

# Minutes June 5 2019

*note to readers of the 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 VanBuskirk, Bill Nolan, Bill Henry, Hugh Wenger,

**Absent:** Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Pam Williams, Dan Zimmerman

**Guests:** Matt Kofroth, Rick Purnell

**Minutes by the Secretary:** Bill Henry *Approved as published*

**Treasurer's Report:** Joy McMaster *Approved as submitted*

INCOME:	\$2,002.16
EXPENSES:	6,803.46
BALANCE:	151,976.59

## Items of additional interest:

Uncommitted money by accounts: checking = \$64,911; 319 = 6,178; PNC Conservation = 12,943.

Donation was sent to PATU.

Payment was sent to Rivers Camp for our third applicant.

One of our fundraiser sponsors wanted their donation to go to Climbers Run. That money and money Tom received from the Hammer Creek Watershed Association was deposited in the PNC Conservation Project account.

I have a meeting scheduled with Lorena Rakowsky at PNC on Tuesday. This meeting concerns the changing of signers for the checks on the current account and the start of a new account for the DCNR grant. This grant requires the money be placed in an interest earning account. I researched several banks. I wanted a bank with branches in York and Lancaster County. In order to avoid a monthly fee, banks want a cumulative deposit of \$5,000 each month. This seemed easiest to do at PNC. It also helps that we are an established customer and our nonprofit credentials are on file. I will report on this meeting on Wednesday.

At BB&T, the old credit cards are paid off and no longer work. We have earned @ \$10 in rewards on the new business cards. When we reach \$25 I can transfer this money to our general checking account and earn an addition 10% (\$2.50) by keeping the money in a BB&T account.

It was noted that Stan recommended we establish an account with Stauffers which only certain members will be able to use. This will simplify our many dealings with Stauffers. It was agreed that it was a good idea and Joy will proceed with setting it up.

The meeting with PNC went well. We have a new checking account named DCNR. These checks will require two signatures. I opened the account with \$100 from our BB&T General Checking account. While doing the paperwork for this account, we discovered that our EIN number at PNC was incorrect by one digit. The error was corrected on Dan's paperwork when he setup our current

account but it was not changed in the PNC computer. I was assured this will be fixed.

Barry Witmer applied for a DCED (Department of Community and Economic Development) grant for the Upper Camp Andrews area of Fishing Creek. There is a possible Trust account that could be awarded for 10 years of maintenance for this project. While at PNC, I sought information on trusts. Documents must first be drawn up by a lawyer to establish the trust. Then we would need to acquire an EIN number that is just for this trust. When the paperwork is done, we can then go back to the bank. The money placed in this trust can only be used to maintain this project. Any funds remaining after 10 years is to be returned to DCED.

## **CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/ Greg Wilson**

**by Greg**

Currently no construction activity. Flyway was getting staged to begin work on the Phillips Project, this is a \$138,000 project on a short stretch of Conowingo downstream of Cardinal Rd. Bob was looking for and found an amishman that is interested in having some stream work done. His project is along Goat Hill Road, a tributary to the main Conowingo. After the last DEP 319 meeting, it was mentioned EPA wants to focus more on the tributaries in an effort to possibly get some removed from the impaired list.

Bob took Adam Smith USFWS to look at a couple of projects last week, one small one on Climbers Run and large one on Conowingo. We want to get estimates and designs so as grant opportunities become available we are ready.

Barry submitted and was awarded a grant from Susquehanna Riverlands, for \$23,300. This had a DTU 25% cash match and a 25% in-kind match. The grant was awarded for stormwater mitigation at Drumore Park. Laverne Brubacher was idle on stream work, so was able to do all of the construction work right away. It was a large improvement, including piping a storm water channel to the bottom of the hill, and reworking an equestrian trail, constructing a rain garden to reduce roadway sediment from flowing into Fishing Creek, and cutting and treating hundreds of Ailanthis trees. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, (volunteers welcome at 9 am) we will plant 600 plugs in the rain garden. In the Fall we will plant trees and shrubs on the hillside.

Barry has also submitted a grant for the upper stretch of Camp Andrews, it is about a \$225,000 application. After many hours of work, Barry encountered a couple of hurdles that we thought may disqualify us from the opportunity. We were able to work through them and he was able to get it submitted in time. We won't probably hear anything 'til October.

Near the end of June, USFWS will return to the Bob Herr and Beiler projects. These will be ready for Fall plantings. We also have a few landowners along the 3 tributaries in the AG grant that are interested in more stream bank stabilization, so we will need designs and budgets. Several of the other landowners will start having the fencing installed this summer along the 3 tributaries. Unfortunately, current staff at Dept of Ag does not have interest in pursuing another phase of the next tributaries in Fishing Creek. It's a large scope for DTU, but would be very helpful for the watershed.

The Hammer Creek Project is moving along. Shaun Mcadams with National TU will begin his assessment. We have several interested landowners that we can start with. Team Ag will be applying for a grant to plan a restoration on the tributary on the Barry farm, the Barry brothers own about 800 acres and are a critical part of the restoration project. We will be doing a 3-phase

assessment of the watershed and develop a plan.

We are still awaiting the approval to remove the remnants of the dam, phase one of that project.

Garry has finally gotten most of the seedlings potted. We had several setbacks weather wise and lost volunteers. Working with PSU on the joint nursery venture has been going well. We had tree seedlings falling from the sky. They estimate between potted trees and shrubs and many that are heeled in, that we have 3000 plants for Fall.

I am hoping that many light bulbs were turned on with water week as we need armies of volunteers to plant. I am disappointed in DTU volunteer turnout to our potting and planting events. Garry has relied mainly on all non-TU folks to pot the plants and our planting events have been similar. I don't know how we can get more member participation, and I realize the board can't do it all. Bob has been making the best hot dogs, but nothing seems to help. The more projects we are installing and planting our maintenance is not getting done to ensure our trees have good survival. We really need some leaders to come forward and be willing to take on assignments.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**By Mark**

MailChimp:

Have just begun work on the June mailing. If anyone wants something singled out, let me know.

### **EDUCATION: Ned Bushong**

Ned reported that with 4 new classes for next year we will have 25 classes.

He is still having a problem with one of the chillers but is working through it and will have it resolved soon.

### **WOMANS INITIATIVE: Pam Williams**

Nothing new to report on the Ladies Initiative.

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

VSP outing at Spring Creek went better than expected. I underestimated the cost of food. I've provided the receipts. On the first day I went over the \$300 limit without board approval. I sincerely apologize, and I meant no disrespect to the board, it was an on the spot shopping and I did not think I would go over. In the future, I will better anticipate these expenditures. I also will have a bill for \$250 from the BBQ catering on Saturday. But I have not been provided with a receipt as of yet, and they understand that I need one for payment. For those who don't have Facebook, Joe Humphreys, Tom Herr, and Joe Jackson all showed up on Saturday. They tied flies with the vets, Joe Humphreys provided instruction, and at one point wet waded into Spring Creek to demonstrate and of course caught a trout right where he said he was going to. Tom Herr, who has become an invaluable asset to VSP put several vets on fish. Joe Jackson showed the vets how to work with

deer hair. Many good things have come out this past weekend.

**Upper Delaware VSP Trip:**

Kevin and Denise Shimp, were selected to go on this trip. I went up and helped instruct with casting, reading water, etc. The final two days they floated, along with four other veteran couples, down the West Branch. They all caught fish, and Denise caught the fly fishing bug.

Our next event will be June 22 with Total Outdoors on Penn's Creek. I will need to rent a van for this excursion.

I have been invited to attend 3 more national TU VSP events, in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Yellowstone Park.

I will be working with Logan Myers on another stream clean up day. I told him it would have to be in the Fall as at our previous outing we had several individuals overwork themselves due to the heat and we can't risk people's health.

**MEMBERSHIP: Fran McElhinney**

MALE	FEMALE	YOUTH-M -F		NEW	DROP	TOTAL
737	45	8	1	7	1	791

**PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly / Hugh Wenger**

Picnic next week at Millport. We are expecting about 75 people. Mac and Stan have everything lined up for food. Will use Greg's grill.

Balance of the year's programs are all set.

Hugh Wenger will become the new Program Chair.

**WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster**

**Website:**

Use is down slightly, interesting since we've had so many activities. Got a lot of traffic checking on the Donegal fish kill.

**Mayflyer:**

As you know, I was late with the June issue for the first time since taking on this job. My self-imposed sentence is 20 lashes with a wet (silk) fly line. As I believe I'm the only one in this unruly crowd who owns one, I'll throw myself on the tender mercies of my wife, who knows better than to risk damage to a silk line.

That said, verbiage from more than Greg, Tom & I would be appreciated. The large selection of photos was great, but I'm often left trying to discern what project they're from.

Deadline for the August issue looks like Sunday, July 28.

The new software for the Mayflyer has finally left beta and I'll hopefully use it for the next issue. Price was an unbelievable \$35.

### **ROUND TABLE:**

Tom is retiring as the chair of the Christmas Dinner. Dan V has agreed to take over this task. At this point we are expecting to use the same facility and a similar menu.

Derek is all set for the learn to fly fish event at Millport on Sat June 8.

### **Joy**

TU Leaders Forum had a discussion about providing subscriptions of Trout Magazine to public and school libraries. I didn't know if this would be of interest to our TIC schools or public libraries. We would need their approval and we would pay for the subscriptions.

Here is the procedure for ordering Trout magazine for your local library.

An annual subscription is \$15 each. Contact the Membership Services team and include the library name, staff contact, and full mailing address. Please also include a note that this is for a magazine only membership(s). The Membership Services team will manually add these special memberships to the chapter roster.

The Board agreed that Ned should contact his TIC leaders to offer this for each of their schools.

Please send this information along with a check to:

Trout Unlimited PO Box 7400

Woolly Bugger, WV 25438-7400

**Wayne** noted that the special olympics event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> is pretty well lined up. He could still use additional volunteers. Contact Wayne if you are interested.

Derek will solicit the 4wheeler at Messics. Not sure what trailer he will be able to use but it will be resolved. Stauffers is supplying food and drink. 75 people are expected at Hugh Wenger's for this event.

**Matt Kofroth** thanked DTU for their participation in his tree program. He also noted that he has been doing a lot of stream shocking to determine populations in streams. Found fish everywhere he has worked. Most seem to be stockers but a good quantity of wild trout are present in many places.

**Hugh Wenger** will get back to Harvest Seasonal Grill concerning their desire to help out on the Donegal. He will indicate to them that Donegal Fish and Conservation Association should be the one to contact regarding this. But that DTU will participate and help in any way we can.

**Bill Nolan** showed the Yeti thermos with DTU logo. All agreed it was very nice. We will use them as prizes, raffle items etc. as well as selling for \$25.

Mark McM brought up Nomination committee and it was agreed that Mark, Dan V, and Barry if he is willing would be this year's committee.

**ADJOURN: @ 8:55 PM**

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry