

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
January 17, 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, Regis Senko, Tom Young.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve December meeting minutes: By Joe Lehosky; 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: 1. We received a thank-you letter from the Cranberry High School Conservation Club for our financial support.
2. We received a request from PA Trout State Council for financial support. There also is the state Trout In The Classroom raffle to finance grants, training, etc. We have \$300 budgeted for a donation to State Council.

* MOTION – We will donate \$300 to PA Trout State Council and purchase \$250 in tickets for the Trout In The Classroom raffle: By Tom Young; 2nd Joe Lehosky
Vote – Approved.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$13,739.94 **Total deposits:** \$1085.24 **Total expenses:** \$1866.48

Ending Balance: \$12,958.70

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

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2018 – Tom Young: We continue to gather items for the 2018 fundraiser. Letters for solicitation will be ready soon. The banquet notices and solicitation letters are to be printed tomorrow. Tickets will be printed. March 7 is the date for the Early Bird deadline.

Youth Education/Scholarships -- Suzan Senko/Jennifer Lyons: We received information on the Wildlife Leadership Academy. Maybe someone will be interested in going. We sent two students last year.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel: The grant for the electro-shocker has been submitted.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission -- Mark Kerr: Mark can supply information to contacts in the schools, if needed.

Mike Crocker at Oil City High School dropped out of Trout In The Classroom for a while due to some health concerns. We could find out if he wants to start up again.

Stocking schedule should be out shortly. Little Sandy Creek is scheduled for March 7. Delayed Harvest sections on Oil Creek are scheduled for stocking on March 19 and April 26.

OLD BUSINESS – As noted above.

NEW BUSINESS – There was a discussion about our planned involvement in the Veteran's program. We need to set things up, pick a date, and get some publicity. We could possibly have it in May, or October would give us more time to prepare. We could do it at Oil Creek or Two Mile Park. Our group will go in March to observe and learn about the Spring Creek program. We will see what they do and adapt it to our area. We can also get assistance from the Venango VA. They have a PR system and will be able to help us with contacts, etc. Gary Ross will call Jim Lanning.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Scott and Don Wilson went to Bill Huber's visitation to pay their respects.

"Thanks for Being Present, You Win" Drawing (\$25 gift card):

Name drawn: Jason Rockwell

Motion to adjourn: By Joe Lehosky; 2nd Jennifer Lyons. Vote – Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.