

# Minutes June 13, 2018 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, Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

**Absent:** Jim Wellendorf, Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Faye Haering, Jenna Mitchell, Mike Burcin

**Guests:** Matt Kofroth, Nate Straw

**SECRETARYS REPORT:** Bill Henry Minutes approved as published by Tom Hall

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Dan Van Buskirk

INCOME:	13,740.25
EXPENSES:	9,819.55
Balance:	143,277.85

## **Other items of note:**

Received \$890 donation from St. Philip the Apostle Church (General Fund) and \$10,000 from The Conservation Fund (Camp Andrew) in May.

Received \$30,020 payment from PA Fish and Boat (Camp Andrew) in June. Deposit of \$250 made for 2019 Fundraiser to DoubleTree.

All Approved as published

**By Joy**

Uncommitted money in bank accounts

Checking = 50,233, 319 account = 6,178, Conservation = 13,193

**CONSERVATION:** Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

**By Greg**

There are several stream improvement projects coming up in the near future. As for the Conowingo Creek Watershed, we will complete 2 projects this summer. The total cost of both projects will be \$254,282.44. Flyway Excavating Co. will start

construction on the Lloyd farm on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion, they will move their equipment to the second project site on the Woy property along Goshen Mil Rd. Both projects should be finished this fall.

There are three other projects that could be completed this fall. The first will be the Madison Farm on Big Beaver Creek. This \$132,810 project will be built by the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Construction will start on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The second project will be building a new bridge over Climbers Run at the Menno Stoltzfus Farm. This project will correct a fish passage problem at his old bridge on this wild Brook Trout Stream. Funding will come from a \$50,000 grant from the federal government. Also, there is a possibility that we could help a downstream neighbor with his erosion problems while we have the construction equipment at the Stoltzfus site. We are presently looking for a design, a permit and funding for this site.

### **FUTURE PROJECTS:**

Future projects include a \$200,000 project on Bowery Run on the Albright Farm in conjunction with The Alliance for the Bay. A \$190,000 project on the Herr Farm on Fishing Creek, a \$75,000 project on a no name trib. to Fishing Creek on the Byler Farm and a project on the upper Hammer Creek. All listed projects are fully funded through an assortment of grants. All projects could be built next year.

We are happy to report that the Camp Andrews site has been planted with over 500 trees and looks great. The same can be said about the Peters Creek site as the trees are pushing through their tree tubes.

Garry has the tree nursery filled up with nearly 2000 seedlings. We are also experimenting with heeling in some seedlings till fall. Garry, Barry, Tom Royer and Kevin Fausey have the nursery in good shape.

Dave Wise of Stroud Water research offered us 1000 containerized seedlings, so we found them homes throughout the county. along with the trees CBF donated 600 tree shelters and stakes. We participated in CBF's 10 million tree campaign this spring, in an effort to plant 10 million trees in 8 years to help PA try to reach its commitment for the Bay. They generously provided trees, shelters and stakes. As these sites are planted throughout PA the locations will be documented.

Greg has taken the training to be a Habitat Steward, this is a project in conjunction with NWF, and LCC. The intent is to help homeowners, or any property assess the habitat on their property and help it become a certified property by NWF. We are getting many interested property owners, some of which will lead to more buffer plantings. If any TU members are interested in an evaluation contact Greg.

Bob, Greg and Jenna are meeting with Mr Albright concerning the upcoming work on his property and the possible blowback by an Amish tenant he has. It is expected that our team will be able to convince Mr Albright that the project should go ahead and the benefits will be felt by all including the tenant.

Donegal Fish and Conservation is asking us to help in their quest for funds to do some maintenance on their stream. Notably the dam at the Nursery. It is suggested that

they solicit local firms to donate the materials needed and that some of our members will help with the work. They are in the process of getting set up as a 501c but meanwhile there are pressing needs.

**MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY**

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
743	37	13	1	2	3	793

**EDUCATION: Ned Bushong**

Ned reports that he has 4 new schools while losing one. This brings the total to 21 schools participating. Ned stated that his goal is to get every school in the county into the program.

**YOUTH INITIATIVE: No Report**

**PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly**

June Picnic at Millport Wed June 20-- Aug picnic Aug 15 @ Climbers

The Intermediate Fly Fishing event scheduled for Tully park on June 23 is on. Bill and Fran will pick up and deliver Stan's food stuffs and participate in the program.

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : No Report**

Still looking for a new chairman. If you would be interested please talk to any Board member.

**FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer**

Some additional monies for the Spring Fundraiser have been received, and the updated report will be provided shortly. Meanwhile, the executed contract with the Doubletree for the 2019 Fundraiser, along with a \$250 deposit, have been sent to the hotel. The date of next year's event is March 16. We do not have a chairperson identified at this time. Please notify Barry Witmer if you have suggested candidates for this key position.

In support of the Fundraising Committee's responsibility to build existing strategic partnerships and to develop new ones in the community, during the past two months Committee members participated in

- \* planning and executing the Spring Fundraiser
- \* training with the PA Fish and Boat to become certified fly fishing trainers

- \* supporting the VSP kickoff
- \* meetings and planning with the Boy Scouts
- \* coordinating and participating in Hans Herr's 5th grade program at Millport
- \* participating in Warwick's Watershed Day at Millport
- \* staffing Fly on the Run

In terms of revenue, the Conservation Committee reports that it continues to find significant funding for its projects, and Fran again delivered a tithe of nearly \$1,000 from his church.

We will need to continue to pursue the Extra Give program.

### **WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster**

#### Mayflyer

As you know, the June issue was posted on June 1. DL's to date have been modest.

Deadline for the next issue (August) will be @ Friday, July 27.

I expect to have the new sponsor's ads completed by then.

#### Website

Usage in April was typical but has gone up a good deal in May, with almost 1600 unique users.

Have yet to post the April Minutes as they were never approved. Other than that I've been able to keep the site updated.

#### Communication

Expect to send out the MailChimp mass mailing by Friday, but as of this moment don't have much for the CalofEvents. Contributions welcome.

### **VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan**

Bill continues to provide many opportunities for the Veterans group. He will see who would be interested in the Intermediate Fly Fishing program

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Hall**

Tom announced that the Stockyard will be the site of the Board Christmas dinner again this year. Date is not yet final.

## **PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster**

### **Youth**

Ben Rothman and Andrew Gusavage will be attending Rivers Camp next week.

### **Fundraising**

Dan Gutheri, President of Harmony Products, Inc. in Emigsville, learned of our organization and our tree planting to improve the Bay. He is a conservationist and has planted many trees on his own property over the years. Dan donated \$500 to be used only for trees.

Our TU New Member Rebate for 2017 is \$410 for 27 new members. TU also included information on these new members and many references to topics on their website that may help with recruiting.

### **Programs**

Intermediate Fly Casting Clinic is set for June 23, noon, on the Tully. Kiki Galvin will be driving up for the day. Stan Shenk is arranging lunch which will need to be collected at the Stauffers Lititz store on Friday, June 22 after 5 PM or on Saturday morning. I have not received any inquiries about this event. We can make another pitch at the picnic on June 20 and then decide whether we are having it or not.

### **Conservation**

I received a request from Rachel Smolinski who is part of a Multi-Campus Research Project with PSU. She is looking into the effects of stream restoration on local waters, wildlife, and sediments. She has a list of restoration projects in Lancaster County but would like to know if there are more and what results were achieved with these projects. This is part of a larger study of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Dr. Jennifer Sliko, PSU Geology Dept., and Dr. Shirley Clark, Engineering Dept., are overseeing Rachel's work. I passed her request over to Bob and Greg as they would have the information she is requesting.

I received information from Larson Design Group which is located in Lititz. They provide environmental design and restoration construction similar to Land Studies and Rettew. I forwarded the email to Bob and Greg.

Dan and I signed the contract with PA F&B for the Hammer Creek Dam project. The grant is for \$30,000.

## **ROUND TABLE:**

### **Nominating Committee**

To date, your Nominating Committee has identified single DTU candidates who are able and willing to run for the positions of president, secretary, and treasurer. Under current bylaws, each of them qualifies to run for their proposed positions. There are several members who have indicated some interest in board positions as well.

There is no candidate for vice president at this time.

It is the responsibility of the Board to renew itself from time to time by providing a viable slate of officers for consideration to Chapter members. We would appreciate any and all suggestions and conversations in order to present the best slate of candidates DTU has to offer.

Barry noted that we all need to participate in identifying a leadership pool for the future

**Mark** requested that Derek set him up with Administrative privileges for Facebook and Derick will do that.

**Wayne** : Noted that we are paid up for the Feb 2019 Fly Fishing Show.

**Dan V** : Noted that ASAP Status will be reactivated

He also noted that we have set up a PayPal account for a variety of administrative reasons.

## **ADJOURN:**

Joy Adjourned the meeting at 8:50

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry