

Minutes Aug 14, 2019 mtg

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

Present: Tom Hall, Fran McElhinney, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Dan VanBuskirk, Bill Henry, Hugh Wenger, Dan Zimmerman, Rick Purnell

Absent: Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Ned Bushong, Bill Nolan, Pam Williams

Minutes by the Secretary: Bill Henry July minutes approved as published

TREASURERS REPORT: Joy McMaster Report approved as submitted

INCOME:	426.50
EXPENSES:	7,258.70
BALANCE:	137,866.15

Uncommitted money by accounts: checking = \$54,708, 319 = 6,178, PNC Conservation = 3,093, PNC DCNR = 100

Items of additional interest:

I sent our 990 tax form to the IRS in Ogden, Utah. The taxes could not be filed electronically because they only covered six months. Per TU's instructions, I needed to supply a cover letter explaining this filing. I also sent a copy of the 990 to TU with the Denk invoice. TU will reimburse us up to \$1,900 for this extra filing.

Our Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organization certificate is now good till 2/15/2021.

ASAP - I still have access to ASAP. I needed to update my password. Tom and Dan VB. no longer have access. I was able to add Tom as an "inquirer".

e-tides for 1/1/2019 to 6/30/2019 will be done soon.

Amazon Smile - We received \$17.82 this quarter. That brings our total so far this year to \$62.00.

Riverland grant not yet received, reportedly receipt is imminent.

Bob Herr donation has not yet been finalized and received. It is also imminent.

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/ Greg Wilson

By Greg

After all the spring lockout dates projects are getting installed. Flyway/Rettew completed the Dave Phillips project on the Conowingo. Bob recommended they enroll in the CREP program for tree plantings. USFW has returned and completed the project on Shirley Madison, on Beaver Creek, they then moved to complete Bob Herr's and will then move to Benuel Beiler, which is almost a mile of stream. Upon completing this they plan to move to Bowery Run, a trib to the Octoraro. That project is being implemented through the Jenna Mitchell/ Alliance for the Bay. The project is almost a mile that will include stream work, fencing, cattle crossings, and riparian buffer plantings. This will be a great help to the Octoraro watershed.

We have scheduled 2 tree planting dates, they will be Oct 5th at the Bob Herr project and Oct 12th will be the big one on Ben Beiler. Our PSU nursery partners will try to help recruit volunteers for the Oct 12th planting. If possible we intend to plant about 1000 trees and shrubs. We really can use more TU volunteers to come out. So spread the word and mark your calendars. We also have buffers to plant on other farms that will receive fencing through the AG BMP grant for Fishing Creek. We have not received the fencing schedule.

We really appreciate all the help we received with grant submissions. Barry Witmer submitted an application to the Lancaster Clean Water partners for Climbers Run, Jenna Mitchell submitted an application for the Simien Esh project on Conowingo 319 grant, Rettew submitted a planning grant for the Daniel Miller farm on the Conowingo 319 grant, Dave Putnam /USFW submitted a grant for 2 Amish farms included in the Fishing Creek ag grant, (the streams need more than just fencing) they are Yoder and Glick, this is our first 319 application for Fishing Creek that has recently been added to the Alternate TMDL list. So now we wait impatiently. Hopefully, we will be funded on all of the applications, so much work to do, so little time.

Lydia Martin has done a great job of preparing the first landowner packet as part of the Campbell grant, it will be unveiled in the near future. Her idea is to provide landowners with a complete description of their projects. Hopefully, this will encourage more landowner appreciation and help educate them on how they can help manage the project going forward. In most cases we sign them up, install the project and move on, this is an area we need to give more attention to. In the long term, we hope it creates more landowner appreciation for the resource. We will start planning a Fishing Creek watershed forum for January. We hope to engage and educate farmers and residents about the wonderful resource Fishing Creek is and how to help it. Lydia Martin and Becky Whitson are working on securing schools near Fishing Creek to add to the TIC program.

The Hammer Creek project is moving along. SRBC installed a stream monitor on July 18th, near the Lancaster/Lebanon county line. This will begin generating baseline data, especially the turbidity. Shaun Mcadams will start his stream assessment work

at the end of August, his assessment will help in the long term restoration design. Team ag has submitted a planning grant for the Barry farm, a large landowner and a key part of the restoration. The area was hit with a major storm event at the end of June, it was about 4.5 inches of rain in a short time. This storm damaged the culvert we intend to work on at Pumping station. Also, the heavy sediment/cobble was piled up even on the roadways, is another sign of the much-needed ag improvements, hopefully, we can encourage some change to the row cropping techniques. DEP is also working on a plan to add Hammer Creek to the Alternative TMDL list. This will help prioritize the watershed for funding.

We have more stream projects to have USFW look at for designs and budgeting including Lititz Run and Conowingo. So we are not running out of work yet.

The nursery is full of future forests, with the help of our PSU partners there are nearly 3000 plants for use and distribution. We will have a planning meeting on Aug 23rd to help plan for the future. Sarah Xenophon PSU suggested making a presentation at the Alliance for Bays Sportmans Forum in Sept. Garry and Barry are working on this with Sarah. We have been growing out seedlings for over 20 years, we might as well spread the word. The Alliances Sportsman Forum is Sept 20th from 8 am till 3 pm and Saturday, Sept 21st 9 am till noon at the Middle Creek visitors center. Registration is required, go to allianceforthebay to register. The event is to encourage all sportsmen, not just fishermen to engage in habitat restoration, as it is all one big interconnected food web.

Our committee will meet on Sept 4th so I am sure I will have more updates and things I forgot.

COMMUNICATIONS:

By Mark

Just about to prep the August mailing. Anyone wanting something promoted should make me aware of it. Anticipate the email blast on Friday or Saturday.

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong

The TIC equipment is in. I will be picking it up and delivering it to the new participants.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET: Ruth Rolston

This year's event is set for April 4, 2020, at the Doubletree in Willow Street.

We are still in need of a co-chair for this year's event. Anyone wishing to help Ruth should contact Tom Hall or any other board member.

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer

by Joy

Extra Give - I signed up for this year and used our new logo. Nov.22, 2019 is the big day. I have the ability to add another administrator. There will soon be more information available about any changes for this year.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

Just a reminder that our next event is the Veterans on the Water event at Shanks Mare in Wrightsville with Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Heroes on the Water amongst others. There is still one volunteer spot open. Go

to https://secure.cbf.org/site/Ticketing;jsessionid=00000000.app340a?view=Tickets&id=102202&NONCE_TOKEN=6097A3C781EBEABD9D87C30A4A9D97A9 to sign up. I have myself, Monte and Ed signed up. Somebody else signed up but hasn't notified me. Could you let me know who you signed up for?

This event is open to veterans, active duty, first responders, and family members, so come down and hang out for the day.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McElhinney

MALE	FEMALE	YOUTH—M---F		NEW	DROP	TOTAL
695	43	7	3	5	1	748

It was decided that Fran will send postcards to members whose membership has lapsed. Fran will get with Mark to order TU cards.

PROGRAMS: Hugh Wenger

Very little to report from the program other than what was already mentioned. Current status; fly tying is open in December. Have some inquiries out and waiting for answers. January is now open but waiting to hear from Tim Flagler for that. Our own Becky Whitson is scheduled for February.

Oktoberfest is set at FourSeasons in Landisville on Oct 16 Cost will be \$35.00

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website:

Use has slipped a little more, as usual. I expect a small increase in costs for next year as our provider deals with an increase in fees charged to them.

Mayflyer:

DI's are up very slightly.

After some confusion we got the programs for the rest of the year sorted out. Thanks to Derek & Hugh.

The deadline for the October issue looks like Wednesday, Sept 25 .

PRESIDENT: Tom Hall

Tom noted that we need a new nominating committee

The new committee will be Mark McMaster, Hugh Wenger, and Dan VanBuskirk

The annual PATU meeting will be held on Sept 14. PATrout has requested everyone to provide a large turnout. The cost is \$35. See Tom Hall if you would like to attend.

ROUND TABLE:

A long discussion regarding recruiting members to become active in helping to run DTU. The general consensus is we need to actively recruit people who will actually help do all the work required to keep DTU running. More discussions are required.

Tom: A review meeting on Water Week resulted in the decision to do the DTU portion on a weekday rather than the last day on the weekend. Possibly partnering with Landis Homes.

DanV reported the Harvest Grill project has fallen backwards. The local manager left the operation and the new manager has not yet been brought on board with this project.

ADJOURN:@8:45

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry