

Minutes for Jan 10, 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: Greg Wilson, Fran McElhinney, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Dan Van Buskirk, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

Absent: Jim Wellendorf, Bob Kutz, Ned Bushong, Mike Burcin, Tom Hall, Jenna Mitchell, Faye Haering, Bill Nolan

SECRETARYS REPORT: *Bill Henry Minutes approved as published*

TREASURERS REPORT: *Dan Van Buskirk Reports accepted as published*

INCOME: 94,100.10

EXPENSES: 46,832.13

Balance: 173,664.32

Uncommitted \$

Checking 19,404

319 6,178

PNC 7,058

It was agreed to deposit an anonymous gift as follows:

20,000PNC/Conservation, 5,000 Checking

It was agreed that Dan will move some monies from 319 acct to Checking for old administrative fees not moved previously.

Other items of note:

At the end of December DTU received over \$100,000 in the form of donations, grants, funding, and payments for project work completed. This will give DTU a good starting point going forward in 2018.

DTU's Sales and Use Tax certification was renewed until Oct. 31, 2022.

Required records and documents were forwarded to Denk & Assoc. so that they can prepare the FY 2017 tax return.

With the help of Wayne Boggs all checking accounts are reconciled.

It is time to renew our SAM registration. Dan will proceed.

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

From Greg:

We are excited the Camp Andrews project is scheduled to get started around the middle of January, came as a surprise to us, but this will work out great. It is a legacy sediment site with a lot of ongoing erosion. We have been trying to get this installed for a couple of years, It took a while to put the funding pieces together. Jenna wrote an initial grant that we were awarded, of about \$30k, from PAF&BC, Camp Andrews is contributing which is nice to have some buy in, Bob received funding from The Conservation Fund and also from an outreach solicitation at the banquet. So we finally got it put together. The timing should work out well, they plan to be completed by March 15th for trout stocking date. I have been contacted by a couple of organizations that would like to participate and donate supplies for tree and shrub planting so it may all come together.

PAF&BC has also made a commitment to Bob to provide \$75k in funding for the tributary that flows into Fishing Creek on Fishing Creek Rd, this small stream is in desperate need of help. The farmer has agreed to enroll in the AG BMP program we are involved in to remove all livestock from the stream. Bob and I have taken him on a tour, to show him what a restoration project may look like. He also owns a long stretch on Fishing Creek that we have designed for the Herr Project. So it is great news he is receptive and willing to participate. We are trying to secure funding for the Herr Project, about \$180k.

We are making allies in the Peters Creek neighborhood, as we were scheduling the planting I was contacted by a neighbor to the project. He came out and helped plant, then he also helped plant at Drumore Park. He is trying to help with outreach in the Peters Creek watershed, he is working on promoting the benefits, which is great to have local people that take ownership.

Matt Kofroth told us, the project on the Madison property will be funded through the Excelon funds. This is a tributary of Beaver Creek, she is also enrolling in the CREP program, This will be a good project, reducing some severe erosion issues that occur. This eventually drains into Pequea Creek

Jenna was awarded funding for the Octoraro watershed, and we found a project on Pumping Station Road that is in need of a lot of work. We are waiting to receive the design and budget, then meet to engage the landowner. Some other projects that were to be part of this fund did not materialize so we may now have about \$200k which is probably about what was needed.

The Woy Project on the Conowingo will be scheduled after June 15th. This is a fairly large project, with extremely high eroded banks. I haven't studied the surrounding area much, but appears to be remnants of an old mill, the fine sediment on the banks are over 8ft high in some areas. We electro fished it in the summer of 2016, and did find a couple of wild brown trout, so maybe with the habitat improvements they will move in.

We have not heard of a time schedule but we were told by USF&W, the Menno Stoltzfus bridge will be built, but when we have not heard. Lydia Martin has been talking with the Martic Twp Roadmaster. She pointed out the culvert on Stump Road, this is plastic pipe culvert under the road that acts as a fish barrier. On Steinman Run, we found a lot of brook trout last year during the Bioblitz above the pipe, they are isolated and I have been saying we need to get this reconnected. He is willing, but as usual we will probably need to find the money.

I have been in contact with our person at PAF&BC, about the dam removal on Hammer Creek. He said he is not sure of the hold up, but is waiting on DEP approval. We would like to get this project going soon. I also contacted them about a dam Jim notified me about on the Pequea, they will be

scheduling a meeting at that site in the near future. It is a site off of 741 near Strasburg, not a trout stream yet.

We are happy with the projects that we completed last year and are excited for 2018, It all becomes a blur as the year goes by. We planted over 1000 trees with many volunteers, we made new friends and hopefully provided some education to help instill some awareness. I gave Lydia the dates and volunteer hours, she is much better on a computer so she organized in a spreadsheet, which I will share, but our conservation volunteer hours exceeded a thousand hours. We have had a few non-DTU board members that have attended several of the work days, so hopefully this will continue to grow.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jim Wellendorf

By Mark McM

Have updated the MailChimp mailing list, finished the January Teaser, and completed the Cal.of Events pending further additions at the board meeting. Have a blast prepared to go out for Patric following his upcoming committee meeting. Likewise the fundraiser reservation form is ready to go to the printer's pending some facts to be determined at that same meeting. *Agreed to add the Man. Tw. Park and Rec. presentation by Barry on Jan 21.*

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
659	35	12	2	2	3	707

YOUTH INITIATIVE:

By Joy

Harrison Booth's Essay

Several board members, who attended the Dec. chapter meeting, heard Harrison read his award-winning essay. They felt it was worthy of publication in Trout magazine. At their request and with the permission of Harrison's father, Stephen Booth, I contacted Tara Granke at TU. Tara is the Headwaters Youth Program Director. Tara spoke with the editor of the magazine and he is happy to publish Harrison's essay. Stephen Booth sent his permission for the publication and use of his son's name. Tara will let us know when the essay will be in print.

TU Teen Summit

The Summit will be held in Syria, Virginia - close to Shenandoah National Park. We may have two Rivers Camp graduates interested. They need to submit an application and wait for acceptance. It was agreed that we may provide some assistance to participants, if we have any.

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

Dave Allbaugh January 17th

All other months are covered [see previous minutes]

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : Patric Nephin

Meeting to be held Thurs Jan 11 @ Millport.

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer

In calendar year 2018, this committee will continue to assist with fund raising/revenue production when requested, including for the Spring Fundraiser. Also key to Committee activities will be ongoing efforts to build on our strategic partnerships while seeking new ones as well as supporting community education/outreach requests.

January activities in support of those goals are as follows:

Strategies Activities

Assist with fund raising/revenue production when requested. Continue to work with Bill Nolan to find grant opportunities for the Veterans' Initiative. Participate in Patric Nephin's January 11 Fundraiser meeting.

Find and build strategic partnerships for DTU. Breakfast with Matt Adams of Boy Scouts

Find and build strategic partnerships for DTU. Meet with Lydia Martin of Conservancy Community Education/Outreach Present to Manheim Parks and Rec January 21

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website:

Usage is holding steady, down from peak levels but as expected for Winter. Mayflyer dl's are doing well, a number of people dl'ing the December issue via the link in the December MailChimp Teaser.

I've added a dedicated page for our VSP. That required modifying the navigation menu. You don't realize how many pages are on our site until you have to open each one, paste in some code, then save the changes. I decided I wasn't happy w/ the Peters Creek page I'd done, so have to run some pix of the Scouts through PhotoShop to blur their faces.

Mayflyer:

Deadline for the February issue is Saturday, January 27. Any contributions would be welcome.

IT:

Will submit the bill for the last quarter of 2017 Office365 to Dan and remind our subscribers to repay the chapter.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

- I have coordinated with Lynn to use the Millport conservancy for the VSP fly fishing kick off on April 14 from 8-12. The info van from the VA will also be there. This year's schedule will be slightly modified from every other weekend to the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, April through Sept/Oct.

-Total Outdoors invited the VSP to an outing on Penn's Creek on May 12. We'll rent a van, etc.

- I have just coordinated with Jim Lanning at Spring Creek VSP to hold a joint outing on June 9. He has access to private water that is nicely manicured, meaning less wading. I'm told there are monster trout there. We will take a van out, fish from 10-4. Lunch will be provided by Spring Creek VSP. Jim will look into have a restaurant sponsor all the veterans for a free dinner afterwards. Its possible Joe Humphries will be there to help out. We talked about holding this as an annual event. We will see how this goes, and then look at inviting other VSP programs in the future.

- Currently working on a VA grant application and some others that Barry Witmer found for us to apply to. Thank you Barry, I appreciate all that you've done.

-Bob Kutz came out to a fly tying night, that was awesome.

PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

PATU Regional Training

I was asked to remind everyone of the Eastern Regional training session on Feb. 3. It will be held at the Solar Innovations Facility in Pine Grove, Pa. (same location as last year) More information to follow.

CBF Tree Planting

Monique Dykman, from Chesapeake Bay Foundation, contacted me about the new Keystone Tree Initiative. Between April 22 and 27, they are hoping to plant 10,000 trees. CBF will provide free trees and technical assistance. She asked if DTU could find land near water for planting. I sent her email on to Greg, Bob, and Garry.

SweetWater Brewing

Tom Bellucci, Pa. manager for SweetWater Brewing, is looking to sponsor TU events in Spring/Summer. SweetWater helped TU's Embrace a Stream fund last year. I passed this email on to Barry. Barry will contact and explore ways we can partner with them.

Water Week

Fritz Schroeder was happy to hear we will be a sponsor again this year.

Nominating Committee

I have spoken with Barry, Bill Nolan, and Mark about taking on this job. According to our bylaws, this committee is made up of three board members appointed by the board. Your thoughts on this suggestion. *Joy's proposed list was approved as submitted*

Extraordinary Give

Received report as follows on Jan 9

Donations = \$5,635, fees = 281.19, stretch pool = 368.37, final total for DTU = 5,722.18. We should get our deposit @ Jan. 12.

BUDGET: *The budget as presented last month and published by Joy was approved.*

ROUND TABLE:

It was noted that **Fly on the Run** is early this year: May 9,10.

JOY While reading the bylaws, I was reminded that a quorum is 50% of the board. Therefore, we only need 8 members present for voting this year.

DEREK

- we had request come through the Facebook page. Dawn Rise Ekdahl from the Historic Poole Forge is asking if we could send a speaker to her group to talk about conservation and trout fishing in Lancaster. I told her we would be interested and will discuss Wednesday. She attended a women's Fly Fishing breakfast a few years ago. Their meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. They are looking for a date in March, April, or possibly May.

Greg will do on March 6

Derek will run his learn to fly fish on May 12 after Fly on the Run.

Derek brought up Kiki Galvin and when if at all she will be with us. Joy noted that she has talked to her about something in the timeframe after Derek's Learn to Fly Fish event.

Wayne made an observation based on his member contacts. That we may not be doing an adequate job of communication with the membership. He noted that some do not have computers. He notes some have told him the only info they get is through the Merchandiser. We probably need to revisit this.

Greg noted that LCC is spearheading a talk by Doug Tallamy at F & M March 22. DTU contributed \$300 as a sponsor

Greg also suggested we do some catchy videos to showcase DTU. Specifically, for Extra Give. Greg and Derek will work on this.

ADJOURN: 8:50 PM

Submitted by Bill Henry