

Minutes July 12, 2017

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, Fran McElhinney, Faye Haering, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

Absent: Jim Wellendorf, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Garry Longenecker, Ned Bushong, Mark Ebner, Mike Burcin, Jenna Mitchell

Guests: Matt Kofroth

WOMENS INITIATIVE: Faye Haering

Faye has decided that a casting clinic may be premature and will plan a Ladies introduction fly clinic instead. More on this later.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Bill Henry *Approved as published*

TREASURERS REPORT: Dan Van Buskirk *Approved as published*

INCOME: 3868.89

EXPENSES: 4171.88

Balance: 117,571.06

Other items of note:

Barry will get Dan a chart of thresholds for various reporting requirements for 501c3 organizations so we will have more definite guidance on the type of audits we are required to perform.

Joy reported the uncommitted \$ amounts to be:

Checking account 39337

329 acct 6178

Conservation 3772

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/ Greg Wilson

By Greg

Conowingo: Joy, Mark, Bob and I met with Mark Metzler, Pat Strong, Army Corp, a rep from DEP, and 2 Williams pipeline reps. We toured the Lloyd installation, and also went to look at the project on the Lapp farm on Black Barren Rd. They all seem satisfied with the results so far. We also visited the Tanglewood golf course site. In the original plan, it was intended to have buffer plantings installed after the construction, this work was never completed. We met with the manager and discussed getting the important buffer areas installed.

We electro fished with Matt Kofroth in early June. We began at Climbers Run, where we looked at the lower end of the restoration area, and found 3 decent sized wild brook trout. We then went to the site on Peters Creek which is scheduled for a project this summer. There we found 10 brown trout in probably 3 age-classes, no jumbos this time. We did find a few of the endangered little perch. We then went to Kelly Run, and found several age-classes of brown trout. We would like to survey all the Conservancy streams to ID wild trout populations.

The Drumore Twp Park project is growing in nicely. We intend to add more tree and shrub plantings this fall. The structures are functioning very well. The one problem we are having on Fishing Creek is the recreationist dam builders. We have removed dams at Drumore Park 3 times, and various other ones on preserves. These have such a negative affect, backing up the sediment, smothering the bugs. We will be helping LCC on burning bush removal this Saturday at the North Fishing Creek Preserve, another rapidly spreading invasive displacing our native plants. Volunteers welcome! We are still hoping to have the Metzger Project installed. The latest red flag, a Delaware Indian tribe is asking for an archeological exploration, \$\$ and time delay. We are planning on Camp Andrews hopefully early next year.

The NF&WF grant for the 3 tributaries is moving slowly, our commitment was to donate and install trees if they ever get a project in the ground, we have a meeting this Friday, to get the updates. Peters Creek project should be completed later this summer. They were telling us an August start. Matt noted that this will probably move to Sept.

Hammer Creek: I inquired to Ben from PFBC, his reply indicated he was waiting on approval from DEP. It would be nice if they could remove the remaining dam yet this year, so it could get flushed out.

DEP contacted Jenna in search of some projects in the Octoraro watershed, she may be receiving \$400,000. She will be working with the Lancaster Conservation District, extending a project on the East Branch of the Octoraro. She may also be able to get DTU money to work on the West Branch of the Octoraro watershed. Bob and I will be visiting a site this Friday on Bowery Run.

At the last LRWA meeting there was discussion of a lengthy list of projects in the works for Lititz Run, so good things continue to happen. Landstudies is involved with Lititz Borough, and are testing all of the storm water discharges during rain events. As the MS4 plans come into play, municipalities will need to start making some pretty serious changes. This should be good for the trout.

Garry said he has nothing to report for the nursery. He is out of town, and Kevin is holding the fort down.

Lancaster County Conservancy is having a BioBlitz at the newly acquired section of the Steiman Run Preserve on Sept 16th and 17th. It will be a 24 hour event. The focus is to explore and identify about everything they can.

DTU has been asked to participate in this event. I am hoping Matt Koffroth will be willing to do some electro fishing as a demonstration for the attendees. I was trying to think of a unique thing that we could do to highlight wild brook trout. The event may also have events going on at the Climbers Preserve. I purchased the 3 videos from OZI that show underwater footage of different trout activities, thought maybe they could be played. I have been emailing with Ozi, and may see if he would be willing to come over and do a live demonstration. It is cool to electro fish, but thought if somehow we could look into the trout's pool and watch the ongoing activity, may be more exciting.

There will be a variety of college professors as well as many other qualified people leading and helping identify specimens found.

If anyone has any ideas of what we could offer, please share them so we can get it figured out. *Question posed: Does DTU want to participate? Discussion should continue on this, no decisions made.*

Matt reported that the work on Hammer Creek/dam would probably occur next year.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jim Wellendorf

I sent the draft of the July Calendar of Events to the Board for their review and approval at the July Board Meeting. When it is approved Wayne Boggs and Mark McMaster will send it to our Members and to our Communications Contacts. I will forward the Calendar to Ad Crable and P J Reilly. At this time we have nothing complete to publish.

By Mark McM

Will update the MailChimp mailing list with new members today. We did not send out a "Meeting Teaser" last July and I see no reason to send one out this year when all we have to announce is "No Meeting." We did send out a CofE, but there was a lot more info about upcoming events last year than this. If the Calendar is not filled beyond what Jim has submitted so far I see little point in pursuing that either. We need some hard dates & times for events.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
696	36	7	1	6	0	739

YOUTH INITIATIVE: Mark Ebner Mark is working on a casting event. Maybe at Hugh Wenger's. More on this later.

By Jim W

5Rivers Club No report. Dr. Gumpper has not contacted me to set up a planning meeting.

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

Derek thinks he has the fall lineup set but will confirm all. Still no final decision on where the Aug picnic will be. Derek will get with Greg about Drumore Park as a possibility.

Derek reports that the learn to flyfish clinic went well and will probably do it again sometime in the future.

Derek will pursue Dave Rothrock for the OctoberFest. Location for this event is also still up in the air.

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer

The last group of assignments for member phone calls will be sent this month. Again, thank you to all who were able and willing to participate.

Per President Joy's earlier email, you are aware that the 2018 Spring Fund Raiser has been booked and will be led again by Patric Nephin.

Before year's end, this committee will complete or provide the following:

- Oversight of the membership contact project, already in progress
- Aid to Patric Nephin for the 2018 Spring Fundraiser, nearly completed
- Fund raising efforts to aid the stream restoration projects
- Creation of a County watershed map showing stream improvements made by DTU since the chapter started
- Creation of a DTU marketing PowerPoint presentation, already under discussion

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website:

Use is up to record levels. We are getting more than twice as many visitors as a few months ago. Try as I may I can't account for the increase.

Joy & I lost internet service for several days last week, which meant several updates to events & volunteers couldn't be made. Apologies for that but the site is current once more, not that there is much to post during these summer doldrums.

Nothing much to report otherwise except that I have turned my attention back to upgrading to the newer version of the supporting code for the site. Perhaps timing is on my side as a new "point" upgrade was made available last week with some interesting changes.

Mayflyer:

Deadline for the August issue will be Thursday, July 27 as previously announced. I will need input from as many of you as possible given the aforementioned summer doldrums. Likewise, I've sketched out the snailmail August special edition, but until I have some details about upcoming meetings, OctoberFest, other Fall events, etc, there's little reason to proceed much further.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

I don't have too much. I did purchase the tickets to Idaho, thank you to everyone for your vote. I'll be proposing a sub sale to raise funds for the VSP and I will speak briefly about our outing on Aug 12 at Penn's Creek with Total Outdoors. *Barry suggested Bill contact Clyde Weaver about making the subs. They will issue tickets and the buyer can then get their sub anytime they want.* I don't know if anyone knows Michael Marcinek, he was a member of the Spring Creek chapter as well as

Total Outdoors, but he passed away yesterday. I forwarded an email of condolences from our chapter as well on the Facebook page. His nickname was The Bear, big ole' dude, with a heart to match, he will be missed. Someone wants to donate an electric wheel chair, I'll run that by everyone.

Bill contacted Rio requesting a donation of leaders. They were very receptive and asked him to send a list of what he would want.

PAST PRESIDENT: Jim Wellendorf

ExtraOrdinary Give

The 2017 ExtraOrdinary give is now accepting applications. See announcement below:

The countdown to the 2017 Extraordinary Give is on! On November 17, 2017 donations will be accepted at this site from 12 midnight - 11:59 PM as part of Lancaster County's largest day of online giving. On that day, every dollar donated will be stretched by at least \$500,000 from the Lancaster County Community Foundation, our Presenting Sponsor Rodgers & Associates, and our generous community partners, to support the causes you care about!

Please mark your calendar and begin talking to your friends about making a contribution to our Chapter!

When things return to normal around my home, I will work with Joy and Mark to set up a work plan for our participation.

It was noted that it would be helpful to have a flyer to distribute via email for each of us to use when contacting our list of possible donors.

PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

Email vote - Bill Nolan was accepted by TU VSP for the "Train the Trainer" school in Idaho. Bill requested a vote for DTU to cover his flight expense over the \$400 stipend he will receive. Twelve directors voted "yes". There were no "nays". Motion passed.

Garry Longenecker has agreed to represent PATU on the DCNR Riparian Forest Buffer Committee. The group meets quarterly, and the purpose of the committee is to "help direct the DCNR initiative/networking among those involved in riparian forest buffers/new and innovative practice and idea sharing, etc." The meetings are held quarterly in the Harrisburg Area. The first meeting is August 3rd.

LCC fall BioBlitz will be September 16 - 17 at Steinman Run. Lydia Martin contacted us about our possible participation. Greg Wilson attended the first organizational meeting and will give us a report. I also informed Mark Ebner of this event as it is geared towards youth and families. Millersville U. is a partner so there is the possibility of the 5 Rivers Club being involved. *Discussions to continue.*

LCC Dine on Harvest Moon Auction October 6 - Lydia Martin contacted me about DTU providing an auction item for the LCC banquet. Lydia and Jennifer Tran, LCC Director of Development, suggested "Fly Fishing Lessons for a Group". They feel this would be a fun and interesting way to

connect with the LCC donors and recognize the partnership with DTU. There is an auction form to be completed by September 7. We would need to provide a value, description, condition/limitations, and contact information.

Derek and Bill Nolan will put together a pkg. with a value of \$400 for an auction item.

August 16 Picnic - Stan will cook and is already working on a menu. As mentioned earlier the Venue for this event is still up in the air.

TU Senior membership fee has increased to \$25. This generated much conversation on TU's forum. Jeff Yeats chimed in with the following: "Recently, we increased our Senior Membership rate from \$20 to \$25, and we wanted to share with you, our most active volunteers, why that change was made. In 2001, out of great respect and appreciation for our senior members, many of whom are among our most active volunteers, TU chose to hold the senior membership dues at \$20 when the regular membership rate was increased from \$30 to \$35. For the last 16 years, we have maintained that lower rate, but find we must, reluctantly, now make that \$5 increase. Certainly, inflationary increases in the expense of servicing memberships is a factor, but the larger issue is the growing number of TU members taking advantage of the senior rate. That number has tripled in the last five years, from 3,000 to 9,000, reducing membership dues support by \$15 each. In order to continue to provide monetary and staffing support to our chapters and councils, a top notch quarterly magazine, website and other valuable benefits to our members, and essential funding for mission-related programs, we found it necessary to make this change. If the five-dollar increase creates a hardship for you, or for your chapter's members, we encourage you to contact Membership Services to discuss your situation. We do not wish to lose a single member as a result of this difficult but necessary increase."

I plan to discuss this in my next President's message in the Mayflyer.

Schedule for board duties - Last year Jim started a list of board duties to be passed on to new members. I have taken up the project and made a monthly schedule starting with October since that is the start of TU's year. Please review and suggest changes. I will add this to our Office 365 account and give a paper copy to Bill for the Secretarial file.

Budget reconciliation - I have attempted a 6-month review of our budget, as best I could, using Dan's monthly reports. We projected expenses at \$34,324, income of \$28,168, with a deficit of \$6,156. As of June 30 our expenses were \$, income of \$, with a difference of \$. I hope to fill in these numbers at the meeting after seeing Dan's current transaction report. I will send this file after our meeting.

<i>Spent</i>	21579
<i>Income</i>	27845
<i>Change</i>	+6266

Lawyer's review of Vulnerable Person Policy - Angelo Fiorentino was happy to review our policy. He stated that several churches and other non-profit groups have contacted his firm to be sure they are in compliance with the law. Angelo also had a second attorney, who knows this topic well, review the policy and his suggestions. I have made the changes to our policy. I have sent all of you the policy and Angelo's memo.

Moved, 2nd, and approved as written.

Angelo also asked if DTU uses a signed risk release form. I found an example in the TU Tackle Box and sent this to him. TU advises that the suggested form be reworked to comply with any local or state regulations. This form also includes a photo release so we may replace the release we are currently using. Angelo will be back in his office on July 17 so this discussion will continue next month.

ROUND TABLE:

Tom: Had conversation with Logan Myers. He would like to have an event at Millport during Water Week next year. Lots of time for planning.

Stockyard will be the venue for the Dec dinner.

Barry: Suggests that in some instances our Logo (when it is very small) doesn't show our name. Maybe there is something else that we could conjure up that would suit our purposed in these situations?

Fran: Noted that the North Muddy tour is scheduled for the 19th. Meet to carpool at Wrightsville park and ride in time for a 4:30 departure. Donations will be accepted for the food he will provide.

Derek: Noted that he fished on the Herb Weaver property and noted that he did poorly He wondered where the fish have gone. Probably too early to make any real assessment.

ADJOURN: @ 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry