

Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited Board Meeting

December 6, 2021

6:00PM to 8:00PM via Zoom

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

Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, Mario Carrello, Ford Stryker, Frances Stevenson, Bob Vierck, John Himes, Jim Pivirotto, Bob Sills, Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle, Betty Bloom, Ray Faczan

Absent: Heather Sees

Guest: Judi Sittler

Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 6:01 PM

November 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – **Frances H. Stevenson**

No Amendments

Motion to approve: **Jim Pivirotto**

Second: **Ray Faczan**

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report, November 2021 – **Mario Carrello**

Financial reports were explained

When the 9 month Certificate of Deposit matures on 12/23/2021

\$18,000 was suggested to be invested in another 9 month CD and the balance will be invested for a longer maturity

The 9 month Certificate of Deposit allows for 1 withdrawal a month which will be used as needed

It was then recommended to put the funds from the 9 month CD into the checking account at maturity and allow **Mario Carrello** the discretion how and when it should be invested

Comment was made that the Jean Brenchley Women Anglers Endowment fund is making more money then it is able to spend

It was noted that donations are being received as memorials to Rick Van Horn. Thank you letters and IRS Tax Letters will be sent for donations \$50.00 and greater

No Amendments

Motion to approve: **Bob Sills**

Second: **Ford Stryker**

Motion carried

Action Items

TU Headwaters Youth Program donation \$500 – **Judi Sittler**

This is a well recognized youth program that SCCTU has donated to in previous years

Motion to approve \$500.00 donation – **Ford Stryker**

Second: **Dave Dewalle**

Tony Gerace Memorial Tree/Plaque – **Bob Vierck**

Friends of Rick Van Horn have requested permission to plant a tree as a memorial to Rick Van Horn near the Tony Gerace Memorial Bench

Bob Vierck suggested making a donation in Rick Van Horn's memory

John Himes agreed and suggested a \$200 donation for a memorial at Fisherman's Paradise

A letter from **Bob Vierck** and **Jamie San Filippo** will be sent to Barbara Van Horn to notify her of the donation and memorial

Wildlife Leadership – **Bob Vierck**

It was stated that this is a good program that has been supported by the membership in the past

Mario Carrello was not able to determine how much has been donated In the past

Judi Sittler stated the program was called Brookies

Motion to make a \$200.00 donation: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Ford Stryker**

Motion carried

Board Re-elections

Must be published 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting

Officers will be elected by the Board at the January Board Meeting

Members will be asked to make nominations at the Annual Meeting in January

Juniata Boy Scouts request \$750 – **Bob Vierck**

The camps are on Laurel Run and in Penns Valley

It was asked what they are doing for conservation

Jamie San Filippo stated the camps are not in the SCCTU watershed

Jim Pivrotto stated they are not well known by the Chapter

Might consider for next year if we get more information

It was agreed not to honor the request

New Business

2022 Banquet Menu

Tuscan Menu will be offered as in the past

Price per person has increased to \$27.00

2022 Board and General Meeting Schedule – **Jamie San Filippo**

The schedule for both General and Board meetings has been sent

Out to board members

George Daniel – Redd Count Collaboration

Would like the PSU Fly fishing class students to become involved in next year's Redd Count and stream restoration activities

John Himes asked for suggestions

Ford Stryker - Watershed cleanup and Senior Stream Sampling

Old Business

Christmas Party – Pleasant Gap American Legion, Friday, December 10th

39 people are registered

Some people have registered to bring sides

Prospectors is catering:

Pulled Chicken

Beef Brisket

Rolls

Paper Products

Set up will begin between 4:00 and 4:30pm

Help is needed

Drinks

Chapter will pay for one free drink per person

There will be a cash bar

Cash only

VSP will provide water and soda

Redd Count/Cleanup – **John Himes** and **Jim Pivirotto**

Many people volunteered

All sections were covered

It was a healthy spawning year

1864 Redds were counted

For the future some sections will be changed

Sections along Rock Road were counted in error

Board Recruitment and Term Limits

Board members were reminded that SCCTU is always looking for potential new board members

Job descriptions are needed for committee chairs

Question was raised if these are available

Judi Sittler advised that job descriptions for committee positions are available on TU website

This is helpful for potential members to know

Chair people were asked to write a job description

Committee Reports

Women Anglers – **Judi Sittler**

December 9th meeting of steering committee to schedule monthly meetings for 2022 and to plan the 2022 retreat

Website – **Jim Pivrotto**

There is not much new and will give an update at the January board meeting

Considering changing the software

Mario Carrello asked if Go Daddy was being eliminated as it is paid for through 2022 and 2023

New logos are not on the website yet

Website needs to be updated

VSP – **Bob Sills**

Larry Ragan has set up the Winter 2022 Fly tying and Fly fishing classes

Advertising is through Constant Contact

Coaches/volunteer and veteran email lists are done

Waders and boots have been received from Fly Fishers Paradise, inventoried and stored in the shed

Some of the old waders and boots were sold to Jim Lanning for \$150.00

The Young Republican dinner realized a \$2200.00 donation for VSP

It has been recommended to purchase 13 vises from Fly Fishers Paradise at \$65.00 per vise for a total cost of \$840.00

Motion to approve: **Ford Stryker**

Second: **Bob Cross**

Wading staffs are back ordered. Dennis Charney will advise when they are available

Monthly meetings for January and February are planned at the State College YMCA. Will include a relevant presentation, social time and pizza

Jamie San Filippo – Will set up a donation box at the State College YMCA to collect personal and hygiene items for homeless veterans

Collection to end on December 18th

Items will be delivered

Bob Sills suggested that VSP make a \$250.00 donation along with the personal items

Motion to approve: **Bob Sills**

Second: **Fran Stevenson**

Motion carried

Mario Carrello will provide **Jamie San Filippo** with the check

Youth Education – **Judi Sittler**

Activities for 2021 have been successful and well attended

YMCA Trout Release

YMCA Truck and Treat

Trout in the Classroom

Chaired by **Larry Ragan**

7 participating schools

Stream Girls

Golden Pond

Black Moshannon

In 2022 hope to be at Camp Anderson in Tyrone

Would like to offer fly boxes with logo and stickers

Cub Scouts at Bald Eagle State Park

SCCTU will have an information table at the Keystone

Coldwater Conference being held at the Ramada Inn on

February 25th and 26th

Volunteers from the Chapter to staff the table are needed

General Meetings – **Dave Dewalle**

Several commitments for presentations

Heather Sees – The Mayfly Project

It was suggested that this be the Bid for a Cause at the banquet

Bucknell staff – Human and natural impacts on the landscape

Colleen DeLong – Clearwater Conservancy

Spring Creek Watershed

PSU – Fly Tyers Club

Artist – Tiffany London

Family Fishing Day – **Ford and Hazel Stryker**

June 5th at Tussey Mountain

Some renovations are going on at the site on the date of the event

Coordinating with Clearwater Conservancy to be the opening event for Get Out Doors

2022 General and Board meetings

It was suggested that General and Board meetings be alternated between in person and Zoom

January – Zoom

February – In person for PSU Fly Tying Club

Ford Stryker will reserve the Comfort Inn

Selected students will tie their favorite fly

Bob Vierck commented that in person meetings be held as soon as possible

Meeting adjourned by **Jamie San Filippo**: 8:14pm