

Notes for July 11 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: Tom Hall, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Dan Van Buskirk, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

Absent: Jenna Mitchell, Jim Wellendorf, Bill Nolan

WOMENS INITIATIVE: No report

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Bill Henry Approved as published

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dan Van Buskirk Approved as published

INCOME: \$34,108.99

EXPENSES: 3,562.05

Balance: 174,217.79

Other items of note:

PayPal Giving Fund application has been submitted and acceptance should be soon, there is over \$300 available to DTU once accepted.

ASAP reactivation is being addressed by Joy.

All bank accounts have been reconciled, General Account has three outstanding checks not cashed.

I have invited Brian Cunningham, President of Donegal Fish and Conservation Association to attend to nights board meeting. [*Brian did not attend*]

By Joy

ASAP instructions - Dan has sent me information to renew our ASAP listing. I will be attempting that soon.

TU’s change in financial year - I sent everyone the official FAQ about this change. It also includes the timeline for various steps required to make this happen.

Uncommitted balances

Checking Acct. \$48,546

319 Act. 6,178

Conservation Acct.

9,963

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

by Joy

Camp Andrews

I've submitted the Camp Andrews project for the PATU Best Project award of 2018.

By Greg

There is a lot of activity going on, Work is currently taking place on the Conowingo at 2 locations. Bob was contacted about doing story about the Conowingo for The Southern Lancaster County Chronicle, so we received some PR and hopefully generate some future interest. Bob had Matt and Nate Straw look at the Esh project, a large project on Conowingo. Nate will design and permit this project, as we get the design we will have USFW provide an estimate. Jenna is including funding in a large Growing Greener application they are submitting. So hopefully we will have another one on the Conowingo.

Another project, on a trib to Beaver Creek, the Madison Project is under way, USFW is working on it. We originally met with the landowner, and helped get things rolling. It will be a great improvement, including a CREP buffer planting.

We are trying to get clarification on which sites we may be able to start planting on the 3 tributaries to Fishing Creek, it's a slow process. They intend to begin installing fencing this fall, hopefully we will have time to plant the ones that are willing to have buffers planted. With the grant that Barry secured, and the DCNR funds for this project, we will have \$125,000 for buffer work, this can include hiring maintenance folks. They are very close to having 100% signed on for the fencing.

This will work in great with the Herr Project next spring. When PFBC electro-surveyed they found the log perch in the Herr property. This is the species that was written up in the article recently about Peters Creek. So even if you're not a trout fisherman, the conservation work we are working on has a lot of benefits.

Fran, Bob and I recently looked at a couple potential projects, one on the Segloch, which the landowner had concerns, but appears in great shape, just not how he remembered it from his youth with jack dams. Another is a small trib to Hammer Creek, it would be worthwhile as it has some old dams to remove. We will keep an eye out for funding this one. I also spoke with a landowner way upstream on Hammer

and he is aware and interested, but realizes the upstream Ag. areas need work. So things may develop on the Hammer Creek Project. Derek also has an interested landowner. I did contact Russ Collins, he said that Doc Fritchey Chapter will help on the Lebanon County side.

If anyone is aware of potential buffer planting sites let me know, The Alliance for the Bay is very willing to help get these sites planted. They don't have to be large acreage; any site will help water quality.

Lititz Run watershed has several projects in the works that should continue to help improve the water quality.

Friends of Fishing Creek received a grant from the Waterweek grants, this will be used as beautification, to maybe bring some awareness to the south Fishing Creek Preserve that it's not a jeep trail.

There was a lot of repair work done on the bursary watering system including changes/repair of piping and replacing the pump.

The project tour for Sat the 14th has about 20 signed up so far, expecting about 30. A motion was made and approved to pay up to \$500 for breakfast before the tour.

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong

Ned reports the he will have 20-21 schools involved in the program this year. His objective is to have every school system in the county participating.

YOUTH INITIATIVE:

by Joy

Youth

Rivers Camp - I received thank you emails from Ben Rathman and Andrew Gusavage. They both enjoyed the camp and as of now are planning on being at our December meeting.

Boy Scout inquiry - I received an email from a man about his son wanting conservation hours for his Life Rank. I passed this on to Greg, Bob, and Garry. I also suggested that the scout monitor the website for future work days.

Barry received the following information and asked for our input:

Support for K-12 Field Trips, Target Field Trip Grants. The Target Field Trip Grants program provides funds for K-12 field trips in order to give students throughout the

country the opportunity to explore more of the world outside the classroom. Grants of up to \$700 each will be awarded to educators, teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, and classified staff who are employed by accredited K-12 public, private, or charter schools. (Parents, volunteers, after-school programs, Pre-K groups, and childcare centers are not eligible to apply.) Types of funded trips include art, science, and cultural museum visits; community service and civic projects; career enrichment opportunities; and other events or activities away from the school facility. Funds may be used to cover trip-related costs such as transportation, ticket fees, food, resource materials, and supplies. Online applications will be accepted between August 1 and September 30, 2018. Visit the Target website to learn more about the program.

Ned noted that he would share any grant with the teachers in the TIC program

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

Bill is planning a casting seminar to be held at a Pond yet to named.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McElhinney

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
735	37	11	1	1	0	784

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

program lineups

Sept - (waiting on confirmation) Maurice Chioda : from Muddy Creek TU. Presentation on how to tell the difference between wild and stocked trout. (*Subsequently corrected to Rick Nyles of Sky Blue Outfitters*)

October - Oktoberfest with Eric Richard on wild brown trout behavior

November - Bill Nolan's Speaker

December - Fly Tying Demo Night

January - Matt Supinski New Book "NEXUS"

Oktoberfest this year to be at the Four Seasons. Bob K. will contact them concerning the menu, costs and date.

by Joy

Programs / Events

August 15 Picnic

We have confirmation that we can hold the August picnic at Climbers Run. Lydia will leave the basement area open with the AC on. There is a new propane tank available for the grill there. Stan knows we will be there. When I last spoke with him, he was planning on doing corn on the cob with hotdogs on the smaller grill.

Intermediate Fly Fishing Clinic - We canceled because of possible thunderstorms. Kiki offered to reschedule in the Fall. Joy and Derek will try to reschedule for this fall.

Bill Nolan received a request from the S. Lancaster County Farmers-Sportsman's Association about participating in their Fall Gun Show. They are including other sportsmen topics besides guns. The dates are Oct. 20 (8AM - 4 PM) and Oct. 21 (9 - 3). Sept up is Friday Oct 19 (3 - 9 pm). A table costs \$20. We must register by Oct.1 if we want to participate. They had over 1200 attendees at the Spring show with 150 tables. We will participate, Derek will shepherd the event.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET: Still no Chairperson. Date is set for March 17,2019

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer No detailed report

by Joy

Extra Give

I did the webinar that covered the new information for this year. GIVE GAB is the new tech supplier. The fee is still 4.99%. Donors can elect to pay this for us. There will be a multi-gift form. The platform will be usable on mobile devices. We can also create our Thank You message on the site and it will be sent to the donor as soon as they make their contribution.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website

I enabled https access to the website. This is the secure interface which doesn't allow a third party to see the communication between your browser & the website. I had expected to see the green 'lock' icon in my browser address bar but evidently I misunderstood how it works. Rather, anyone downloading something from the site does so through a secured portal, as I am now seeing all downloads being secured, but

ordinary page visits are not. That may change when our certificate is renewed mid-August. Any of you still using Windows XP and its version of IE may see a warning that the certificate is invalid. That's an error on IE's part, but anyone using that version is already seeing issues. There are so few visitors with that version of IE I no longer do work-around for it.

Have renewed our server contract for the next 2 years at the expected cost of \$283.80.

Use continues high with over 1400 distinct users making more than 1800 visits.

Mayflyer

Deadline for the August issue will be Friday, July 27.

Communications

No MailChimp mailing anticipated this month. Have been collaborating with Kutzie & Greg for signage on some recent projects.

VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Hall nothing to report

PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

Mike Burcin has resigned from the board. A few of you already knew this. I spoke with Mike and he feels his family is his first priority. Mike will still volunteer for the chapter as his interest and time allows.

TU/LL Bean Rods

I requested 5 rods for the VSP program. They are 8' 6wt. and 8 ½' 6 wt.

Support letter for LCC

LCC is applying for a Growing Greener III Grant for the wetland/pond area at Climbers Run Nature Preserve. There have been several breaches in the pond which resulted in increased sediment flowing into the section of the stream we helped restore. This grant is for design and permitting. LCC wants to move the pond away from the stream channel and seal it. We would assist in moving fish and other aquatic species to neighboring ponds that LCC selects, for their survival during restoration. We would help with removing invasive plants and saving native plants for replanting. We would also provide trees and shrubs for the new habitat after construction.

ROUND TABLE:

Bob K. Madison Project will be starting

Bridge project at the Meno Stoltzfus property will begin soon.

Wayne Reviewed the books and found no problems

We are set for the Fly Fishing Show in the 1st week of March '19

Greg Suggests we apply for a Water Week grant next year and use it for the TIC program.

ADJOURN: @ 8:45

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry