

3-13-19 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, Greg Wilson, Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Bill Henry, Pam Williams, Hugh Wenger, Dan Zimmerman

Absent: Bob Kutz, Derek Eberly

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joy McMaster *Approved as published and presented*

INCOME: \$4,407.23

EXPENSES: 4,814.39

Balance: 134,006.86

uncommitted money

Checking \$29,726

319 6,178

Conservation 12,943

other items of note:

We received our certificate from the Bureau of Corporations & Charitable Organizations. It is good ‘til 8/15/2020.

We received \$23.73 from Amazon Smile for the last quarter of 2018.

Spring Fundraiser: We have 219 for dinner. We have income @ \$18,400 with expenses so far @ \$3,200. I’m sure there are more bills to come from the committee. Sponsors provided \$8,900. The list and logos for the bid cards are with Keller. The proof for the bid cards came today (3/12). Mark and I gave approval for the printing. The check-in lists will be going out later this week.

A reminder: TU’s mini year ends March 31. The new full year is April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020.

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

by Greg

Spring is around the corner, I hope.

We have been fortunate this winter as the Beiler/Herr Fishing Creek Project has been moving along. We have not had big snow or water so progress has been great, they are working on the lower portion heading to the Furniss Rd bridge. We will have to stop work on March 15th due to Fish and Boat Commission lock out date, so we will not finish in time. We had to postpone last Saturday tree planting as Winter returned. We are scheduled to plant on March 23rd and maybe

also adding March 30th if we do not get it completed. We are on the list to receive another 300 trees, shrubs, shelters and stakes from the 10 Million tree program. I am not sure of delivery date, but Bob and I will be out of town thru mid April, we will plan to install the end of April or early May.

The AG bmp buffer grant is crawling along, no one seems to push the initiative. We originally had hoped it would be a gradual install fence and plant but it's leading to a deadline. I am afraid they will try to jam it into the last 6 months. We have been at this for 2.5 years and not a fence post in the ground. As the plantings will be after the fence, this is a problem for our volunteer planting initiatives.

We had a successful Ecotour on Feb 22nd, hosting folks from DCNR, DEP, and PaTU. It was well received and may have opened some doors. It was good to get these agency people out to see our work in the ground and make personal connections. One of the highlights to me was, I was approached by Mike Morris of DEP, he said I worked with you rolling rocks in Lititz Run in the mid 1990's, and DTU sponsored him to the Cumberland Valley youth camp, so I like to think we may have had some positive impact along the way. Lydia Martin, Becky Whitson and Barry are working on the TIC portion of the Cambell grant. Jenna and I will work on developing a Landowner Workshop for Fishing Creek for Fall or Winter. Lydia has outlined a plan for the landowner packets.

We held a landowner meeting on Feb 28th at the Middle Creek visitor center for interested landowners along Hammer Creek. We had about 30 in attendance. We had great presentations by The No Till Alliance, Roger Rohrer, farmer, CREP presentation, Dave Wise with Stroud. Jenna Mitchel, Alliance for the Bay and Ryan Davis, Alliance for the Bay, put the pieces together, securing the presenters, the facility, printing and breakfast. Thank you. We think several key landowners are interested and DEP is also going to do an extensive assessment and develop a TMDL for the area. This will help raise the priority level. We are still in limbo on the dam removal, waiting on DEP. We will be working on developing a watershed restoration plan. Barry Witmer secured a grant that will be used for data collection.

This Saturday will be the annual Lititz Run stream clean up, volunteers always needed, from 8 am till 11 am. Anyone interested can reach out to Dan Zimmerman or contact Warwick Twp if looking for a location to volunteer. Billy from Warwick Twp will be manning the Wetland Farms the normal TU location, as somehow I got tangled in the banquet goo. On April 6th another great volunteer opportunity, The Alliance for the Bay working with Warwick Twp will be planting 5 acres of buffer at the upper end of Saylor Park. Along with the buffer planting they will be planting a 1.5 acre pollinator meadow. I am not sure of the date but the Hunter Hess farm formerly Art Hess will receive a much-needed buffer planting. This will be about 3.5 acres adding shade and food on Lititz Run. If anyone is interested or has a group of volunteers looking for projects reach out.

We are waiting on a design from LCD, for the Simien Esh farm, we will then determine the next step of funding and contracting. This has been a slow process, almost a year. This is a large project, and will require a large grant. We have not heard from DEP if we received the funding for the project on Cardinal Rd on the Conowingo.

Bob took the staff from USFW to the Kurtz Run location, at Oregon dairy after the Ecotour for a quick walk thru and assessment. They have a lot of good ideas and Vic Hurst was very receptive. This would be a nice model limestone spring creek restoration project. I recently heard the folks at Landis Homes are interested in forming a Kurtz Run watershed association so maybe this can all work together.

Garry Longenecker said he will also be sending a report, but he has charted out the plan for the nursery. He will be installing new water lines for the sprinkler system, and has scheduled several planting days. I am sure any help would be appreciated. Garry sent the dates to Mark so they will appear in the Mayflyer.

We have many irons in the fire, I am sure I overlooked several items. If you have a question feel free to ask.

Reviewed the ground for Dave Phillips Project on the Conowingo.

The Fishing Creek Project is not complete and is now shut down due to trout season.

The Hammer Creek Project has been put on the fast track for 319 funding. This project is coming along great. There are a good number of local farmers coming on board to support it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

by Mark

Communications:

Had a good open response to the Fundraiser MailChimp emails. Have updated the mailing list w/ newest members. Had a few drop off due to lack of interest.

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong Ned noted the following:

Most of the classes' fish are scheduled for release in various streams around the county. Three of the classrooms lost all of their fish for various reasons.

Greg has had contact with a Home School group in south east Lanc. Cty. They are very interested in conservation and would be good candidates for next year. He and Ned will keep in contact.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : Glenn Nephin/ Barry Witmer

Ruth Ralston has indicated that she would be interested in chairing the event next year.

This year's event is on track to be another very successful event. Set up will commence at 8:00AM with breakfast at the Doubletree.

WOMENS INITIATIVE: Pam Williams

I currently have 26 women signed up for the "Women and Waders" event to be held at Hugh Wenger's. I had a great sign up at the Lancaster Fly Fishing show. I had wanted to cut off the attendance at 15 which means I may have to hold another event. I plan to send out an email to all asking them to reconfirm their interest by a designated date. If no confirmation, I will remove them from the list which may get me down to 20 attendees which still might be workable. I will talk to the TCO guys to ask if they would be comfortable with instructing 20 women.

Hugh...is that number manageable for you at your property? All 20 would be gathered in your basement for the conservation presentation.

I am excited to have such a great response...now I have to figure out how to manage.
It was agreed that DTU would pay the first year's membership to any of the women who choose to join at the event.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

VSP: Nothing new to report. Moving forward with VSP Kickoff preparations.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
696	29	9	1	1	1	740

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

The balance of this year's meetings programs are in place. Some additional sources are being explored for next year's lineup.

Derek and Russ Collins (PA Trout S. Central Reg. V P and president of Doc Fritchey Chapter) will present at the March meeting next week.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website:

Use continues very heavy, downloads of the February Mayflyer also higher than normal. I've been slower than usual with updates for the past week.

Mayflyer:

Deadline for the April issue will be Thursday, March 28. Time to push all our Spring activities.

PRESIDENT: Tom Hall

Tom noted that Water Week on June 8 will have a DTU hosted event at Millport. With wrap up of the entire event at Rock Litz at the end of the day.

Tom also noted that he ran into Fred Smith who is setting up an event at Muddy Run to celebrate its 50th anniversary and asked if DTU would be interested in having a table at the event. This will be taken under advisement.

ROUND TABLE:

Mark McM

New Logo: The new logo was approved as presented by Mark as DTU's official new LOGO.

It was noted that DTU will continue to participate in the Special Olympics Jun 22 at Hugh Wenger's Pond.

Bill N noted that the last opportunity to voice opposition to the Pebble Mine in the Bristol Bay area in Canada is here. Sign on at the website and voice your opposition.

ADJOURN: @ 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry