

DTU BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Joy McMaster

PRESENT: Joy McMaster, Mark McMaster, Tom Hall, Greg Wilson, Bob Kutz, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Wayne Boggs, Fran McElhinny,

ABSENT: Jim Wellendorf, Bill Henry, Jenna Mitchell, Derek Eberly

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes approved as published

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved as presented by Treasurer

- E-tides for second half of 2017 submitted.
- FY 2017 tax forms completed and submitted.
- Annual Post Office Box rental paid.
- Pledge to Lancaster County Conservancy for Water Week sent.

Conservation

We attended the newly formed Clean Water Partners meeting, and will be taking Allyson Gibson on a tour of DTU projects.

We will be giving a tour this Friday to Shaun MacAdams, a National TU habitat coordinator. We will look at the Hammer Creek dam removal, then tour south to look at past and proposed projects. We will look at the road culvert on Steinman Run. It is an undersized pipe we hope to replace in conjunction with Martic Township and LCC. We will also take him to Camp Andrews project.

We signed up for a CBF program that will provide us with 400 seedlings, tree shelters and stakes for the Camp Andrews project. I need to attend a one-day training near State College. We will also be engaging students from Stevens to help plant these trees.

We plan to partner with the Alliance for the Bay and cut live stakes, and also plant on some of our projects.

After further review with Adam and Laverne at Camp Andrews, we committed 15k in additional work. This extra work extended the project and also removed a very high embankment of legacy sediment behind the old dam

We ordered a native riparian seed mix to expand the diversity in the understory. Most times these projects are planted with a quick cover crop that often dies back. By enhancing this with a more natural mix it will be more beneficial long term.

Lititz Run stream cleanup will be March 17th at 8 am. DTU will again be in charge of the Banta Wetland farm section.

There are several really great plans in the works to improve the storm water quality in Lititz Run. Landstudies is doing extensive ongoing monitoring, pinpointing specific issues that will be the focus of more regional water quality improvement projects. These tie into the New MS4, which will be good for the trout downstream.

Communication

Website

Little to report. Use is beginning to rise with the season.

Mayflyer

February issue was posted on the 1st. Seeing modest dl's to date. Next issue will be April w/ a deadline appx Monday, March 26. Hopefully by then we'll begin to have reports on cleanups & plantings. My thanks to those of you who contributed to the Feb issue. As you've seen I've given the Mayflyer a facelift, suggestions for change are welcome, I have a few minor adjustments yet to make.

IT

Wayne has suggested paying for Office 365 on an annual basis. Dan VB & I are having trouble keeping tabs on who has paid and who is behind on their payments. Switching to once a year would make that easier for us as well as possibly you. If you'd like to switch, give Dan a check for \$25.44 for all of 2018. I'll continue to be billed monthly & will submit those bills to Dan quarterly.

Communications

Have updated the MailChimp mailing list (we're now at 662). Working on the February Teaser & CalofEvents. Hope to mail both by Friday. Have yet to set up my Facebook account so I can help admin there.

Fundraising

As reported in January, during calendar year 2018, this committee will continue to assist with fund raising/revenue production when requested, including for the Spring Fundraiser. Committee activities will continue to build on our strategic partnerships while seeking new ones as well as supporting community education/outreach requests.

New shirts and hats are ready for pickup in time for the next membership meeting.

Activities in support of those goals are as follows:

Assist with fund raising/revenue - Continue to work with Bill Nolan to find grant opportunities for the Veterans' Initiative. Search continues supplemented by an interested member of VSP.

Assist with fund raising/revenue production when requested. Participate in Patric Nephin's February 15 Fundraiser meeting. The January meeting was productive. Patric's goal is +\$25,000 net.

Find and build strategic partnerships for DTU - Breakfast with Matt Adams of Boy Scouts will be the last week of February.

Find and build strategic partnerships for DTU - Meet with Lydia Martin of Conservancy is postponed until April.

Find and build strategic partnerships for DTU - Meet with Sweetwater Brewing. Pledged support of product and volunteers. Will look seriously at cash donations.

Community Education/Outreach - Present to Manheim Parks and Rec January 21 - Becky Whitson, Greg Wilson and I prepared for the talk, however only 2 participants showed up.

Initiatives

Veterans:

1. A subtle request was made by Dave Kumlien, VSP National Coordinator that we change our name to Veterans Service Partnership. Not a big deal, we will make that change going forward
2. I checked with Dave as well, to see if we, as a non-profit, could start a gofundme page. Beverly Smith said that individual chapters are allowed to do this. We would like to do a gofundme page to sponsor veterans for drift boat trips
3. On Saturday, 2/10/18, myself and 3 other VSP members completed CPR/First aid class at Neffsville Fire Company at a total cost of \$180, to come out of the VSP budget.
4. While at the training, I spoke with Allyson Plaster, she is a second grade teacher at Carter and Macrae elementary. She told me they tried the trout in the classroom last year but were not successful. She would like to try it again, but would need some support. Her phone number is 914-316-7996.

Membership

703 men, 34 women, 10 young men, 1 young lady, 14 new, 3 transfer in and 1 transfer out,
total = 748

President

Rivers Camp Applications

We received essays from Ben Rathman and Andrew Gusavage. Bob and Bill H. sent emails of approval for both. Bill N. and Greg sent approval for Ben.

Water Week Event

The last organizational meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Logan Myers is to send a tentative schedule of activities for comments. The event is June 2 from 2 - 5 PM. DTU will be helping at Millport. Based on emails received, also helping are Land Studies at Rock Campus, Rock Lititz, Fetish, and Matt Kofroth of LCD.

Intermediate Fly Fishing Event

I heard from Kiki Galvin. June 23 is good for her. She is happy to have Derek help. We are to nail down what we would like her to cover. She will figure out the cost but feels it should be @ \$400. To review she offered to cover aerial mends, tuck casts and puddle casts, Czech nymphing, Tenkara, or Spey casting. What now and who handles the details?

PATU E. Regional Training

Mark, Bill Nolan, and I attended this day of training. Here are my takeaways by topic.

Social Media - HipChime Mobile Apps created an app for the Valley Forge Chapter. This is to improve member engagement & communication. Every app is custom made. Set up is \$499. Future additions to the app are done at no cost. Monthly maintenance fee is \$99. It was suggested that the monthly fee be covered by a chapter sponsor. A chapter administrator can make changes. Analytics are present to monitor usage. The VFC app is 13 megabytes. If you refer a chapter and they sign up, you get one free month of maintenance. Mark and Bill can explain the rest of the presentation better than I.

Improving Diversity - Instagram is used more by younger people. There will be a Women's Conclave in State College April 20 & 21. Fish & Boat is covering the cost. A partnership of TU, PATU, Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pa, and PA F&B is launching a pilot program of STREAM Girls (science, technology, recreation, engineering, arts, math). This is for girls 11 - 14. The event will take place July 27 - 29 in Lamar, Pa. Instructor training is required and will be done via webinar in April and physically in Bellefonte, Pa.

May 5 & 6. Amidea Daniel can help coordinate the Fish & Boat Fishing Skills classes over regions (several counties/chapters coming together at a central spot).

Funding - **A volunteer hour is now worth \$25.** TU has sample grant applications. PATU leaders section has grant writing information. Money has come from Trout and Salmon foundations. Northface has an Explorer Fund which would apply to conservation work.

Stroud - With a Growing Greener grant, Stroud has set up the Consortium Science Assistance of Watersheds. Stroud will teach chapters how to monitor streams and help develop plans for stream monitoring at no cost to the chapters. Stroud can model streams and do predictions of changes to the stream under different conditions (floods, development, storm water). Information at c-saw.info/apply. He also mentioned DIY stream sensor stations but I didn't get the details. Stroud has reduced the cost for the basic model but extra sensors can be very expensive.

Planning a Stream Project - On site, discuss safety and demonstrate how to do the work. Assign jobs by age and how each person is able to participate. Work in teams with 1 leader/team. Event should be 4 - 5 hrs. and include a free lunch. Post event, thank participants then and email a follow-up thank you. Post pictures on line.

Youth Initiatives - Chain of communication goes from the PATU Committee Chairs (Amidea Daniel & Judi Sittler) to the Regional VPs (Russ Collins) to Chapter Youth Education Coordinators. Cost of summer camps - Keystone is \$375 or \$325 if sponsored by a chapter, Rivers Camp \$550, Brookie Camp at Wildlife Leadership Academy \$500, TU Teen Summit \$300. Graduates of the Teen Summit can go on to be a part of TU's National Youth Leadership Council. For the 5 Rivers College program, PATU has a team that will travel to colleges and present a program. There will be a Pa. Collegiate Fly Fishing Championship at Spring Creek later this year. Fish & Boat is paying for the first one and will gradually decrease payments over the years with PATU picking up the cost.

February Meeting Agenda

Russ Collins, our Regional VP, is planning on attending and will be speaking for a few minutes.

Push the Spring Fundraiser, the Tallamy talk, LCD tree sale, Lititz Run clean up March 17, 8 AM, Fly Fishing Show March 3 & 4,

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM

Respectively submitted by Tom Hall/ for Bill Henry