

April 2019 DTU Board Meeting

Note to readers of these minutes: These "minutes" are a compilation of reports submitted prior to the meeting and discussions had during the meeting itself.

Present: Tom Hall, Bill Nolan, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Hugh Wenger

Absent: Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Ned Bushong, Fran McElhinney, Wayne Boggs, Dan VanBuskirk, Bill Henry, Dan Zimmerman, Derek Eberly, Pam Williams

As there was no quorum, voting could not occur at this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joy McMaster

INCOME: \$61,475.26

EXPENSES: 37,483.53

Balance: 157,998.59

uncommitted money

Checking Account \$63,918

319 Grant Account 6,178

PNC Conservation 12,943

other items of note:

I had a meeting with Kris Nice of BB&T. I have put Bill Nolan on the list for signing checks and removed Dan VanBuskirk. We will also be receiving new credit cards. These cards are for a small business/nonprofit and will generate rewards.

As TU's mini year has ended, it is time to do our taxes. I plan to send the necessary information to Denk after April 15. Our taxes must be filed by August 15.

We received our TU new member rebate for 2018. It was \$485.

Amazon-smile now has a dashboard where I can find information about our donations. As of the last deposit in March, we have received a total of \$161.23. There are 38 customers making purchases that generate these donations. In the last 2 weeks, Thurs. & Sat. were the days with more orders.

We received notification that an employee of Cargill would like Donegal TU to be part of their employee giving program. This requires registering with Benevity. This is a donation platform, similar to Give Gab that the Extra Give used. Benevity administers the Cargill program. I am in the process of registering there. The donations would be directly deposited in our regular checking account.

It is past the time when we usually send our donation to PATU. I would like the board to discuss and approve the same donation as last year - \$400. Bob Kutz emailed his approval. This still did not provide a quorum so this item will be brought up next month.

Committees:

Conservation – Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson

Our 2019 Projects are finished or are scheduled to be completed this year. They include

1. Metzler Sisters rework Completed. (This \$15,000 project was funded by a Growing Greener Grant)
2. Drumore Twp. rework Completed. (This \$25,000 project was funded by a Growing greener Grant)
3. Herr Farm Project. 90% complete. Expected finish date July 2019. (This \$170,000 project was funded by a Growing Greener Grant)
4. Byler Farm Project. Not started. App. start date July 2019 (This \$75,000 project is funded by the PA Fish & Boat Commission.)
5. Shirley Madison Farm. Not Started. App. start date of this project is app. July 2019 (This \$75,000 project was funded by a Growing Greener Grant)
6. Albright Farm Bowery Run Project. Not started. App. start date Sept. 2019 (This \$200,000 project was funded by a grant received by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay)
7. This Fall, planting 3,000 trees along 3 unnamed tribs. to Fishing Creek.

FUTURE PROJECTS

There are several projects that the Committee is looking into. They include:

1. A possible Susquehanna Riverlands Grant to aid Drumore Twp. with their parking lot erosion problems which affects water quality on Fishing Creek
2. Culvert replacement and dam removal on North Hammer Creek. Funding by PA Fish & Boat Comm.
3. A possible grant to fund a \$170,000 Camp Andrews project.
4. A possible grant to fund rebuilding Kurtz Run at Oregon Dairy.
5. A possible grant to fund (2) Amish Farms that need both stream improvements as well as contour efforts to eliminate stream problems.
6. A possible grant to replace a defective culvert in Stehman Run - a local Brook Trout stream.
7. A possible grant to replace a defective culvert on Pennsy Rd. Climbers Run, a Brook Trout Stream.
8. Final completion of the Campbell Grant recently received by DTU. This \$25,000 grant will be used for landowner outreach within the Fishing Creek Watershed as well as providing an educational component that will provide (4) Trout in the Classroom Programs in the Solanco and Penn Manor School Districts.

Communications – Mark McMaster

Not a lot to report on any front. In retrospect March, the Fundraiser & the April Mayflyer took the wind out of my sails.

Website:

Use continues heavy, with interest in the plantings & Spring activities drawing people in.

Downloads of the April Mayflyer are light, but then many members don't yet know it's available.

Mayflyer:

Next issue will be June, with picnics & our Summer hiatus the big highlights. One last time to promote our remaining Spring & early Summer activities. Deadline for this issue should be @ Tuesday, May 28.

MailChimp:

Have updated the mailing list, which now stands @ 690 subscribers. Working on the April Teaser & will determine whether the CalofEvents should be included with the Teaser or separate, following the board meeting.

One Stream:

Have a request from Matt Jerchau of Warwick SD. They have been using our One Stream video as an educational guide but are concerned their VHS copy and/or player may soon die. He has asked about a digital copy. Told him I can supply an MP4 version via DropBox or GoogleDrive. He wants to know if there's a cost involved. So far as I know, we have no policy in place, so am asking for direction. *It was agreed that we would provide the CD version at no cost.*

Education – Ned Bushong

I will not make the meeting tonight. The TIC classrooms that had fish make it through to Spring are planning to release the end of April to mid-May many in conjunction with their water day at Millport. [too bad for their trout]. I will get numbers and where they are released.

Tom reported that Armstrong Industries provides educational grants for inner city schools. Jim Wellendorf and Barry Witmer are applying for 4 TIC set-ups for the Lancaster City School District.

Fundraising – Tom provided a review of the Fundraiser wrap-up meeting. At this time there is no chairperson for the 2020 event.

This year's Fundraiser was a success. As of now, the numbers are: inflow of \$51,835.90, outflow of 22,982.92, with a net of 28,852.98. There are a few small bills to be paid. Tom just received payment for a rod won in the Silent Auction that was taken in error by another guest. We will also be receiving a sponsorship payment from the Lancaster County Career & Technology Foundation after their next board meeting. The most profitable Vocal Auction items were the Montana Trip – \$1,800, Tuna Trip and Wilson Dinner at \$1,400 each, Vermont Ski Trip at \$1,200, and the Fly on the Run Team at \$1,100. Buckets brought in \$ 1,970 while the ever popular Ping Pong game netted \$305. We comped certain sponsor's dinners for the first time. Those 40 diners would have paid \$2,600 for registration. Instead, they spent \$6,689 at the event.

Initiatives

Veterans – Bill Nolan

VSP Kickoff was great, signed up approx. 10 new vets. A couple brought their kids. We have approx. 10 coming this Saturday to help with stream clean up at Millport.

Bill talked about the Kick the Plastic Campaign. This a program partnered by Costa Sunglasses and several reusable bottle companies. Bill will acquire more information and the cost of purchasing products with our logo on them. The thermos Bill had at the meeting was very attractive and could be sold or raffled at our chapter meetings.

Women – Pam Williams

I have 18 confirmed participants for the outing on April27th. I will be in touch with the volunteers in the next two weeks to work out the logistics. Hugh...I think we should plan for at least 25 cars.

Membership – Fran McElhinny

Men	Women	Young Men	Young Women	New	In	Out	Total
699	60	8	1	7	0	1	738

Programs – Derek Eberly

Hugh Wenger is taking the lead of the Programs team. We reviewed scheduled presentations and future needs. We would like to schedule the Four Seasons Golf Club for Octoberfest. Joy will provide Hugh with the contact information. Various options for speakers and programs were discussed. Already scheduled are Rob Shane, TU, for April. Amidea Daniel will speak in May. We will need to decide on locations for our picnics in June and August. In September, Joe Demaldaris will be talking about the Delaware. There is some confusion as to who is scheduled for November. Hugh will check on this.

President – Tom Hall

Water Week – Details for our event on June 8 at Millport are well in hand.

Hans Herr TIC will be releasing their fish on May 10 at Millport. We will be there to talk about the Nursery and to assist with a stream study.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Joy McMaster for Bill Henry.