

Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited Board Meeting

April 11, 2022

6:00PM to 8:00PM via Zoom

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

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

Absent: Bob Vierck, Heather Sees

Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 6:04PM

March 2022 Board Meeting Minutes – **Frances H. Stevenson**

No Amendments

Motion to approve: Ray Faczan

Second: Dave DeWalle

Motion Carried

March 2022 Treasurer Report

The final financial report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the proposed 2022-2023 budget were discussed

Non-grant income of \$35,100 is anticipated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

Non-grant expenses of \$33,800 are anticipated for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

Net revenue from the 2022 fundraiser was approximately \$5000

Registration payments for Women Angler's September Retreat are being received

It was noted that in spite of the recent volatility in the Stock Market that the Spring Creek Chapter Endowment Fund and the Jean Brenchley Endowment Fund continue to realize positive returns
Harris Township made a \$100 pledge and Clearwater Conservancy made a \$1000 toward Family Fun Day expenses
The VSP proposed budgeted expense amount was changed from \$7500 to \$3500 to cover events for the fiscal year

Amendments: None

Motion to approve financial reports: **Fran Stevenson**

Second: **Jim Pivrotto**

Motion carried

Motion to approve budget subject to provisions: **Ford Stryker**

Second: **Jim Pivrotto**

Motion carried

Action Items

Family Fishing Day – **Ford Stryker**

A list of stations, activities and assignments from 2019 was provided to board members for review

It was requested that all board members search their personal spaces for items that can be used for the day and to advise **Ford**

Board member volunteers:

Fran and Dick Stevenson

Dave DeWalle

Betty Bloom

Jim Pivrotto

John Himes

Mario Carrello

An email will be sent to both the VSP Coaches and the Women Anglers asking for volunteers

Information will be sent to Jamie San Filippo about the event and what is needed to make it successful

New Business

Centre Gives – May 10th and 11th

It was suggested to make it an in person event at the State College YMCA

Pizza

Joe Humphreys

Jamie San Filippo and **Bob Vierck** will coordinate the special prize event

Water Shed Clean-up – Saturday, April 23rd

McCoy Dam

Site leader is needed

Rock Road

On the Fly – Monday, May 9th

Winery Event – September 8th @ 5:30PM, Mt Nittany Winery

New Trout in the Classroom program at the Bellefonte YMCA – Everyone is invited to stop in to see the tank

Larry Ragan was presented with the Robert F. Eberhardt Order of the Sulphur State College Connector – **Ford Stryker**

The meetings that were open to the public at the beginning of April were attended by **Ford Stryker** and **Bob Vierck**

Ray Faczan expressed appreciation for Ford's and Bob's attendance to the meeting and their comments and opinions

Ford Stryker stated that the renovation of Route 322 was the less safe option for traffic

There are 5 connection options between State College and Potters Mills

All Options have pros and cons

It was recommended that members of the SCCTU BOD refer to the web-site

Options will be narrowed down to 2 or 3 by July 2022 and final decision will be made in 1 to 2 years

Jim Pivrotto asked if SCCTU wants to respond on this issue should it be viewed from conservation/environmental or traffic safety

Ford Stryker thinks that the SCCTU should not express an opinion as a group but that members should express their individual opinions

Committee Reports

Conservation – **Ford Stryker**

Members should actively work on acquiring Growing Greener Grants

The Summer of 2022 PFBC will be working on Spring Creek in Houserville together with SCCTU to narrow the stream

Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**

The \$585.00 invoice from Graphics and Design LLC, for development of a logo, was presented for approval to pay from the Jean Brenchley Endowment

Motion to approve: **Ford Stryker**

Second: **Ray Faczan**

Motion carried

An event called “Mayflies and Manhattans” is being discussed for later in October

Both women and men will be invited

The Manhattan part will be held at the Gamble Mill

May Fly part will be held on the stream close to the Gamble Mill

Communication – Co-chaired by **Jim Pivrotto** and **Bob Vierck**

VSP – **Ray Faczan**

Fly Fishing 101 was attended by 14 individuals

3 Veterans

4 Women

Outdoor class to be held at Fisherman’s Paradise was cancelled due to inclement weather

A family picnic to be held in May at Spring Creek Park is in the process of planning

Leadership group continues to work on 1 to 1 fishing with the coaches and veterans

Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**

Healthy Kids Day is scheduled at the State College YMCA for April 30th

General Meetings – **Dave DeWalle**

The April meeting was not well attended

It was suggested that in person meetings would bring in more people

Fly fishing and fly tying presentations seem to generate the most interest

Jamie San Filippo stated we should be more deliberate in what type of presentations generate the most interest on Zoom and in person

Jim Pivrotto suggested that 2 presentations at one meeting may attract more interest

An opening and a closing

Fishing and/or conservation topics

May 5th will feature Tiffany London in person at the State College YMCA

Membership and PR

Ray Faczan stated that hats and shirts with the SCCTU logo are available for sale

Board Member Comments /Announcements

Stocker Litigation in Benner Township – **John Himes**

John Himes believes that case is likely on shaky ground regarding the DEP, but the case will eventually be heard by a judge. John has been trying to get in touch with Stocker's attorney but has not heard back in over a month. John would prefer to file an amicus brief solely opposing Benner Township, as to not be adverse to DEP. John has left messages for the TU National legal council asking for their opinion on the issue and has not heard back.

At this point, with the deadlines for motions in the case seemingly expired, John recommends to not file a brief unless Benner Township/Spring-Benner-Walker moves to dismiss the case. He believes that an amicus brief focused on the issue of PFAS would likely be disregarded by the

court. He is open to change his opinion on the matter if the board or TU National feels differently.

Ford Stryker asked if an Amicus Brief can be filed to say the sewer line is a bad idea but defers to John Himes legal judgement. Also Ford doesn't believe it would be dangerous to challenge DEP, they are frequently sued. **John Hime** feels the issue will eventually be heard by a judge on the merits.

Meeting was adjourned by **Jamie San Filippo**: 7:49PM

Motion to approve: **Ford Stryker**

Second: **Ray Faczan**

Motion carried