

Initiatives:

Youth - Jim Wellendorf

5Rivers Club - Eight students and their faculty advisor, Dr. Gumper, from the Millersville University 5Rivers Club held a fishing event on Saturday April 22. Dr. Hugh Wenger was their host. Derek Eberly taught the club members the various elements of fly fishing and the proper techniques of fly casting.

The students then fished Dr. Wenger's pond and caught 24 fish. I will meet with Dr. Gumper to discuss the Club's future direction this summer.

PA Rivers and Conservation Camp - I was informed by Clark Hall, CVTU, that our sixth candidate for the Camp has been accepted due to a cancellation from another chapter. The Board voted to sponsor the sixth student for this year's Rivers Camp.

The Board also approved a motion that would require students to agree to work 10 hours on DTU projects in addition to speaking at our December meeting before the Chapter agrees to sponsor them at the Rivers Camp. This requirement would go into effect in 2018.

Veterans - Bill Nolan

Veterans fishing on the Codorus was very successful. Almost everyone caught fish.

May 13 Event at Penn's Creek with Total Outdoors. I have rented a van to take the Veterans.

Received \$75 from Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser.

Contacted by a Vietnam veterans group from Downingtown. I had spoken to them 3-4 months ago. They are sending a donation of \$500 to the VSP. Will give check to Dan when received. Will continue beating the drums of fundraising. YTD dollars raised by VSP \$725/cash. Gift cards, \$500/ Giant Gift cards, \$100 Weis Gift Card, \$100 TCO gift card, \$50/ Stauffers, Donation of 6, 2-day passes to Douglaston Salmon Run on Salmon River @ \$75 apiece per day

I would like to start a stream clean-up for the veterans, or something along those lines.

Nursery: - Garry Longenecker

We have had three plantings that began on April 15th and a work day on the 21st so far this spring. This Tuesday, the 9th, we will conclude the planting on Water Shed Day, with 5th graders from Warwick Township. The Watershed Day students planted 507 trees.

There are 200 trees remaining that need to be potted

This year we had more difficulty getting the volunteers needed to get the planting completed in a timely manner. There was a built-in rain date in this year's schedule, and that made up for the lack of participation- no difference in how I promoted the planting events. Cargill was a big contributor again and after two hours of planting, we stopped because of materials and rain. As always, participants were there for the comradeship and to get the job done.

Garry stated that the shelving that was offered by SKH would not be practical for the nursery's shed.

Membership: -Fran McElhinney

May: 695 men, 37 women, 7male youth, 0 female youth, 18 new = 739 total

Programs: - Joy McMaster

Introduction to fly fishing - June 24, rain or shine. 8am -2pm. At least 10 students have signed up.

June picnic - June 21 at Millport Conservancy, open to the public. Joy had contacted Stan Shenk and he has agreed to provide the food. We will also raffle off a bass rod at the picnic.

August picnic - August 16, open to the public. Greg will check with Drumore Township to see if we can hold the picnic there.

OctoberFest - Derek suggested we schedule Tom Rosenbauer from Orvis to be the speaker. The Board discussed various alternatives for the location of the event.

Website, Mayflyer and IT: - Mark McMaster

Website:

Use is down slightly from last month, but still well above our norms.

Joy received an email from a member who said he'd been asked to provide credit card information in order to view photos on our site. She quickly told him NOT to comply with the request. I've checked the code on the pertinent pages and found nothing unusual. I suspect he was infected elsewhere and the phishing triggered when he tried to view our slideshows. In point of fact it is difficult to dl images from our site, and that is a deliberate decision on my part as it protects our photographers' rights. Until we speak with the individual in question we can't even be certain he is who he claimed to be, and the entire episode may have been a phishing hack.

IOW be careful out there people. More about this in my IT section.

Mayflyer:

Deadline for the June issue will be May 26. Thanks to Jim for reporting that my efforts to not waste your printer ink by setting the ad pages not to print does indeed work. I am hopeful of seeing reports from several of you about our Spring activities. Some are filtering in already, for which I thank you.

IT:

Dan VB has now twice reported receiving emails purportedly coming from president@dtu.org addressed to treasurer@dtu.org. Both requested payments of several thousand dollars. Fortunately, Dan knows this is not how Joy ever communicates about payments and has contacted her personally both times. I checked on the latest one and found it had been spoofed and allegedly sent from former Pres. Ronald Regan's personal server. I strongly suspect that address too had been spoofed. Our GMail server had correctly identified the email as Spam but for some reason Dan's server passed it along anyway. As above, be highly suspect of any emails from us or anyone else requesting money.

Just so everyone knows, I several years ago set up digital signatures for both Joy & myself. We have since been using hers to digitally sign pdf contracts and other documents for the chapter.

Past President - Jim Wellendorf
2017 Water Week - June 4 -10

The only requirement for DTU volunteers this year is two members to teach fly casting at the Lancaster County Conservancy's picnic on Saturday June 10. If a Board member is planning to attend the picnic and is willing to teach fly casting for two hours, please contact me. The original plans for a Lititz area conservation tour have been delayed until next year's Water Week. Jenna asked the Board to make a 15-minute presentation as part of her event at 6 pm on Tuesday June 6. The board agreed that a Board member would show the video, "One Stream At A Time," and talk about the Chapter's mission and activities.

PALTA Conference - May 4

On May 4, Joy, Bob and Greg represented our Chapter at the Climbers Run Preserve as part of the PALTA Conference. Joy presented information about TU, DTU and our involvement in the Preserve's restoration project. Bob and Greg led a tour of the restored areas.

Lawyer

Angelo Fiorentino agreed to do legal work for a Chapter. He agreed with the procedure that I outlined and understands that this will be on a pro bono basis. He sent me an Engagement Letter which outlines the scope of his representation. I forwarded it to Joy, she signed it and returned it to Angelo. Once the Letter is signed by both parties, I will document the procedures we will use to enlist his assistance and give a copy to all Board members.

President - Joy McMaster

Grant Support

Saturday I received an email from Matt Kofroth: "The Lancaster County Conservation District in conjunction with Penn State and others are applying for a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant this coming week. The idea of the proposal is to prioritize watershed efforts in the county but still look at water quality countywide through implemented projects and collaboration of all groups doing watershed work countywide. This effort really comes out of a county wide effort that started this past year and stresses getting local projects in the ground using grants and private dollars to match this effort." The application is going in on Tuesday so I adapted the sample letter to reflect our mission and sent it to Matt on Sunday.

We received several invitations this month.

Travis Zimmerman, student at Fairfield High School and participant in the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's PA Student Leadership Council, invited all of the chapter to their Canoe Classic. This is a competition for high school students from across the state. In lieu of a registration fee, the students are to complete an outreach or advocacy action to promote clean rivers and streams. This event will be held May 27, from 12 - 5 PM at Shank's Mare Outfitter, Wrightsville, Pa. There is no fee and no setup of a display. We would be able to interact with community leaders and organizations that are also involved with clean water initiatives. The Board decided not to set up a booth at this event.

We've been asked to participate in the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance Expo. It is June 7 from 6 - 8 PM. This is part of Water Week. It will be at the Manheim Farm Show, 502 East Adele Ave. in Manheim. Garry is not able to attend for us this year. I do not have a deadline for registration. The board decided not to participate in the event

Shank's Mare is holding their 2017 Art & Outdoor Fest on August 5 from 10 - 4. Set up can start at 8:30 AM. We were the only TU organization that I recognized on the email. Nonprofits do not pay a fee. Registration is open until July 31. We would need to bring everything - canopy, tables, chairs, and usual display materials. Sites are allocated on a first come first serve basis. The Board decided not to participate in this event.

TU Business Offer

I monitor the TU Community Forum. One of the threads concerned businesses that contribute \$1000 of more/year to chapters. Walt Gasson, who oversees this part of TU, offered a complimentary 1-year membership to these businesses (a \$295 value). I submitted Flyway because of all the support they have given us over the years. I referred Walt to Flyway's website and noted that Brad Clubb is a DTU member. Walt made the offer and Brad decided to pay for the membership. Flyway will be

listed in Trout Magazine, can give unlimited memberships to clients and customers, will be listed in TU's various media outlets, and receive TU Business decals for their vehicles.

New Advocacy Position

I also learned from the TU forum that there is a new position listed for Councils and Chapters. It is for Advocacy Chairman. This does not need to be a board position but similar to our Spring Fundraising Chairman.

Vulnerable Populations Policy

The board email vote was 16 in favor of the policy (with future alterations possible) and 2 against as written. I approached Hugh Wenger to oversee the policy. He is willing to do whatever he can. Hugh suggested consulting a lawyer to be sure the specifics of the policy will not cause more problems. Joy will send our policy to Angelo for his review.

Round table:

Joy McMaster - Chapter Meeting Agenda: Joy will announce the times and date for the upcoming picnics and she will remind the members that there is no Membership meeting in July.

Fran McElhinney - Fran will contact the North Muddy Club to see if they would be agreeable to give the Board Members a tour of their restoration work on the evening of Wednesday July 19, 2017.

Garry Longenecker - Garry announced that he intends to redefine his role as Nursey Chairman next year. Garry will do the planning and ordering for the nursery and Kevin Fausey has agreed to coordinate the watering and potting. Garry recommended that the Nursery Chairman report to the Conservation Chairman and not be a member of the Board.

Board Members - The Board members discussed various ideas about how to do a more effective job of reaching members who are interested in volunteering their time and energy. The Board agreed that most of our members joined TU/DTU because of their interests in fly fishing. And while they pay their dues every year, they are not interested in volunteering to help on conservation projects or Chapter activities. All agreed we need to find a more targeted approach to reaching the members who are interested. Jim said he would relay the highlights of the discussion to Barry Witmer and his Committee.

Mark M. - mentioned he learned from the TU Forum that Doc Fritchey mails their newsletter quarterly. This brought up a discussion about the mailing we did earlier this year. It was suggested that we do another mailing the end of July.

In the current Lines to Leaders there is an offer to do a Film Night that is cheaper. SLAM films would cost \$200. There is also information about setting this up, promoting, and running the event. Jenna will review the information and research where and how we might do this. Jenna will report back at the June board meeting.

Adjourn: 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Jim Wellendorf - May 19, 2017