

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
February 21, 2018/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 PM Gary Ross, President

ROLL CALL: **Officers:** President Gary Ross, Vice President Don Wilson, Treasurer Dan Rockwell, Secretary, Vaughn MacGregor.

Directors: Joseph Lehosky, Jennifer Lyons, Jason Rockwell, Julie Settle.

Members/guests: Tim Hummel, Mark Kerr WCO, Adrienne Lyons, Regis Senko, Tom Young. **Special Guest:** Paul Osborn, Venango Coon & Fox Club.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve January meeting minutes: By Tom Young; 2nd Jason Rockwell
Vote – Approved.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION LIST: Please list any Chapter Activities you have participated in since the last meeting. Note them on tonight's Attendance Sheet beside your name.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report: Gary Ross: There was a discussion and agreement that it would be good to have another member of the board of directors. Pete Straub served on the board until his passing. Tom Young recently served on the board to fill a vacancy until the last chapter election.

* MOTION – Tom Young will be elected to the Board of Directors to fill a long-standing vacancy: By Joe Lehosky; 2nd Dan Rockwell Vote – Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$12,958.70 **Total deposits:** \$1995.11 **Total expenses:** \$3259.76

Ending Balance: \$11,694.05

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Joe Lehosky; 2nd Tom Young
Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2018 – Tom Young: Solicitation letters for donors were distributed tonight. We want the programs completed by Easter. Cash donations have been good.

Youth Education/Scholarships -- Suzan Senko/Jennifer Lyons: Dan Rockwell noted we have \$2500 budgeted but have made no contacts regarding educational activities available. It would be good if we could get more information from State and National TU, perhaps get on their notification lists. Jennifer Lyons will contact Judi Sittler, Chairperson of the State Council Youth Education Committee.

Trout in the Classroom -- Tim Hummel/Gary Ross: In the past we have had up to 7 classrooms involved in TIC. However currently Pete Lindey's class has not been involved. We're not sure about Mike Crocker and the two classes at Titusville are not involved. Meadville unfortunately lost all their trout this year. We need to get back equipment from classes that will no longer be doing TIC.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel: Tim checked into the availability of pavilions at Two Mile Run Park for possibly having our Veterans activities there. There is a large one available, but there is another near the handicapped fishing pier we could possibly use.

The Conservation District did not get the grant for a new electro-shocker. They did not want to do a grant for equipment. The local TU chapter can do a mini-grant.

* MOTION - We authorize a mini-grant to Venango Conservation District to purchase an electro-shocker. We will move \$2000 from money allocated for education to the grant: By Tom Young; 2nd Jason Rockwell Vote – Approved.

The Conservation District did get a grant to do electro-shocking on Pithole Creek.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission -- Mark Kerr: Stocking lists are now available.

OLD BUSINESS – Gary Ross talked to Jim Lanning about our planned involvement with the Veterans Service program. Jim had stated that their chapter started out a little slow. They found out how much interest there was first. It may be better to do that rather than plan a big event all at once. Tom Young met with Dave Hallman at Oil Creek State Park. We could maybe plan for an event in October and send out fliers. We would need pre-registration, so we know how many guests we will have. Tom Young also met with Charlie Tarr of the Veterans' Administration. The month of May might not work out. October would be better. On the 25th of March, our delegation will visit Spring Creek Chapter to find out more about their program.

NEW BUSINESS – Our special guest tonight was Paul Osborn of the Venango Coon & Fox Club. He noted that their property on Two Mile Run Road has a pond which needs

rehabilitation to hold trout.

* MOTION - We authorize \$1500 to Venango Coon and Fox Club for pond restoration for Big Uncle Day and other youth related activities: By Tom Young; 2nd Jason Rockwell. Vote – Approved.

“Thanks for Being Present, You Win” Drawing (\$25 gift card):
Name drawn: Regis Senko

Motion to adjourn: By Joe Lehosky; 2nd Tom Young
Vote – Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.