

**Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited Board Meeting**

**December 5, 2022**

**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, Heather Sees, Ray Faczan

2023 Board Members: Mark Pencak, Sam Hume, Tim Bruggerman, Sima  
Bruggerman, Richard Novak

Absent: Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle, Betty Bloom

Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 6:03PM

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

No Amendments

Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Mario Carrello**

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report November 2022- **Mario Carello**

The reports were explained with a notation there was not a lot of activity in  
the month of November

\$38,528.00 is expect to be received from DEP

\$26, 094.65 to be paid to the University California of PA

The Foundation website is still not up and running to report the returns on  
the Chapter and Jean Brenchley Endowments

The James Ferrell Conservation Project was completed, the funds were  
paid creating a zero balance in the sub-account

The funds for the May Fly Project have been sent to the Project Headquarters

Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **Heather Sees**

Motion carried

## Action Items

### Women Anglers Budget

In response to the question of how funds in the Jean Brenchley are allowed to be spent the Women Anglers Steering Committee presented the following for consideration by The Board :

The Jean Brenchley Women Anglers Endowment Fund supports the sport of fly fishing for women and helps the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SCCTU) develop a strong female presence by providing yearly monies that the SCCTU Women Angler can use to teach fly fishing skills to women.

As such, the SCCTU Women Anglers Steering Committee will be the guiding committee for use of the funds with the approval of the SCCTU Board for any expenditures of \$200 or greater. The Steering Committee has interpreted distributions from The Endowment in these ways:

1. Costs accrued to teach and support fly fishing to women. (Including but not limited to professional guides, location use fees, stipends for presentations).
2. Meals/snacks when provided as part of Women Angler events.
3. Materials and supplies needed to support events/activities related to supporting women anglers. (Including but not limited to business cards, support materials, publications/announcements, rewards/awards).
4. For other activities related to the development of a strong female presence within the Spring Creek Chapter of the Trout Unlimited community

Language will be approved at the December Steering Committee meeting

## New Business

### Christmas Party, Thursday December 8 – **Ray Faczan**

Arrangements have been made with the State College American Legion

46 People are registered

Arrive at 5:30pm, eat at 6:00pm

Appetizers

2 Pastas

10 Door prizes

Chances to win Lottery Ticket Tree

Cost is estimated at \$700 to \$800

Cash only, credit cards not excepted

1<sup>st</sup> Drink free for all attending then cash bar

### Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker**

Mt View Country Club, March 18th

Information about food, previous sponsors and previous donors has been provided to the board members

Members agree event should be in person for 2023

Prices have increased and include a 18% gratuity

Past years

\$45 per person and \$450 for a table of ten

Live auction

Silent auction

Premium raffle

Bucket raffle

Bid for a Cause

50 X 50 Chance

Netted approximately \$8000 for in person events

Sponsorships

\$250

\$150

\$100

Need members to market sponsors for success

**Jamie San Filippo** suggests raising the price

Encourage people to register

Discourage walk ins

Use event software for registration

Do not send out letters

Money is made from the auctions and raffles

Member comments

It will be good to get people together in person

In person encourages people to get to know each other

The dollar amount charged justifies the effort in  
arranging the event

Reach out to Chapter members for sponsorship and  
donations

The board members are the banquet committee

Suggestions for marketing the event

Email the membership

Facebook

WPSU

Fly shops

The Gazette

CDT

Social media campaign

**Mario Carrello** will remain the Treasurer for the banquet

Questioned raised if there will there be an auctioneer

Bill Brusse was suggested to be the Master of Ceremonies

Limit live auction to 6 to 10 items

The in person banquet will be an opportunity to announce the  
awards of the past years

Free beer will be offered; a keg purchased by SCCTU

\$50 per person was a recommended charge  
The All Year Picnic menu was recommended  
Members were requested to ask businesses they frequent to provide gift cards  
A letter will be developed for potential sponsors and donors about SCCTU activities and achievement and how money is spent  
Trout in the Classroom  
Presenters  
Family Fishing Day  
Consider higher sponsorship levels

#### Old Business

##### Redd Count, November 19<sup>th</sup> – **John Himes**

A successful event

Whole stream was covered

1423 Redds were counted

Down by 500

Still healthy

Due to low water

Adam Smith section

14 Redds counted in first section

Second section will be counted the second week in December

3 Redds had been counted in the first section in August

Necessary information will be provided to the person taking over the Redd Count next year

It was noted that Bob Carline expected the count to be lower this year due to low water

##### January General Meeting – **Jamie San Filippo**

Presentation on State of the Chapter

Vote on new board members

Floor will be open to new nominations

Nominations will be accepted on line

Presentation by Jeff Blood  
Proposed Nominating Committee

Diane Brown  
Larry Ragan

Board members and Recruitment – **Jamie San Filippo**  
**Chris Lipfert** will be considered for Program Chair

## Committee Reports

### Conservation – **Bob Vierck**

A proposal is being written for DEP to plant trees at Bald Eagle Creek  
Have had conversation with Rob Cooper about repairing the  
boardwalk on Slab Cabin Run at Millbrook Marsh

Requires approval by DEP

### Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**

Steering Committee is working on schedule for 2023

Discussing the next Women's Retreat

Location

Maybe Spring 2023

Surveys are being sent out to those attending the September 2022  
retreat and those attending the Sunday afternoon fishing

### Communication – **Bob Vierck**

**Tim Bruggerman** and **Sam Hume** have begun working on the website

### VSP – **Ray Faczan**

On stream fishing begins in April and continuing monthly

Richard Novak is assisting with the Winter classes

Will pick which flies to teach

Larry Ragan is working on the flyer

### Youth Ed – **Jamie San Filippo**

Trout in the Classroom

Eggs are being shipped in January

New equipment is being ordered

There are 8 Trout in the Classroom projects

A request has been received from the Pleasant Gap Boy Scout Troop  
for SCCTU to assist with a fly fishing badge

Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns/Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:43PM Ray Faczan

Second – Ford Stryker

Motion carried