

Sept 13, 2017 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: Jim Wellendorf, Tom Hall, Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Faye Haering, Mark Ebner, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Derek Eberly, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

Absent: Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Garry Longenecker, Wayne Boggs, Jenna Mitchell, Mike Burcin

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Bill Henry approved as published

TREASURER’S REPORT: Dan Van Buskirk Approved as published

INCOME: 44.73

EXPENSES: 1288.17

Balance: 119,247.31

Other items of note:

By Joy Acct balances

Uncommitted	36013
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319	6178
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Conservation	7058
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E-Tides report filed on August 12.

Oktoberfest location paid for, need to decide on raffle prize(s).

BCO application filed in June needed additional document, sent on Sept 12 with \$50 late fee.

Fees for Fly Tying Expo and Fly Fishing Show are paid [Wayne is taking the lead on these events]

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

By Greg

USFW has started on the Peters creek project. Bob and I went and met the excavator and looked at the site, it will be a great habitat improvement. They will also make some repairs for Fulton Township, that will stabilize the roadway, reduce erosion and create better fish habitat.

Another crew from USF&W will be starting on the Metzler project on Fishing Creek, after several hurdles, they are ready to go. USF&W has gone the extra mile in getting through all of the permitting from bog turtles to Indian artifacts it has been a long road. We are excited to see this installed. We will be using trees and shrubs from the DTU nursery on both projects. We will be needing volunteers to help with the planting, and will get some dates together.

Drumore Park is looking good. We will be adding more trees and shrubs at this location as well. Jenna arranged for some freshman students from F&M along with the Forrester for the Alliance for the Bay, to volunteer at Climbers Run for a day and also at Fishing Creek. The volunteers removed invasives at

Climbers Preserve, and along Scalpy Hollow continued the burning bush eradication. We then went to Drumore Park, and planted 20 trees and shrubs, checked all of the tree shelters.

Bob and I also met with Bob Herr, we went and met his Amish neighbor that shares the upper half of the stream bank. Jenna is working on the paperwork to secure grant funding for this project. Bob Kutz received a call from Aqua Terra, an engineering firm seeking a wetland mitigation site and also a stream site. Bob Herr is willing to allow wetland construction, which would be great, for the project.

While traveling along Scalpy Hollow Road, we met 2 PFBC biologists. They were doing electro fishing for the AG BMP grant. They sampled below the lowest trib in the grant and upstream of the upper trib. this will provide data if the BMPs helped, although may be thrown off as we will be doing major habitat improvements on a few stream reaches. But they were happy with the results they were finding.

Bob was informed that the grant for 58k was approved for design of the project in Conowingo off Cardinal Rd, so Rettew will begin this process.

We looked at Herb Weaver's, it is really growing up with hops, crawling on all of the new tree shelters. Landstudies sprayed 2 times, but I guess the budget isn't large enough. They are also thick in the Project upstream of the bridge. Invasive plants are destroying the tree planting projects.

The Pennsy Road project looks pretty good, we lost some trees and would like to add a few more at this location.

We would also like to have volunteers for planting and tree maintenance at Climbers Run. I will schedule some dates and get all of the above dates posted. The invasive multiflora are getting ahead of us in this area.

Warwick Township coordinated a work day with an Eagle Scout project. We planted 3250 wetland plugs with help from LRWA, Warwick Twp, Landstudies and the Boy Scouts. We have been trying to replant this site for 2 years, finally got it completed. This a water quality wetland basin, that was more needed prior to the installation at Rock Lititz. Over the years, they have dredged out 75 dump truck loads of sediment that would settle out.

Joy forwarded me a message about a large tree falling into the pool below the foot bridge at Millport, Logan also said he has a TU project to help remove it. I looked at it, my suggestion is trim up the ends and leave the tree in place, great habitat. I am actually taking another class at State college in Oct, on installing large wood structures. It is a huge missing component in most stream projects, but visualize Pa with 95% forest, and millions of beavers. Our stream flows are so altered.

Lititz Borough recently had Landstudies install another improvement project on Water and Front street in Lititz, regrading a severely eroding stream bank. All of these projects will have long term benefits to the fishery.

Many people are catching little stream-bred rainbows in Lititz Run. According to Mike Kauffman, only about 9 streams in the state are listed as wild rainbow fisheries. He said often they die off after the first year. It will be interesting to see if they can make it. When I began working on Lititz, I always thought reproducing fish would indicate a pretty good project. So time will tell.

