

October 2018 Board Minutes

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: Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Fran McElhinney, Bill Nolan, Bill Henry, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Pam Williams, Dan Zimmerman, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Dan VanBuskirk

Absent: Ned Bushong, Tom Hall

SECRETARY’S REPORT: *Bill Henry Minutes accepted and approved*

TREASURER’S REPORT: *Dan Van Buskirk reports accepted and approved*

INCOME:	290.00
EXPENSES:	3,121.15
Balance:	88,176.22

Other items of note:

Uncommitted Money:

Cking Acct	\$43,131
319 6,173	
CNC	12,943

ll accounts have been reconciled.

I believe DTU’s Quicken program has been successfully reconstructed (should be reviewed by Joy and Wayne).

All DTU Treasurers documents (Registrations, Certificates, ID’s, Etc.) are current.

As this is my last report as Treasurer, I wish to thank the board for allowing me the privilege of serving for four and a half years. It has been a wonderful experience.

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

By Greg

We incurred some storm damage on the Metzler sisters, Drumore Park and also Peters Creek. Bob has been searching for funds to fix the damage and also find funding to complete the Madison Project. It was short on funding to begin with and after having to make repairs during construction due to storm damage, USF&W had to pull out without completing the project.

The bridge construction at the Menno Stolfus farm should begin in about a week. This will be a very beneficial project to allow aquatic organism passage, hopefully brook trout.

We are also possibly applying for a grant to fund a culvert replacement on Stump Rd that would allow connectivity between Trout Run and Steihman Run. We have a major challenge looking at the

culvert under Pennsy Road on Trout Run. That will be a while. Barry found a grant that would fit this project.

We are in tree planting season. We planted new trees and replaced some that didn't survive at the Camp Andrews location. We had 5 DTU volunteers and 3 from Friends of Fishing Creek, and one LCC volunteer. This weekend Bob will be leading the planting at Tanglewood Golf course. This is on a project that we installed a few years ago and it was never planted. They will plant about 225 trees and shrubs. We decided to buy a few showy shrubs with the hope if the concept is acceptable they may allow more plantings and also not mow as close to the stream.

Then on October 27th, we will plant and replace trees at the Drumore Park. Many of the trees we installed are doing well. Friends of Fishing Creek is planning to install a pollinator garden among the trees. So that will add more beautification.

Friends of Fishing Creek is organizing a work day on the LCC south preserve for Nov 4th. If anyone is interested I can get you all of the details. We are trying to support their efforts as they are in the area and will be stewards of these projects. We will schedule a few more planting dates, we would like to plant the Woy Project on the Conowingo and do some replacements on Peters Creek. Dates to be determined.

The plan is to start the Herr/Beiler Project in January. There is a lock out date of March 15th for trout season. This is a very large project, probably close to 2 miles, so will be very time consuming, the total is about \$250,000. This is going to be very good project and will reduce a lot off erosion, and create great trout habitat. The AgBMP grant is limping along slowly, hopefully fencing will begin next summer.

Next year we will also be involved with a large project on Bowery Run. This is about 3/4 of a mile, and will include livestock fencing, stream work and a buffer. Jenna secured the funding of almost \$200,000 for this project. It will be great improvement for the Octoraro.

We are also awaiting grant funding for the Phillips Project on Conowingo. Hopefully this will be awarded in the near future.

' In conversation with Ben from PAF&BC, not much will happen on the dam removal at Hammer Creek till 2019 and 2020. I hate the speed of bureacracy.

SRBC installed a permanent stream data logger in Lititz Run at Millport Conservancy. It will provide a continuous reading of ph, turbidity, temp and more. This will be interesting data. LRWA has hired Etown college to analyze all of the data accumulated over 20 years for Lititz Run, we are hoping to get the information into an easily usable format.

Warwick Twp has been working with The Alliance for the Bay and is planning on adding more forested buffers on the upper trib. The Alliance will also be planting on the Hess Farm, an area in need of shade. Recently Landstudies constructed a wetland area off Oak St in Lititz. So many great things continue to happen on Lititz Run. They are also working on grant to work on the stream between Riparian Park and the Banta property.

Barry made the following comments regarding grants that he will be writing. They will all include Money for "Administration." These monies should be used per a policy not yet developed and approved by the Board. This should be an early priority of the incoming board.

Stocking at Millport was completed this week - 500 fish. The \$1475 for this was approved at the last Board meeting.

Dan Zimmerman suggest we get the Municipalities do the administrative work associated with projects done in their area. They should all be willing to do this. This will be pursued in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS:

By Mark

Communications

The signage for Kutzie's projects at Camp Andrews & the Woy Project were done in Illustrator & PhotoShop and are now saved as templates for future signage, where we will only have to change logos & wording to keep a common "look". Am still not satisfied with Flyway's logo on that work, but haven't had time to refine it. Looks fine from a short distance but not up close.

Will be updating the mailing list for MailChimp & working on the October "teaser" this week.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH Y	NEW	T in	T out	TOTAL
693	35	12	2	2	1	1	742

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong

TIC supplies are in and I will be delivering them to the schools this Friday.

It has been suggested by That Fish Place that we order supplies for next year soon because all prices are going up due to the tariffs. Just something to consider.

I have 3 new school signed up for next year and I am working on getting several more.

We need more information on this such as how much the increase would be, when, etc. Unless it is significant we may not want to spend the monies required until necessary.

YOUTH INITIATIVE:

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

Most programming in in place for the next few months. Derek is going to present in Feb. on his current job and how it relates to DTU.

Everyone is reminded the Oktoberfest is next Wed. Get your reservation and money to Dan V ASAP.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET : Barry Witmer/ Glenn Nephin

Glen Nephin and Barry Witmer, co-chairs for the 2019 DTU Spring Fund Raiser scheduled for March 16, met last month to begin planning in earnest for the Banquet. Ideas or recommendations that Directors would like to offer can be addressed to either co-chair, who welcome comments or suggestions. We are especially focused on increasing corporate sponsorships and welcome any leads

DTU Directors can supply. Thanks to all who have come forward with their ideas and offers of help and especially to Bob Kutz for his extensive list of companies to approach for sponsorships. Those leads, plus more people in seats, will insure a successful event. It is not too early for The Board to begin a search for the 2020 chairperson for this event.

Barry made a suggestion regarding the Chair of this event in the future. The board or the President should establish a committee to find the next chairperson. Barry and Glenn are only doing this for one year.

This was further expanded to say that another or the same committee should also look at ways to get qualified board members to lead DTU. It seems that the same 20 or so people are always the ones involved. With 750 members there must be a way to find these people and get them involved for the good of the future of DTU.

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer

At the September meeting of the Board, I reported that a grant proposal would be prepared and submitted to the Campbell Foundation for the Byler project. Indeed, a grant request for \$23,905 was submitted, but for a different purpose. Research into the grant plus conversations with Campbell Foundation staff revealed that this foundation has never funded stream improvements. It is very focused on community education and outreach. So, with Lydia Martin as the lead, the proposal was written for funding to support three major focuses:

- 1) Development of methods and written material for landowners that will help them to understand the need for stream restoration and conservation efforts;
- 2) Community-wide eco-education meetings in Drumore Township;
- 3) Funding for four additional Trout in the Classroom programs.

If this grant is received, the work will be done through the Conservation Committee.

President Joy is coordinating efforts for the Extraordinary Give. Please consider how much of your personal treasure you can commit to DTU through this 24-hour campaign and alert others who might consider contributing as well.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website

Use is picking up from the Summer doldrums. Not to the record use of last Spring, but typical as our Fall activities grow.

Mayflyer

October issue was published on time on October 1. DL's from the website are higher than usual at this time of the cycle. Next deadline will be November 26 in anticipation of the December issue. Time to promote our Winter activities and speakers & spark some enthusiasm for upcoming activities.

Am still learning the beta version of my new publishing program. It may be out of beta in time for the December issue. I expect cost to be minimal in keeping with their pricing on their PhotoShop & Illustrator competitors, which continue to impress.

IT

Need to assign dtu email addresses to those new board members who have requested them. Barry has reported our @dtu email may have been blacklisted by some corporate servers. I'll try to track that down & see if I can remedy it. Doubtless tied to the pres@dtu spoof phishing attempts we saw. Probably safest is for you to rely on your personal email account to send mail, and use the dtu account as an Inbox only. At least keep an open eye to make sure your emails are getting out.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

Do not have much as far as VSP goes. A roofing company called me a few weeks ago from Ephrata wishing to make a donation to VSP. Does anyone know if that was received and for how much? We will be starting the bi-monthly fly tying at the American Legion on the first and third Tuesday of each month starting in November. Several of the guys that went on the Rivers of Recovery trip expressed a desire to help, so I'm going to take advantage of that.

I contacted Christ Home about doing a fishing event for the kids. They are into it, so tentatively we are aiming for next June. I'll be working with Fish and Boat to set this up. Should be able to get donations for food and such.

I had seen that last year, Valley Forge TU did a weekend trip for regular members to the Little J, stay at a bed and breakfast, etc. I wonder we could offer something similar to our members?

PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

Pens - We received a solicitation from National Pen Company in Shelbyville, Tennessee. The sample pen was engraved with our name and location. With Tom's approval, I ordered 250 pens at the introductory price of \$0.59 each plus a set up charge and delivery/handling charge. The pens will say: Donegal Trout Unlimited / Lancaster, Pa. 17604 / One stream at a time. Cost is \$147.50 + 16.95 set up + delivery charge = \$164.45+ delivery charge. Future orders have a varying cost depending on amount ordered. In the future, 250 pens at \$1.49 per = \$372.50. The pens can be handed out at any event so the public will remember us.

Millport buttons - I ordered 250 buttons for 2019 with royal blue lettering. The cost is the same as last year - \$119.36.

Winter Fly Tying 2019 - I've sent out a proposal for the 2019 event. I plan to order two electric cord reels. They will be Chapter property and can be used at other events.

Water Week 2019 - Fritz Schroder sent out a thank you for participation in this year's Water Week. He is asking us to sign on for 2019 at the \$2,500 level. We must reply by Nov.1. *A motion & 2nd were made and this was approved by the board.*

New officers - I have made some changes to the list of board members on the TU leaders list. I will change the list of officers there after Tom returns from vacation. At that time, Tom will become the receiver of email at president@donegaltu.org.

Letterhead - I've started working on the new letterhead. Hugh, Dan, and Pam do you want your email address and phone number listed? In the past for added security, women on the board were given an @donegaltu.org address.

ROUND TABLE:

By Barry

Directors

You may remember that we approved a \$400 expenditure for Blue Ball Elementary to run a two-day program called Upstream Downstream This builds on the Trout in the Classroom programs that have been running under superstar teacher Becky Whitson, now a member of our Conservation Committee.

Just a few minutes ago, I received a report from her in which I thought you would have interest.

Becky Whitson

Hi Barry, we had part one of the experience on Friday September 28. We did a school yard biodiversity study and rated the health of our school yard habitat. NorthBay educators conducted the outdoor sessions with a great degree of success! Pennsylvania Master naturalist volunteers conducted two separate indoor sessions. One session addressed the web of life and population changes within a habitat. Another session addressed a career as a naturalist and had students investigating/observing Pennsylvania rocks, minerals animals and plants. The entire day was a success! Students will travel to Climbers Run on October 19 from 10 to 2:15. I will forward the schedule as soon as I confirm with Caitlyn from NorthBay. It should be confirmed this week.

ROUNDTABLE

Derek says he will be trying to use members for the fly tying in Dec.

Wayne Gave thanks for all who participated in the special Olympics event. Several members who participated noted how fulfilling it was to do.

Dan V noted the Morijeau gave him some items for the banquet and he put them in the locker.

Barry noted that he was grateful to be able to participate as a board member and gave his thanks to all who worked with him during his tenure.

Greg reported that Ryan Davis has requested our support for his proposal to encourage the replacement of grass areas with better plantings for soil retention. It was agreed that we would do so.

He also noted the Sportsman event at Middlecreek was great and John Arway, the speaker was great as always.

Greg also suggested a fundraising event with the following skeleton idea. Sell high priced tickets \$100 each for a spectacular event such as a fishing trip to Costa Rica. It was agreed that this idea should be explored and more specific info on how much and where and other specifics need to be determined before it is a real consideration.

Dan Z Reviewed that he is part of a group that is beginning to try to put together 20+ years of data concerning Lititz Run. This should allow them to make some sense of what has resulted from 20 years of work on the watershed.

Bob K. reported the Bill Billet is trying to get a local publication in the Ephrata area to publish information regarding DTU

ADJOURN: 9:00

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry