

Minutes of 2-13-19 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, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Fran McElhinney, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Bill Henry, Pam Williams, Hugh Wenger, Dan Zimmerman

Absent: Derek Eberly, Wayne Boggs, Ned Bushong,

Guests: Nate Straw, Matt Kofroth

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joy McMaster *Report approved as submitted*

INCOME: \$35,845

EXPENSES: 9,415

Balance: 134,414

UNCOMMITTED MONEYS

Conservation : \$12,943

319 Grants: 6,178

Checking 40,333

Other items of concern:

Taxes: Denk has filed our taxes. I have sent a copy to TU. The forms and a check for \$150 were sent to the state Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations.

E tides were filed for 7/1/2018 - 12/31/2018.

Banking: The DCNR grant requires the money be placed in an interest bearing checking account. Since none of our current accounts earn interest, I will be looking to open an account that fills this requirement.

I received an email from BB&T. They will “combine in a merger of equals with Sun Trust”. Based on assets and deposits, this should create the sixth largest U.S. bank holding company. There will be branches in 17 states and Washington D.C. By the end of the year, this combination will function under a new name and brand. There are shareholder and regulatory approvals required for this merger to go forward. More to come.

Extra Give: I received a complete report of our performance with the Extra Give. The final amount deposited in our account was \$5,523.88. Our part of the stretch pool was 0.0552522%.

The Annual Budget that Joy presented at the last board meeting was approved as presented.

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CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

by Mark

With input from Greg & Bob, made 2 more signs, these for the Fishing Creek Herr & Beiler projects

by Greg

Greetings

For the dog days of Winter, a lot of action going on. Although with the ice, seems we are sometimes spinning our wheels.

The Beiler/Herr Fishing creek project is currently the highlight. The weather has been pretty cooperative allowing for good progress. As of this week they should complete the upper half of the Fishing Creek stretch and then will be moving downstream, hopefully we can receive the extension and work up until stocking on March 20th. After that we will have to pull out till after June 15th, or maybe later. I have shared photos, but I recommend you visit the project. It is an amazing transformation. The crew is just doing a great job, their techniques continue to improve.

We have had a few meetings with Doc Fritchey and are excited to launch into the Upper Hammer Creek initiative. We are getting some landowner interest. We would like to come up with the big picture plan. We want to develop some base line data to help shape the journey.

We along with The Alliance for the Bay, & Doc Fritchey will be hosting a landowner workshop on Feb 28th at the Middle Creek visitors center beginning around 8:30 till noon, with presenters on various topics that hopefully will help with engagement.

Barry Witmer has been assessing many grant opportunities and hopefully we can pursue multiple grants to help further move the projects along. It takes a lot of hours to pull these applications together and we really appreciate Barry's willingness to take on this challenge.

The Cambell grant that was awarded primarily for Fishing Creek is starting to take shape. This is a unique opportunity, as usually all of our grants fund in the ground work will nothing left to really reach out to the community. This grant will provide funding for landowner information packets, that hopefully will inspire more engagement with landowners. Most times we get permission to install a project, which we do and then leave hoping for success, Hopefully the packets will inspire landowners to take ownership of their wonderful streams.

Also it will fund 4 new and additional TIC programs beyond our current budget. This focus area will be as close to Fishing Creek watershed as possible. It will also provide support materials and educational materials to support TIC. As we learned from Becky that the program has some shortfalls. This grant will also fund 2 landowner workshops. We hope to bring in presenters that will inspire conservation efforts that will also potentially boost farm incomes. We thank Lydia Martin for this innovative approach to support our efforts.

Another crew with USFW has also began repairing the storm damage at Drumore Twp Park and also will be moving up to make repairs at the Metzler sisters. I look at the damage done, and can't imagine how much force was required to move the materials that it moved. It built a point bar up over 4 ft at Drumore Park and dropped rocks that had to be close to 200lbs on top of the bar. I hope that that it's a long time before the next events like that. We heard that many years ago it was even worse. We need rapid tree growth. The unfortunate thing in this topography and with the current intense upland use, it always is a huge storm surge. The effects are it is scouring the streams to open a larger channel. Most of the channels are incised so it cannot release pressure in the flood plain so it tears up the banks.

We have several projects in the design backlog, including Conowingo, Fishing Creek, Hammer Creek, Lititz Run, & Kurtz Run. We hope that Nate Straw is able to complete the Esh Project and we can get it bid and seek funding. This will be a large project.

We represented DTU at Martic Twp meeting to discuss culverts and fish passage. There are a few streams with wild brook trout that would help rank it favorably for grant funds. This is good for the Brookies and the township, so we are developing a list of those projects.

Garry has been getting the nursery plans together, as we are merging with the PSU group to increase production and better facilitate maintenance and distribution. He will be installing a new water line from the stream to the sprinklers as the old one has served its better days. He has been ordering inventory.

It's hard to keep up with Bob, as he is driving to solicit someone for the banquet he is pestering the manager at Weis Markets or Fran about getting plastic skids for the Nursery. He secured about 40 so we will be on all plastic skids getting rid of the rotted wood ones.

Our friends and partners at the Alliance for the Bay are doing great work coordinating buffer plantings and doing stream projects. They will be planting a mixed tree planting and pollinator meadow in the Saylor Park which drains into Lititz Run. They will also be planting about 3 to 4 acres on the former Art Hess farm along Lititz Run. They are also the sponsors for the Bowery Run project scheduled for this Summer. This is a tributary to the Octoraro, it is much in need of even a single tree. But it will be about a 1 mile restoration, with livestock exclusion and buffer plantings.

We have a large bullseye on our back, so it's great we can make a difference.

I thought yesterday, if I quit participating in conservation what would I do with that time. I'm still trying to figure that out.

Jim Wellendorf and Mike Burson are working on grant applications to Armstrong for grants that they are making available. Details are not yet available.

Tom noted that he has had conversations with Jim regarding his ongoing participation in the Communications Committee. Jim has not made a commitment at this time.

Greg met with Hurst regarding their plans for Oregon Village and its impact on Lititz Run and Kurtz Run. He is interested in doing what is necessary and appropriate with both of these streams. Bob K met with Lisa, a representative of Manheim Twp. regarding including work on Kurtz Run in the overall plans for the project. She was receptive.

COMMUNICATIONS:

by Derek

Instagram:

I created an Instagram account for the chapter. In order to do this I had to create an email account. Here is the log-in information:

(redacted)

I am working on separating my personal accounts from the Donegal TU Facebook account and will transfer the administrative link to the Gmail account above. This will mean that anyone with these login credentials can access the social media accounts and post, which will make it easier for individual groups to post their materials on our social media feeds.

By Mark

Am preparing the Feb MailChimp mailing, with some help from Wayne for promotion of our Fundraiser. Brad Wilson is setting up an Instagram account for us which will tie in with our Facebook account. 'National' has provided some guidelines & suggestions via their Leader Forum, the thread for which I pulled & sent to Brad.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Mayflyer

The Feb issue went out a day early and has seen a larger than usual # of dl's to date.

Deadline for the next issue (April) will be Thursday, March 28. We should have a Fundraiser summary report and several Spring activities listed in that issue. My thanks to those of you who contributed to the Feb issue. We need to share more than one 'voice' in our newsletter.

Website

We're seeing more than normal use at present. Otherwise all is going well. Have been updating several times per week. Google has notified me that since our site is updated so frequently and the mobile presentation so closely mirrors the desktop version, they will be using the mobile site to monitor for Google searches from here on. I'm looking at that as a feather in our cap.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
696	25	3	2	8	0	736

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong

no report at this time however Greg reported that Becky Whitson is working on a written Protocol for TIC. All agreed that this could be very beneficial.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE: Pam Williams

I have 5 ladies signed up so far without advertising. I will be advertising my flyer at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show at the DTU, Fish and Boat Commission and the Delaware Valley Women's Fly Fishing booths. Lydia Martin contacted me this morning and said Engle Printing/Publishing will be running my flyer in the Merchandiser. I talked with Engle today and asked them to wait until March to publish. Also, Mark will include the flyer in the March issue of the Mayflyer. If I get more than 15 participants, I may try to have a second event. I met with Hugh Wenger Sunday morning at his property to go over where we will be holding the casting demo, bug discussion, conservation discussion, etc. I have the following individuals lined up as volunteers:

Seven including me which should be enough people to help out. If I need more, I will reach out. Jim W. has been asked to contact Ad Crable of LNP to cover the event

VETERAN'S INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

VSP: status quo. I spoke with Joe Humphreys, and concerning the weekend fundraiser for VSP, if he's able to, he will stop out and visit with whomever wins the auction.

Working on setting up a date for VSP cleanup at Millport.

June 15 will be the fishing event for the orphanage at Speedwell Forge. 9-12 followed by lunch. Working on goody bags for the kids. Anyone will be welcome to help out, would like to get 1-1 with the kids if possible. However, all involved must have the background check. That's what they asked for, and so, we shall do. This is going to be a great day and I encourage you all to attend

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

February - Joe Demaldaris

March - ? (Working on it)

April - Rob Shane TU Organizer

May - Amidea Daniel (Women's Initiative)

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : Glenn Nephin/ Barry Witmer

by Joy

Dan V. noted that they are putting together a table and raffle as a tribute to honoring Faye Haering.

FUNDRAISING:

Mark is currently working on a PowerPoint presentation

PAST PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

Rivers Camp: Jim Wellendorf ordered the hats we donate to Rivers Camp at the same time he ordered our hats for Fran. Jim will see that the hats reach CVTU

It was agreed to hold off for now regarding the one application received so far.

It was noted the camp prefers application through their website.

PRESIDENT: Tom Hall

Water Week was discussed. Millport will be a single event by DTU. Lititz Sportsmen have asked about a joint presence with fishing available (not necessarily fly fishing). It was agreed that we would not do that for a variety of reasons.

Tom asked for discussion regarding Mark's proposed new Logo emphasizing conservation. It was agreed the Mark would do some refinements and present it during the next month so the board members could vote on it before next meeting.

Warwick School will do their TIC release at Millport sometime in April- May and Tom asked that some of the board members would be present.

ROUND TABLE:

Hugh W. noted that we still need to appoint a non-board member to oversee the Vulnerable Population Policy.

Nate brought up that he is looking for funding (Less than \$2000) for a fencing of a spring trib of Mill Creek near Gordenville. He has a landowner and his teenage son willing to do it along with planting some trees as a buffer along the stream. No decision was made at this time.

Matt noted that their tree purchase program info is out and reminded that DTU gets a kickback on trees ordered in our name.

Joy noted that she still needs about 4-5 people to pony up for their last quarter of "365". She also needs to know if these people want to continue. You know who you are so please get in touch with Joy.

ADJOURN: @ 8:28 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry

