

# Board Meeting Minutes Oct 11, 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, Bob Kutz, Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Faye Haering, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Bill Henry

**Absent:** Jim Wellendorf, Greg Wilson, Derek Eberly, Jenna Mitchell, Barry Witmer, Mike Burcin

**Guests** Dr. Hugh Wenger [compliance officer for Vulnerable Population Policy]

*Hugh will serve as the non- board member compliance officer for this important policy.*

**SECRETARYS REPORT:** Bill Henry *Minutes Approved as published*

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Dan Van Buskirk *Approved as correct in discussion below.*

INCOME:	799.34
EXPENSES:	7090.22
Balance:	113,232.22

Uncommitted balances:

Cking. Acct.	28,363
319	6,178
Conserv.	7,058

**Other items of note:**

All three bank accounts have been reconciled, there was one check for Millport badge that was returned for lack of funds. There was no return fee charged. Joy brought up a question of a deposit [\$1635.79] that showed up in the monthly balance but was not listed as a line item of income in a previous month. Dan reviewed what happened and it was agreed the books are correct and it was a timing issue. Current reports are correct.

There seems to have been duplicate door prizes bought for OktoberFest, all were bought at good prices, so no real damage.

We have 28 attendees so far. Several people at the meeting gave Dan their reservation and some paid.

Wayne asked Dan to check out our tax exempt status. Have we renewed it?

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

### **By Bob Kutz**

We have several things to report upon.

1. Finished construction on 2 projects. They are the Metzler Sisters project as well as the Peters Creek project. Both projects are seeded but still need a riparian buffer to be planted. We have planting dates set on the Metzler Sisters Oct 21<sup>st</sup> & Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> for the Peters Creek Project. Hot dogs, snacks & water will be provided for all volunteers.
2. Conowingo Creek: Rettew Associates tell me that the design for the Phillips Project is completed & sent in to DEP for review. We have to wait for another grant round (Growing Greener) to be announced before we can apply for construction funding on that project.
3. Herr Farm. We are still waiting to hear from Aaron Ward, DEP, for confirmation that we will be receiving the \$180,000 needed to construct this project. There is another unnamed trib, entering the Herr farm that also needs attention. Tyler Neiman, PA Fish & Boat Comm., tells me that he has \$75,000 to spend on the Herr Farm or the unnamed trib. Adam Smith to visit this trib & start the design & quoting process.
4. Bowery Run. This stream, on the Albright Farm, suffers from extensive erosion; lack of fish habitat and riparian trees in some areas. Board Member, Jenna Mitchell, just advised us that she has secured DTU a \$108,000 grant from DEP to use to reconstruct the stream. Adam Smith to visit this stream within the next 2 weeks to begin a design & cost estimate.
5. Hammer Creek Project. DTU is still waiting to hear from the Fish Commission as well as Adam Smith as to the final design and who will pick up the construction costs to remove a dam, build stream improvement devices & plant a riparian buffer. More information to follow.
6. Bridge on Climbers Run at Meno's. Design is not complete and the construction dates have been moved forward accordingly.

### **By Greg**

I attended the Large Wood restoration conference this week. I felt fortunate to be able to join so many professionals from all over the US. Many with US Forest Service

which is probably the leader using this technique for restoration, as well as many other agencies. The Conference was hosted by American Rivers. Lisa did a great job pulling this together and is hoping to provide more workshops for PA in the future. It is slow to be received as most people are very nervous with the idea of introducing wood into streams and rivers. Historically PA was 90% forested, the streams were jammed with wood, we have been working hard to cleanse them. We recently electro-fished the upper reach of Steiman Run, all of the trout came out from under wood, logs, and roots. They have documented large increases in wild trout recruitment after installing these wood structures.

**COMMUNICATIONS: Jim Wellendorf**

I sent the draft of the October Calendar of Events to the Board for their review and approval at the October Board Meeting. I added two events since I sent out the draft. 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.

Per Wayne B we are all set for the Fly Tying Symposium on Nov 11-12. He does need help for set up and manning the booth. There were several volunteers.

**MEMBERSHIP: Fran McElhinny**

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
662	41	12	1	5		716

**EDUCATION: Ned Bushong**

We have added Hans Herr Elementary. It gives us a total of 18 schools participating in TIC.

**YOUTH INITIATIVE: Mark Ebner**

*With Mark's resignation due to moving out of the area we are looking for someone to pick up this important position. If anyone has any interest in the Youth Initiative please contact Joy*

**By Jim W**

5Rivers Club

Dr. Gumper informed Joy and I that the Millersville 5Rivers Club is no longer in operation. The Club president has graduated and there is no one willing to take that responsibility at this time. In addition, Dr. Gumper has become the advisor for another of the University's Clubs He spoke to the remaining Club members and to other faculty members about the possibility of reforming the Club at a later date.

He thanked the Chapter for its support.

### **NURSERY: Garry Longenecker**

I wanted to acknowledge that 8 people showed up at the nursery to organize distribution of trees and shrubs. We still have a significant number of dogwoods, red buds, and river birch to find projects that need these varieties. I will be working to find homes for all remaining plants when I return. Barry Witmer will have a final remaining tally by that time.

Looking to get donation of trees from PP&L and have just applied for 500 trees from the PA Fish and Game Commission.

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : Patric Nephin** First meeting is set.

### **FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer**

**by Jim W**

On Tuesday evening October 3, Barry Witmer and I attended the October Membership meeting of the Strasburg, PA Lion's Club to talk about our Chapter. Prior to the meeting I wrote a draft outline of what I wanted to talk about, Basically I followed the format of our brochure:

Who we are

What we do

How we do it

How you can help.

I sent my outline to Barry who transformed my sow's ear Word document into a silk purse Power Point presentation.

We took my computer and our projector to the meeting and since we both flunked the A/V course in high school we could not get it to work. So, I just talked from my outline. There were about 40 members in attendance and they proved to be a wonderful audience. They were attentive, knowledgeable and interested. We got

many good questions and several members expressed interest in various aspects of our work. I am sure we will receive several follow-up inquiries.

All and all it was a very good experience.

Barry and I learned several things from this experience.

First and foremost, we should be doing more of these presentations if we are to achieve our objectives. If you know of any organization who you think would like to hear about our Chapter and our work, please let Barry or I know.

Second the Power Point presentation that Barry developed can become an excellent tool to use to make the presentations.

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

Website:

Little to report, use is back down to typical levels. Have completed a GoogleMap for the Peters Creek Project but haven't yet posted it. Would like to post that along w/ a slideshow on the project. Haven't coded the slideshow yet.

Mayflyer:

As you know the October issue was posted on the 1st. Downloads have been light to date. More content this issue offset the # of ads. Bill Nolan did some wheeling & dealing and secured a tradeoff for his vets in exchange for a 1/4 page ad for the F.F.Show & Tying Symposium. This ad will only run through the show in March, thus 3 issues. Deadline for the December issue looks like Monday, Nov 27.

Communications:

As you've seen I made an executive decision and emailed the October Teaser early in hopes of getting some more reservations for OktoberFest. 205 of the 650 I sent it to opened it (to refresh your memory, that means they loaded the images in it. More will have actually read it w/o looking at the pix.) I'll need some more events to make sending the Cal. Of Events worth issuing.

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

This Saturday will be our final fishing outing for the year.

American Legion Post 34, has agreed to host the VSP fly tying program, free of charge, twice monthly, November through, March/April. I am working on determining which night of the week would work best. Tentatively, I am thinking 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-9. Although offered, I declined, VSP members will not be served alcohol, but will be offered food. The no alcohol policy has never been a problem, but I am working on a set of stated rules, and that will be rule number 1 for the program.

I attended the VSP training in Idaho, and learned a lot concerning how to work with disabled veterans as well as how to run the program better and how to reach more veterans.

I am working on several things to improve the program, and define it better.

I am working on getting into the Lebanon VA, to teach disabled Veterans how to tie flies. This is a very stringent process and I am not sure it will go through. I have had a number of VSP members state they would like to help out. I would limit activities to 1 on 1 training. We will see, the VA closely guards disabled veterans (rightfully so).

Mark Coons' son, Ben, has agreed to take the role of fundraiser for VSP. VSP member Nick Debernardo, has asked for a role on the team and his role will be to try to get donated tickets to concerts, sporting events, etc, for the Veterans. There is a website, Vettix.org, where veterans can get donated tickets, it's one of the options he is working on.

Initially, I tried to get volunteers into roles they were not ready for. But as the program has grown, people are approaching me and asking to volunteer. So I am just letting it grow organically. I get many offers, for many things, and many promises that do not come true, so I prefer to take this approach.

Spring Creek VSP and DTU VSP are working on hosting a joint event next year. They have access to private water on Spring Creek. Initial thoughts by Jim Lanning are, that he would be able to fund it through PA TU VSP, and we would also invite all VSP's in the state.

#### **PAST PRESIDENT: Jim Wellendorf**

My wife inscribed the volunteer's names to the certificates. Garry Longenecker and I put the certificates in the plaques. I will give to plaques to Joy at the Board Meeting if I cannot attend the OktoberFest.

#### *ExtraOrdinary Give - November 17, 2017*

Just a reminder this year the Stretch Goal is over \$500,000 thanks to significant contributions by several local businesses. The more contributions we raise, the more of the Stretch Goal we can earn. So, it is imperative for us to solicit as many of our

friends and associates as we can and ask them to solicit their friends on our behalf. That way an initial \$25 contribution can become \$50 or more.

I hope by now every Board member has updated their distribution list and is preparing to send out their first request to consider giving to our Chapter on November 17, 2017.

Remember: We CAN make our 2017 campaign even bigger than last year. All we have to do is make a contribution and ask a friend.

Mark will get info for our solicitations to our individual list as well as a letter to be used to solicit business.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Hall**

Christmas dinner at the Stockyard is set for Dec the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster**

Hugh Wenger joined us towards the end of our meeting. Hugh has agreed to be our Vulnerable Policy Compliance Officer. I feel Hugh should have a copy of list of members with their clearances. I also think Hugh should be alerted to any DTU activity where youth are expected to attend.

Mark will set up for Hugh to have access to our Cloud Storage on which all clearances are recorded. Bill H will see that Hugh gets all hard copies of the clearances.

*Notes from the PA TU Annual Meeting:*

A new strategic plan will be on the PA TU website.

Cold Water Heritage grants run Sept 25 - Dec.15. Call Tali with grant ideas and to get help.

TIC grants this year are to cover release day events. TIC sweepstake tickets are available for a drawing in Dec.

Forever Wild Grant replaces the Back the Brookie Grant. This grant is for native and wild trout streams. Up to \$1,500 is available to a chapter. Application deadline is 12/15/17.

Two ideas from the chapter reports:

A TIC class did a power point presentation at a spring chapter meeting.

Susquehanna Chapter hosted a Watershed Summit in January. Area watershed organizations, public officials, and conservation groups were invited to participate at this public event. Each group was allowed 10 minutes to present their past year's accomplishments and future projects. The purpose of the summit was to inform the public and each other of the volunteer efforts within the community to protect the streams and how the groups might better work together.

Riparian Buffer Communication: explain that this is the transition zone between the stream edge and upland area. Reteach that a messy looking area is good = no mow space. These zones can be gateways to recreation areas. Zones should be 2X the width of the stream channel. Work with the landowner to reach a compromise. Just maintaining this area may be the best you can hope for. Proper tree planting yields @80% survival rate. Untrained volunteers greatly reduce this %. Have the right tree for the right place. A weed is just a plant that is out of place. No scripted talks were suggested for the different situations presented.

CVTU Rivers Camp: Rod Cross is moving to a different area of the state. Applications can start after Nov.1. Cost per student next year is \$550.

Headwaters Program: There is a new program for Girl Scouts called Stream Girls. This is an overnight/weekend program for scouts in middle school. It is running in S.C., Mi., and Mon. It results in a patch not a badge like the Boy Scouts. It is described as watershed education meets fly fishing. There is more science & ecology than for the Boy Scout badge.

5Rivers: The scheduled representatives were not able to attend. There was to be a handout that I could not find. TU requires a recognized campus club with advisor. PA TU requires there also be a TU advisor. Council has a display and a team that can visit colleges that are interested in learning more about 5 Rivers. Students are currently required to purchase out of state fishing license. Council is working on getting the college address accepted so students can buy a resident license.

Muddy Creek won Best Project award for their work on Spencer Run, a tributary of Muddy Creek in the Bonham Preserve.

### Rivers Camp

We received a very nice thank you note from Ken and Kristen Rychener, parents of Landon. They appreciated our sponsorship and the opportunity for Landon to learn from talented and knowledgeable people. This prompted me to invite our graduates this year to do a short presentation at the December chapter meeting.

### Intermediate Fishing Class

I emailed Kiki Galvin about our idea for this class in June, 2018. I have yet to receive an answer.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Tom H. noted that there continue to be discussion with Millport regarding fees and use of the facilities

Dan V. noted that he has DTU logo envelopes if anyone needs any.

Where is the trailer title? We have sold the trailer and need the title to transfer ownership.

Anyone having and knowledge of this contact Dan V.

Bob Kutz along with Dan Brandt will run a new event for DTU this year. It will be a year-long raffle for events, work days, and meeting attendees. Each person in these categories will receive one raffle ticket per attendance. A drawing will be held at the end of the year and the winner will receive a 9' 5wt rod. This is anticipated to begin in January with the drawing at the Dec meeting.

Bill H will get with Bob with an example of a two-piece ticket printed by Cooper Printing in New Danville

**ADJOURN: @9:05**

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry