

## Minutes December 12, 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:** Tom Hall, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Fran McElhinney, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Henry, Pam Williams, Hugh Wenger, Dan Zimmerman

**Absent:** Ned Bushong, Bill Nolan,

**Guests:** Logan Myers

Logan presented information from the Water Week committee meeting. They are proposing some changes from last year’s event. Only have two stations or settings. First at Millport to be similar to last year with some instruction on casting and then possibly move to the pond to fish. The emphasis would be on youth. Second would be moving to Rock Lititz for the finalé of the entire week of activities. These suggestions will be taken under advisement by the board.

**SECRETARYS REPORT:** Bill Henry Approved as submitted by Joy in Bill’s absence.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Joy McMaster Approved as submitted by Joy

INCOME: \$430.00

EXPENSES: 6584.35

Balance: 102898.22

### **Other items of note:**

I have sent our information to the CPA for filing our taxes. Darlene Myers claims our review is going well.

Successfully requested payment from ASAP for Menno Stoltzfus Bridge Project.

**SAM** renewal is to be done by January 25, 2019.

**Extra Give** - We received \$5,275 in donations. Thirty-three of our 54 donors covered our technical fees. We received donations from Cargill, BCF Group, Gallagher & Sons Construction, and Foxy Hound Grooming Salon. I was told to expect a comprehensive financial report between January 10 and 20. The funds should also be deposited in our general checking account at that time. GiveGab provided the technical platform used by Extra Give. Our profile will remain on their site and can be seen by potential donors. Any funds donated now will come directly to our bank account and not go through the Foundation. Donations are automatically receipted from DTU with a generic tax receipt.

**PayPal** - Received an email that we would be receiving a deposit of \$333.34 for VSP.

**Donation** - I received a request from Bravo Group for our W9. One of their clients would like to send us a donation.

**Farm & Home Center** - Because of the mix up in the dates for our Nov. meeting, the Farm & Home Center is using the payment I made to cover our Dec. meeting.

**Bonding Insurance for Officers** - I've kept the insurance with State Farm but have secured a change of agent to the office of Randy Harbold, 950 Rohrerstown Rd. (just south of Rt. 30 exit).

**Fish Food Bills** - I received an invoice from Marlan Nolt on 10/23 - \$204.15 for 5 bags. Then on 11/26 Greg sent an invoice for 4 bags = \$163.32. How many bags of food do we really need?

## **CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson**

By Greg

The most recent project was the installation of the bridge at the Menno Stoltzfus farm. This was our first of hopefully many culvert replacements. This is an area often overlooked, but a huge problem in Lancaster county.

We visited several potential projects with USF&W, a few in the Octoraro watershed, these will be Alliance for the Bay projects. It's great to see this work taking place, and also an upstream opportunity at Camp Andrews, this will be another good project for Fishing Creek watershed, including some wetland enhancements.

We were glad to hear of a change of plans, and USF&W will begin this week in staging the project at Herr and Beiler. This will be a huge project, actual stream work will begin the first week of January. Most likely will not be completed by the next lock out date for the stocking of fish in March. When all of the stream work is completed and fencing is installed, it will also exclude the livestock from the trib thru the Beiler farm, which is a long stretch. We will be planting this stream in the Spring.

On Dec 17th we will have an initial meeting to formulate the plan for Upper Hammer Creek. We will use the Prime Prospects mapping in addition to the mapping by Chesapeake Conservancy to help target the potential planting and restoration areas. This will be a joint project with DTU and Doc Fritchey chapter, along with support from the Alliance for the Bay, LCD, & Lebanon Conservation District.

The dam removal plan is on the slow burner but should have some action in 2019. The repair projects on the Metzler Project as well as at Drumore Park are scheduled for January as well.

We were not able to get all of planting projects completed this Fall. We still have some stock in the nursery and also some of the windfall trees donated to us by CBF.

A nice windfall to DTU, I was contacted by Transource Energy inquiring if we had any trees for sale. I checked with Garry and our requests were low, so I asked if they would donate \$1500 for 600 trees and shrubs, I also arranged to have tree shelters and stakes drop shipped to the planting location in York County. They ended up donating 600 shelters to us, since they didn't install them and in addition made a \$2000 donation for the trees and help. So this was essentially a \$4500 net value.

Our Conservation committee met last week. We have a lot of irons in the fire, and are thankful for all of the support.

The committee is looking at doing another "Bus Tour" of some of the projects. To promote awareness to movers and shakers around the county. The plan is to go ahead with this. Planning should start ASAP.

Bob K. submitted the following project cost information.

## **2019 projects**

1. Metzler Project Storm Damage Start date 2-1-19 \$15,000 funded by DEP
2. Drumore Twp. Park Start date 2-1-19 \$25,000 funded by DEP
3. Madison Project Start date 7-15-19 \$75,000 funded by DEP
4. Menno Stoltzfus Completed 12-15-18 \$50,000 GOES Grant
5. Herr Project Start Date 1-2-19 \$190,000 funded by DEP
6. Byler Tributary Project Start Date 1-2-19 \$75,000 Funded by DEP.
6. Bowery Run Start Date 6-15-19 \$200,000 NFWS Grant
7. Phillips Start Date 6-15-19 \$58,000 319 grant pending
8. Fishing Creek Tree Planting Start Date Fall 2019 \$50,000 Funded by DCNR

## **Future Projects**

- 1 Camp Andrews-upstream App. Cost \$130,000 No Funding
2. Hammer Creek - Phase 1 Dam Removal App. Cost \$30,000 Funded by Pa. Fish & Boat
3. Hammer Creek - Phase 2 Stream imp. Projects App. # \$80,000 No Funding
4. Climbers Run- Barnhart Prop. App. \$30,000 No funding
5. Culvert replacement- Steinman Run App. \$50,000 No Funding
6. Upper Hammer Buffer Planting App. 15,000 Alliance for the Bay
7. Kurtz Run (Oregon Dairy) App. \$150,000 No Funding
8. Esh Project (Conowingo Creek) App. \$400,000 No Funding

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

By Mark

Believe I have at last figured out a way to fulfill our promise to sponsors at the Fundraiser and include an ad for them on Facebook. (Check under Groups) Began with the \$1000 donors, but will expand to include the other sponsors.

MailChimp list is up to date and the "teaser" for December was sent early to include a "Save the Date" request from Glen for the Fundraiser. No other additions to the CalofEvents, so no further

mailings until January.

**MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY**

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
686	28	13	2	4	0	729

**WOMENS INITIATIVE: Pam Williams**

I have attached a flier advertising the women's initiative outing that I would like to distribute to local libraries, gyms and community centers. Any suggestions re the flier or where to advertise are welcome. I briefly spoke with Hugh Wenger at the veterans fly tying event last week regarding holding the event at his pond in early April and he said that we could work something out. I will work with Hugh to find a date.

*Everyone was impressed with Pam's work so far on this idea. Pam will work up a formal event proposal for further discussion at the next meeting.*

*Derek noted that he has been discussing the Girl Scout program "Stream Girls" and suggests that we support it and get involved. It was met with approval by the board.*

**VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan**

Everything is status quo for VSP, busy tying flies.

I would like to rent a cabin on Pine Creek for next year through Airbnb for a weekend retreat for the vets using VSP funds. It will be over \$300, so I would like the board to consider this use of funds for this purpose.

**PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly**

Programs are set through March of next year.

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : Barry Witmer/Glen Nephin**

First meeting was held recently. Event is March 16, 2019. It was noted that it is already late to get a date for 2020. Some discussion was had regarding moving the event to Rock Litz. This will be further discussed by the committee.

**WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster**

**Mayflyer**

December issue posted to the website on December 1.

Next issue will be February, tentative deadline is Monday, January 28. Will need some input on the Fundraiser for this one. I can't keep vamping forever. Time to begin promoting other Springtime activities as well.

## Website

Site is up to date, but still needs work on the slideshows. Spent more hours than I care to count verifying our email accounts. Had to purchase a certificate for this, which will be an annual expense of \$60. All email sent via the donegaltu.org accounts will henceforth pass authenticating. At present this is most important to Barry, who is the only one using his address/account to send mail, but it will assure correspondents receiving mail from us that it is not spam. Still have one more safeguard to implement.

**PRESIDENT: Tom Hall** Tom mentioned that Logan has asked about some help in doing some cleanup throughout the Conservancy. It was noted that further info and discussion is need on this item.

## ROUND TABLE:

**Joy** I recommend the TU training on Jan. 15 - Leaders Only Tools Section Training. I've found these programs to be helpful and they usually run no more than an hour.

**Wayne Boggs** Noted that the cost of electric at the fly fishing show is very high and we really do not see much of a return. It was decided not to have electric this year.

## ADJOURN: 8:25

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry