

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting

September 20, 2017/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 PM Gary Ross, President

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

Directors: Joe Lehosky, Jennifer Lyons, Suzan Senko.

Members/guests: Tim Hummel, Mark Kerr WCO, Julie Schle, Regis Senko, Pete Yakimick, Tom Young. **Special Guests:** Jarod Oliver, Hunter O'Neil.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve May meeting minutes: By Tom Young; 2nd Dan 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. Member Pete Yakimick was introduced. This was his first OCTU meeting.

2. A newsletter was mailed to members which included information about tonight's program with Jarod Oliver and Hunter O'Neil, and information about the October meeting which will include a program about the Veterans Service Program with Jim Lanning and Zach Sees. It also expressed the

need for membership involvement and provided information about our activities, including Trout In The Classroom.

3. Every chapter has been asked to sign on to letters to keep the Clean Water Act intact, as there are currently national efforts to weaken parts of it.

4. Tom Young is appointed to serve on the Board of Directors until Linda Wilson's term has expired in November.

5. We sponsored Jarod Oliver and Hunter O'Neil to the Wildlife Leadership Academy which was held on July 18th.

6. The Kiwanis Club conducted a youth outdoors day which included instruction in shooting and fly casting. Gary Ross taught the fly casting.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$16,567.75 **Total deposits:** \$70.56 **Total expenses:** \$1,512.67

Ending Balance: \$15,125.64

Dan noted that the books have been audited.

Dan also handed out copies of this year's budget to those attending.

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

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2018: – Tom Young: I have secured a number of additional items over the summer for the 2018 Banquet.

Dirt & Gravel roads: – Tom Young/Dan Rockwell: Our annual meeting to review requests for funding is scheduled for Nov. 8th at The Franklin, from 10AM to 3PM. Dan Rockwell and Tom Young will be attending for the Chapter.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel: Some electro-shocking was done on Bullion Run with some natural reproduction found. However, only 3% of Bullion Run has been as the District's electro-shocker is not working.

There was a pond breakage on Deckard's Run near Utica. A beaver dam broke.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission -- Mark Kerr: 1. There was a lot of rain in Bullion Run Valley, which changed landscapes. There was the Deckard's Run and Beatty Run incident which happened on the 4th of July.

2. There has recently been more unpowered boat traffic on the Allegheny River.

3. Stocking is scheduled for Oil Creek on October 3rd.

4. There is a property on Two Mile Run where the stream bank has washed out. Stream bank stabilization is needed. The property owner wants to keep the land open for public recreation. The Venango Conservation District will meet with him. It could be a possible project for OCTU.

PA Trout Fall Meeting: -- Vaughn MacGregor: Vaughn MacGregor is scheduled to attend the State Fall Meeting on 9/23/17.

OLD BUSINESS – We plan on renewing our policy with the supplemental accident insurance through National TU. We haven't received a notice for the renewal deadline yet.

NEW BUSINESS – Vaughn MacGregor recently sent the May meeting minutes through the National TU Email service for the first time. It is hoped all members with an Email address will receive minutes this way.

New Business from the Floor: Joanne DeWoody placed a memorial stone on Big Sandy Creek, where Ron DeWoody loved to fish. A short reading was also conducted among his family and friends.

A fly rod outfit will be purchased from the Linda Wilson memorial contributions and presented to the Evangelical Church Tabernacle in Cooperstown as Linda was involved in their activities.

Tonight's Program: Tonight's program was presented by Jarod Oliver and Hunter O'Neil, two students from Cranberry High School whom OCTU sponsored attended the Wildlife Leadership Academy. They gave us an overview of their experience. The studies involved such topics as conservation of wild brook trout, trout problems, and study of macroinvertebrates. They thanked us and expressed that they would always remember the experience.

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

Name drawn: Suzan Senko

Motion to adjourn: by Jennifer Lyons; 2nd Regis Senko. Vote – Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.