

# Minutes August 2018

*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:** Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Dan Van Buskirk, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

**Absent:** Tom Hall, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Faye Haering, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Jenna Mitchell, Bill Nolan

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Bill Henry *Approved as published*

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Dan Van Buskirk *Approved as modified during meeting*

INCOME: 5,065.00

EXPENSES: 90,721.52

Balance: 86,004.22

## **Other items of note:**

We were able to register into the PayPal Giving Fund and received a check of \$237.35 towards DTU Veteran's Initiative.

Wayne Boggs was able to reconcile DTU's General Checking Account as of July 11, and all accounts are now balanced.

Joy and Mark McMaster were able to reactivate DTU's ASAP account.

Donegal Fish and Conservation Association is currently applying to be become a 501(c)(3) listed organization.

## **Joy:**

### **ASAP**

With the help of Dan, Mark, and the Fish & Wildlife Service, I was able to submit the required papers to reactivate our account. Tom is now listed as Head of the Organization (HOO). He should be receiving his user name and temporary password. I had my access to the account reactivated with the help of a very patient man at the asap help desk. The important thing is that we access our account once every 45 days to remain active. I have my calendar marked to do that every 30 days. Question for Bob and Greg - will we need to keep this account active after doing the Menno Stoltzsfus bridge project?

*Joy pointed out a few minor inconsistencies in Dan's report info. That info was corrected immediately by Dan.*

Uncommitted balances:	Checking	45,959
	319	6,178
	PNC	7,943

**CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson**

**Joy:**

**Conservation Invoices**

The Woy/Lloyd project (#1718 grant of \$254,282) has outstanding invoices totaling \$219,302.45. Art Thorn just submitted for a \$115,542.51 payment. Of this \$1,465.62 is for DTU administration costs. The latest Flyway invoice for work on the Woy property came to us after Art submitted his request.

From the remaining money in the #1514 grant (@\$6,595), Art submitted bills for maintenance on the Lapp and Herb Weaver sites - \$2,755. Land Studies will be doing a summer maintenance on the Weaver property for \$1,755. This will leave @\$2,085 for maintenance on other Conowingo sites this fall.

**Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce**

Chris Bainbridge, at the Double Tree, suggested to Barry that we might like to join the Southern Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce. Membership is \$50/year for non-profit organizations. She suggested it would be a good way to share information about our organization & recruit new members. Chris also said there are other “sportsman” organizations as members. I checked out the website and could only find churches and libraries that seemed to be non-profits. I contacted Peter Rush, Chamber President. The only sporting non-profit is Southern Lancaster County Farmer Sportsman’s Association. The other non-profits are churches and Medical Clinics. I consulted Russ Collins and John Leonard to see if other chapters are members of their local Chambers. They did not answer that question. John said I should bring this to the board. Russ felt it wasn’t a good fit for DTU.

*It was proposed we check with them at their fall event to see what benefits they get from membership.*

**Bob K.:**

Not much to report this month as Greg & I will be in Montana. The good news is that Flyway is doing very well on the Kelly Woy Project. When finished, Flyway will move their equipment back to the Lloyd property to finish the project near the dam.

The dam was not finished in June due to rain conditions.

The Menno Stoltsfus bridge will be started by mid-September.

DTU is waiting to hear from US Fish & Wildlife on a cost to do the Burnheart property along Climbers Run.

Adam is putting the finishing touches on the Addison site on Big Beaver Creek.

All other 2019 projects are funded.

Mark finished sign designs for Camp Andrews and Kelly Woy projects. Bob K will have these made and installed.

During the tour of projects during the month both Becky Whitson and Lydia Martin expressed interest in being involved with the conservation efforts. Subsequent conversation with them and Barry Witmer has initiated an effort to help increase general interest in helping with our conservation efforts. This initiative is now underway.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Teaser and Calendar will be published ASAP

#### **MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY**

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
722	36	11	1	2	0	772

#### **EDUCATION: Ned Bushong**

The Cocalico teacher for TIC has bowed out temporarily to have a baby. She will get back in, probably next year. Meanwhile he has a new leader for one of the LS schools.

#### **PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly**

Picnic Wed Aug 15 @ Climbers Preserve @ 5:00 PM

**Programs** for the remainder of the year remain as listed in last month's minutes

Still need to set a menu and pricing for the Oktoberfest at Four Seasons.

#### **Joy:**

#### **Intermediate Casting Clinic**

Kiki Galvin is checking her schedule to see if we can reschedule the Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic in the Fall. I blocked out Sept. 8, 22, and Oct. 20 because we have commitments on those dates.

#### **ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET:**

As announced by email after the last Board Meeting, Glen Nephin and Barry Witmer have agreed to co-chair the 2019 DTU Spring Banquet on March 16. Their commitment is for one year only. Any ideas or recommendations that Directors would like to offer can be addressed to either co-chair, and we welcome your comments or suggestions. We are especially focused on increasing corporate sponsorships and welcome any leads DTU Directors can supply.

## **FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer**

The search for funding continues for funding for both stream restoration projects as well as public information/education outreach. There are currently five new grant opportunities identified in the past three weeks. Those that fit with our mission and Conservation Committee initiatives will be pursued.

## **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster**

### **Mayflyer:**

The August issue was posted on August 1 as per my personal deadline. However, that 'first edition' was lacking the sponsor's ads, which were very time consuming to format. I posted an updated version yesterday afternoon. Only a handful of dl's to date, so no harm done.

### **Website:**

Use slipped somewhat likely due to the rain & heat, but still generating lots of traffic.

As several of you have reported, someone continues to use the president@dtu email address in phishing attempts. Accordingly, I have tightened the screws down to maximum on our email accounts. If anyone finds an issue with this, please report ASAP. Also, note that Joy NEVER sends email via the President's account, nor did Jim, nor I expect will Tom. This is an incoming address only as far as our needs, so anything you see from the president@dtu account is guaranteed to be spoofed.

I have also 'spoken' w/ tech support at GMail (which actually serves all of our @dtu email) and have learned how to reset the forwarders when the new Officers take over in October. Tech support recognized the issue immediately and was extremely helpful

## **ROUND TABLE:**

### **Nominations for Board members and officers.**

The committee has the following slate set.

President	Tom Hall
Vice President	
Secretary	Bill Henry
Treasurer	Joy McMaster

The vice president has not been set yet but is being worked on. If anyone reading this has a nomination, please contact a Board Member.

Greg Wilson is up for reelection to the board

New Board member proposals are Hugh Wenger and Dan Zimmerman and Dan Van Buskirk

**Joy**

**1. Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association**

I received an email from Richard Lewis, who is now a VP at PFBC. A go-fund-me page has been set up for YBACA. The recent heavy rains flooded their trout nursery with 78-degree water causing a massive fish kill. The donation site is: [gf.me/u/j52bfr](https://gf.me/u/j52bfr)

**2. PATU annual meeting** is Sept.8 in Bellefonte. Registration is \$35 and due by August 27. All members can attend the meeting.

**ADJOURN: 8:30**

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry