationally recognized program. He was proud to serve as the logistics coordinator and could be depended upon to help with any project anywhere. Lynn Mitchell volunteered for anything and everything. Eventually, Lynn was elected President of the Chapter and led for two years. He coordinated the chapter's Spring Creek Clean-up and provided the chili for the annual Red Count. The Board of Directors is deeply grateful to Lynn and Jim for their contributions
      - It was suggested that a plaque be given to both Lynn and Jim along with a certificate
      - The resolution will be posted in the monthly SCCTU newsletter
        - Motion to approve: **Jim Pivrotto**
        - Second: **John Himes**
        - Motion carried
- New business
  - New Board members – **Jamie San Filippo**
    - **Betty Bloom** and **Heathers Sees**
      - Bios are posted on SCCTU website
  - Next General Meeting, February 4th, State of the Chapter meeting – **Jamie San Filippo**
  - Next Board Meeting, February 8<sup>th</sup>, select officers – **Jamie SanFilippo**
  - On line fund raising auction – **Ford Stryker**
    - Keep number of items to 10 or less
      - Jamie San Filippo offered ½ day guided fishing
    - **Dave Dewalle** asked how last years on-line auction was run and advertised
    - There are several on-line auction options for PA, national and international
    - It is recommended to advertise to the membership
    - On-line raffles are not legal in PA
    - Sweepstakes are legal in PA

- Last year's sweepstake item was a Helios rod donated from Fly Fishers Paradise
  - Potential dates of March or April
  - On-line auction items
    - **Jamie San Filippo** asked if it is legal to offer a Basket of Cheer as an on-line auction item
    - Chucker hunt
- **Committees**
  - Conservation – **Bob Vierck**
    - The Keystone Water Resource Organization recognized SCCTU, in their annual report, for the projects on which the Chapter has worked and contributed
      - The recognition will be posted on the SCCTU newsletter
  - VSP – **Bob Sills**
    - The State College Elks Club #1600 advised they are making a \$500 donation to SCCTU
      - The check is being mailed and a picture will be available for the Centre Daily Times and SCCTU newsletter
    - Virtual Trout 101 classes will be held mid to late February into March
      - The next planning meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>
      - Larry Ragan is setting up the class presentations
        - Schedule will be provided to **Bob Sills** and **Jamie Sab Filippo**
        - Classes will be advertised
        - **Jamie San Filippo** will send out a press release
  - Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**
    - A virtual class is being held on January 29, 2021 to learn to teach tying the Hot Spot Pheasant (Teal) Tail Fly
      - Limited to 12 participants
      - Vises and kits of materials are being provided and available for pick up at the State College YMCA and Flyfishers Paradise
    - We are proud to announce that Diane Brown is the recipient of this year's Jean Brenchley Award. Diane has worked diligently providing the membership with correspondence about all Women Angler events, getting the members together for fishing events and hiring guides for instruction
      - We are working with a local jeweler to develop an award suitable for both men and women that can be presented to the recipient of the award each year
    - A schedule of events has been developed for 2021
      - Joe Humphreys has agreed to provide a Zoom presentation to the membership on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Joe will be answering questions from the members on any fly fishing issues
  - Membership and PR – **Board Members** - None
  - Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo** – See Trout in the Classroom above
  - Social – **Dave DeWalle** – See Action Items
  - Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker** – See On Line above Fund Raising Auction
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns - None
- Meeting adjournment:

- **Jamie San Filippo** at: 7:20pm
- Motion to approve: **Bob Sills**
- Second: **Jim Pivrotto**
- Motion carried