

September 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: Tom Hall, Bob Kutz, Fran McElhinney, Ned Bushong, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Barry Witmer, Bill Henry

Absent: Derek Eberly, Greg Wilson, Jenna Mitchell

WOMEN’S INITIATIVE: Pam Williams has expressed an interest in heading up this initiative. She will be a welcome addition to the group.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: *Bill Henry Approved as published*

TREASURER’S REPORT: *Dan Van Buskirk Approved subject to changes discussed*

INCOME: 5,576.20

EXPENSES: 1,442.69

Balance: 91,007.46

Uncommitted \$ by Joy	Checking	\$45,962
	319 Acct.	6,178
	Conservation	12,943

Other items of note:

E-tides for 1st half of 2018 were filed.

DFCA’s nursery was severely damaged by torrential rainfall, much of the fish run walls, storage shed and protective screens were washed away. Many but not all fish were lost. Service lane was also washed away due to water flow from nearby fields and retaining basins. Much has to be decided as regards the future of the nursery, discussions are underway between the landlord, town, etc. A GO-FUND ME site has been established and the 501(c)(3) application is ongoing

CONSERVATION: Bob Kutz/Greg Wilson

By Greg

After being out of town for over a month, I was welcomed back with continued hot and humid weather, ugh. But this past week we went to look at some of the stream projects to see how they were holding up. We incurred some damage at the Metzler sisters, and Drumore Park. Camp Andrews survived well. We went to look at Peters Creek last Saturday but the water was high again so we were unable to get a good idea of the situation, we saw some tree shelters were leaning or gone.

Bob and I were invited to a luncheon that Shirley Madison provided for the USF&W crew and others involved with getting her project installed. It was so refreshing to have someone so excited and thankful for the project. So often we install these huge projects with no acknowledgement from the landowners. She is so excited and is also installing a CREP buffer, excited for the native plants to thrive. The unfortunate part is USF&W had to do extensive repairs 3 times from flooding before the grass could get established, so unfortunately they exhausted the budget and are short of completing the project. Bob Kutz quickly responded and is shaking every tree to find some additional funding for this and some of our other repairs.

We gave scheduled 3 dates and may add more to plant trees. We are planning for Oct 6th at Camp Andrews from 8:30 till noon. Bob has assured us he will make the Famous Gourmet Hot Dogs. Also on October 13th at Tanglewood golf course same hours. This is a project installed several years ago, it was never planted so Bob has been working with the new owners to get some stream side buffers along the upper Conowingo section. We also will replace and add trees and shrubs at Drumore Park and Peters Creek on October 27th meeting at Drumore park at 8:30. Depending on the number of volunteers we may be able to also do the work at Peters Creek.

When Bob was looking at Camp Andrews assessing things the manager asked when we are going to fix the upstream section, so we intend to schedule a visit with Adam to get a design and budget. So we have another section of Fishing Creek to work on.

The project at Woy's was recently completed by Flyway and Rettew. It fared pretty well thru the high water. We also want to add plantings on this location. Also the remaining work was completed at the Lloyd Project. We are waiting for funding approval from DEP for the Phillips Project off Cardinal Road on the Conowingo creek.

Bob and I are very disappointed in how slow the Ag BMP grant is moving on the 3 tributaries of Fishing Creek, it doesn't sound like any fencing will be installed till spring of 2019. We have committed to planting trees on these projects but have nowhere to plant them.

We have a completed contract for phase 1 dam removal on Hammer Creek, this is the section just upstream of the bridge that was recently impaired by flooding. So hopefully things will settle down and this phase can be accomplished.

I will be meeting with USF&W and the contractor to get the plan in place for the bridge at Menno Stoltzfus, this is scheduled to start soon. This has been on the burner for awhile, and will be a great project allowing aquatic organism passage that has been cut off for a long time. We are also working on a plan work on the culvert on Steihman and Trout Run to get the culvert replaced. National TU has an employee in PA to help with these projects.

We are looking forward to a January start on the Herr/Beiler Project on Fishing Creek. This is a large project probably almost a mile of stream. Also a large project on Bowery Run, a tributary to the Octoraro. Thanks to Jenna Mitchell and The Alliance for the Bay for arranging the grant funding for this project. It is budgeted at 190k. This will be a very good project including cattle exclusion and plantings.

The Alliance for the Bay will be presenting Matt Koffroth with an award at Taste of the Bay this week, so congratulations Matt.

The stream project tour in July was very successful on many fronts (Thanks Fran). One of the great outcomes was Barry has recruited Becky Whitson and Lydia Martin to join the conservation committee. They will bring many talents and energy to help us expand our reach. We have so many avenues to pursue , we are excited for the additional help.

Garry arranged a work day with Quality Bike Parts, so they sent 4 volunteers in addition to 5 DTU'ers we got the nursery weeded and sorted out. The new pump has survived the flooding with some minor medical care. The nursery had over 1600 viable plants. Garry is working on taking orders for distribution. It seems demand may be up as wholesalers are running out of stock. This is good news if we want to meet the buffer goals.

Bob and Mark created some signs for Camp Andrews and Woy projects. We installed the one at Camp Andrews last Saturday. They look great, hopefully we will get more customers.

Working with the Alliance for the Bay, we have come up with several buffer planting locations. One that is exciting to me is working with Fulton Twp, along Robert Fulton Highway. We will be regrading a small stream, planting a nice mixed buffer and a meadow area as a demonstration area. So look around if you know of potential planting sites let me know.

The long-awaited bridge reconstruction at the Meno Stoltzfus property should begin in about 3 weeks.

Lydia Martin and Becky Whitson have consented to serve on the Conservation Committee. Both bring a wealth of knowledge and new ideas to our group. A very warm welcome to you both

COMMUNICATIONS: Mark McM, Wayne, Derek, Greg

Calendar of events: all info is available for publication

By Mark McM

Working on the MailChimp mailing. I should be able to auto-post it to Facebook, but that didn't work when I tried it in July. Will post it manually to get word out for Sept speaker.

MEMBERSHIP: Fran McELHINNY

MEN	WOMEN	YOUTH M	YOUTH F	NEW	DROP	TOTAL
748	32	11	1	4	0	792

EDUCATION: Ned Bushong

TIC equipment should be arriving next week.

Ned also reported that all equipment for all sites is either on hand or will be shortly.

He also has a number of new sites for next year.

By Joy

We had an inquiry from Anton Oberg of Manheim Township High School. Ned tells me we can assist Anton with equipment that is budgeted for Cocalico school where teacher is not able to participate this year.

YOUTH INITIATIVE:

Youth Education Program proposed by Barry Witmer and Becky Whitson

See info below in the Events section

PROGRAMS/activities: Derek Eberly

by Joy

Intermediate Fly Casting

Kiki Galvin is unable to fit us into her schedule this Fall. She suggested we contact her after the first of the year to schedule something in the Spring or later.

Southern Lancaster County Farmers - Sportsmen's Association Show

I sent in the registration (\$20) for one table on Oct. 20 & 21. I listed Derek as the contact as he volunteered to take the lead for this event.

Wine Tasting

Bob received an invitation to the Spring Creek Chapter's Fall Wine Tasting. It is held at the Mt. Nittany Vineyard and Winery. He thought this might be a possible idea for DTU. They ask for a \$5 donation to cover food. Wine is sold by the glass or bottle. 10% of the sales of Spring Creek White is donated to the Chapter by the winery. Bob was thinking of Nissley or Thorn Hill as possible locations. Spring Creek holds this instead of a regular meeting.

Watershed Day 2019

Garry Longenecker informed me that May 14, 2019 will be Watershed Day at Millport Conservancy.

Oktoberfest

Bob checked with the Four Seasons. The meal will cost \$22/person. It will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit, coffee, and dessert. He listed something that may be salad but was misspelled. What should we charge *agreed to \$30.00*

Bob K. fill furnish a final count about a week before

Bill Noland has proposed an event. This event has been tentatively approved and will be fleshed out for further discussion at a future meeting.

Special Olympics on Sept 22 9:00 to 1:00 Wayne reported that most things are set. Event is at Hugh Wenger's pond. Some logistics remain due to possible soggy conditions at the site. Wayne still needs some volunteers. Several of the board members stepped up for this task. A "Gator" would be helpful and some members thought they may be able to get a loaner. They will work with Wayne to finalize this detail.

Barry / Lydia / Becky Propose a program for youth [See the attached Proposal]

The program has tentative approval and further planning for implementation for a tentative date of Oct '18 is necessary and will be done by the proposers.

Barry made a motion to approve it was 2nd and approved by the Board. Funding required from DTU = \$400 other funding by Lancaster Conservancy = \$1340.

All general meeting speakers are lined up through Jan '19

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER/BANQUET:

Glen Nephin and Barry Witmer, co-chairs for the 2019 DTU Spring Banquet scheduled for March 16, will be meeting this 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.

Barry challenged all directors to supply a list of business which should be contacted for sponsorships. This will be a major emphasis for the committee this year.

FUNDRAISING: Barry Witmer

At the request of Bob Kutz, a grant proposal will be prepared and submitted to the Campbell Foundation for the Byler project, which requires approximately \$25,000 to supplement the \$75,000 already found by Bob and Greg.

President Joy is coordinating efforts for the Extraordinary Give and has included her work on that in her report. 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 down, typical for late Summer. My health issues have kept me off the computer and thus less aggressively updating the site, but the most important updates are being tended to. On the bright side, I'm showing consistent improvement.

Mayflyer

Dl's of the August issue have been light. Deadline for the October issue will be Thursday, Sept 27. I've been 'harvesting' photos from our Facebook account to get more variety of our activities covered. That said, I still need written contributions from you all.

The much-anticipated update for my desktop publishing program is now in beta, and I'm learning its possibilities, although as a beta it is still not ready for consistent use.

IT

I have not submitted a bill to our users for the Office 365 account since this Spring. I anticipate doing that before the board meeting. Apologies, it completely slipped my mind.

VETERANS INITIATIVE: Bill Nolan

We have 4 participants from our chapter going on the Rivers to Recovery trip, plus one member from Spring Creek VSP. Still hoping to get one more.

- I have confirmed Anita Salter Coulton as our guest speaker on November 21. Her topic will be nymphing.
- Son Tao has contacted me. Apparently Regal really liked the video we made when he donated the vice to Monte and he is sending me another one. He may be here in December for fly tying, and we may do a surprise along with some teaching. Hopefully Regal likes that video too and we can just keep the free vices rolling for our VSP members.
- I am working to secure twice a month dates at the American Legion again for fly tying. I do not anticipate a problem. We may have to do the donate to them \$200, they donate to us \$200 again, but that evens out.

PRESIDENT: Joy McMaster

I signed on to two letters for TU. One was to the EPA asking that they not repeal the Clean Water Rule. The other was to ask the PA members of Congress to continue the Land and Water Conservation Fund which supports Public Lands.

Nominating Committee

It was reported that nominations are set as previously reported except for Vice President. Voting will take place at the general meeting 9/19/19

****Subsequent to the meeting but prior to publication of these minutes there has been a development concerning Vice President.*

Bill Nolan has agreed to serve as VP. Voting was conducted by email for board members. It was agreed to place Bill on the ballot as a candidate for VP.

ADJOURN: 8:35