This weekend LCC is hosting a Bio Blitz at the newly acquired section on Steihman Run, We are a listed sponsor. Matt Kofroth will be doing an electro fishing demonstration on Sunday morning. We will meet at Climbers Preserve at 8:30, and drive to the site. You can look at the schedule on LCC's website, great activities to go check out. Several college professors will have students out identifying different taxa. There will also be guided walks and many events.

Garry Longenecker has proposed building two new planting tables for the nursery. There were no objections and he is directed to go ahead with this addition.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jim Wellendorf

I sent the draft of the September Calendar of Events to the Board for their review and approval at the September Board Meeting. 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. *Calendar approved with some minor additions/ corrections.*

By Mark McM

Will update the MailChimp mailing list today & begin work on the Teaser. Still not enough info to warrant a separate CalofEvents IMHO.

I don't report on every mailing because the results are consistent, but the August Teaser was opened by 33% of those on the list, which is above the industry average, and somewhat above our own average.

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong

Tic equipment will be in by next week. I will deliver to all the new classrooms.

Total Cost \$4132.15 for 3 classrooms and the new chiller and filter for CV.

We now have 17 classrooms that will be participating.

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer

As you know from the communications that have been sent, Joy, Mark and Jim are doing a good job again this year in positioning us for the Extraordinary Give. Our initial year of participation was surprisingly good, but we can do better even with the public support for the hurricane recovery that many are sending. If we all ask our contacts to consider committing some of their dollars to DTU, we can reach \$7,500.

Sent with this report is a project sheet for DTU participation in "Hooked on Scouting". Please let me know if you have interest in attending.

If you have not yet completed your member phone calls, please try to wrap those up within the next 30 days.

Work continues on the other open projects of this committee and will be completed by December 31.

DTU will participate as per Barry's Event Proposal for the Hooked on Scout event at the Scouts' Camp Mack.

YOUTH INITIATIVE: Mark Ebner

By Jim W

5Rivers Club

No report. Dr. Gumpfer has not contacted me to set up a planning meeting.

Derek reports that interest is not high at this time. It will ebb and flow with the college enrollment.

Mark Ebner has resigned to take a job in the Orlando, FL area. We all wish Mark good luck and thanked him for his valuable contributions to DTU.

As a result, we are looking for someone to step up and continue the Youth Initiatives of DTU. If you are interested or know anyone who is please contact a Board Member.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

We are finishing up for the season, just a few more outings. We are looking for a space to do fly tying with the veterans. We did it off the books last year and they really liked it, so we will do a more formal arrangement this time. I've written to the Legion to see if we can use their space. Other than that, I'll be leaving for the training in Idaho in a few weeks. Upon return I expect to be contacted by other TU chapters in need of training.

Bill had someone donate a large quantity of fishing equipment. Most of it not trout related. See him if you're interested. Otherwise he will try other ways to divest himself of it.

Bill also shared the VSP training agenda:

Thanks to the Department of Veterans Affairs Adaptive Sport Grant program, we are excited to be offering a training to assist you in your goals to increase the quality of programming you offer Veterans with Disabilities. Over the next 4 days we will cover many topics including, but not limited to: Trout Unlimited Train The Trainer Event (T3) September 24-27, 2017 Sun Valley, Idaho Jeff Burley P.O. Box 6791 Ketchum ID 83340 Higher Ground Sun Valley ♦ Program Design ♦ Adaptive Equipment ♦ Therapeutic Modalities ♦ Resources ♦ Intro to Disabilities ♦ Fly Fishing Instruction Techniques Trout Unlimited VSP Dave Kumlien 4431 West Babcock Street Bozeman MT 59718. Prior to arrival please obtain a fishing license online for Wednesday September 27th. We will be reimbursing for the one day of fishing so please bring your itemized receipt. If the online process is not functional for you please arrange to purchase your license in town prior to Wednesday September 27.

WOMENS INITIATIVE: Faye Haering

Faye suggested that using Kiki Galvan to put on a clinic for women would probably not provide a good result for the money spent. Much discussion was had on various events over the year. It was finally decided that Derek, Joy and Faye would work on a program of 4 events for this year.

1. Fishing Skills' Instructor by Fish and Boat in January

2. Fly Fishing Skills by Fish and Boat in February or at the fly fishing show
3. Beginners event as per this year's event by Derek in April/May
4. Intermediate Skills event by Kiki Galvan in the June period

It was felt that this would give us a good schedule of teaching events for all levels of members and give us the ability to grant fishing license waivers for these and future such events.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McElhinny

MALE	FEMALE	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	LOST	TOTAL
671	37	12	0	3		720

PROGRAMS: Derek Eberly

Next week we will show a film that Mark McM has regarding fishing on small streams in Britain. As per Mark it is quite interesting and entertaining and applies here as well as in Britain.

OktoberFest is all set at Tellus 360. Reminder that parking is not paid for in the garage behind Tellus. Evening costs are relatively inexpensive.

NURSERY: Garry Longenecker

Nothing further other than the new tables as per above.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Mark McMaster

Website:

Use continues high. DL's of the August Mayflyer are as expected. Little else to report on that front.

Have added a slideshow of our VSP activities, thanks to Bill Nolan's generous supply of photos.

I have resolved several issues with how the site displays on mobile devices, most significantly the way the email addresses on the Officers page display. Additionally, I have now "optimized" the site's supporting code (essentially, compressed it) and enabled compression of the pages themselves as they are sent to your browser. The end result should be much faster page loads, and I can attest to that myself. I expect to continue to add refinements offered by the new code base, but am satisfied the transition from v5 to v6 is now complete.

Mayflyer:

Have been unable to complete a snailmail version of the Mayflyer as hoped, due largely to lack of info about upcoming meetings. If I can finish one later this month we may also be able to include some photos of work on Peters Creek, etc, so there may be an upside to delay.

The October issue is next up, with a deadline of Wednesday, Sept 27. I need your input – the August issue was badly ad-heavy and there is talk about another ad or 2 for October. We need words & photos to counterbalance those ads.

PAST PRESIDENT: Jim Wellendorf

2017 Volunteer Recognition Plaques:

I purchased the three frames for our 2017 Volunteer Recognition Plaques. Joy and Tom signed the certificates and my wife wrote the volunteers names on them.

ExtraOrdinary Give - November 17, 2017:

I attended the ExtraOrdinary Give Kickoff meeting on August 23 at Millersville University.

Much of the information presented was the same information Joy, Mark and I heard last year.

Registration deadline is October 1. If we submit by September 1 we are eligible for a \$1,000 bonus. Joy agreed to submit our registration for me as I have significant personal issue I am dealing with. 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 \$10 contribution can become \$20 or \$30 or more.

I need each of you to review and update your email distribution lists NOW if you haven't done so already. If you don't have a distribution list, make one NOW. That way you will be ready when Mark prepares announcements for you to send to your friends and associates.

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

VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Hall

The Christmas dinner for the Board is set at the Stockyard on Dec 16.

PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

Clean Water Act:

Chris Wood sent an email to chapter presidents asking us to sign on to TU's letter supporting the Clean Water Act. I submitted our chapter's support.

Dave Phillips project:

Dan and I signed the papers for grant #1327. This is for the design & permitting of the Phillips Project on Conowingo Creek. This property is between two previous projects - Silimperi and Keplinger. The grant is for \$58,000. This money is from left over money from the 2013 grant year. Therefore, this work needs to be completed by September 30.

Display at Middle Creek:

Dan Lynch, PA Game Commission of the Southeast Region, contacted PA TU to see if anyone would be interested in setting up a static display at the National Hunting and Fishing Day at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area on Sunday September 24th, 2017 from 11 AM - 5 PM. We can set up our conservation display and leave pamphlets if no one wants to stay the whole day. Barry and Derek expressed interest.

Volunteer Awards:

I purchased gift cards from Amazon Smile for this year's and last year's awards. I mailed the cards to the three from last year and included a personal note.

Extra Give:

I completed the application August 30 so we should be in the early drawing for an extra \$1,000. Our application was accepted. Barry approved the sheet I wrote to give to businesses. Mark can now add our logo and the Extra Give sponsors.

Jim W also emailed everyone a page to include in their solicitations.

He also suggested everyone give at least \$25 and then say, "I gave \$25 and request that you do the same and then ask all your friends to do the same"

PA Fish & Boat Wild Trout Summit:

Greg, Derek, Mark M., and I attended the meeting. Most of the presentations were of value. I have sent you the link to the power point presentations.

Vulnerable Person Policy:

I have sent the board the completed policy, dated and initialed. Hugh Wenger has agreed to be our Compliance Officer. He will join us at the Oct. board meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to adopt the Policy as recently published by Joy. Joy and Bill Henry then signed the document.

Joy will post the document to our 365 Cloud.

ADJOURN: @9:20

Respectfully submitted by Bill Henry