

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
March 15, 2017/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 PM Gary Ross, President

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

Directors: Jennifer Lyons, Suzan Senko, Linda Wilson.

Members/guests: Tim Hummel, Regis Senko, Tom Young.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve February 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. We received another request for a donation from the Franklin YMCA.

* MOTION – We will donate \$100 to the Franklin YMCA : By Tom Young;
2nd Jennifer Lyons Vote – Approved.

2. Gary Ross attended the PATU Regional Training at Dubois on March 4. A number of topics were covered: It was reiterated again that state clearance is needed for anyone working with youth. A financial reviewer is needed for each chapter (which we have). A lot of money is available for Embrace-A-Stream. Jim Linning, the Veterans Services Program Director, will come out and talk to chapters.

3. We have a new Northwest Region Vice President, Zack Sees.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$10,519.32 **Total deposits:** \$2,920.08 **Total expenses:** \$690.17

Ending Balance: \$12,749.23

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Suzan Senko; 2nd Linda Wilson.
Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2017 – Tom Young: Dan Rockwell tells me we have sold 127 Early Bird tickets with 8 more tickets coming in since the deadline. Our total attendance may be down this year with the closing of Joy, but we will probably have 150. Please have all prizes in by the middle of next week. Anything coming in after March 20th may not be in the program. Overall things are coming together nicely. We will set up on April 8th starting at 9:00 AM.

Youth/Education – Suzan Senko/Jennifer Lyons: The deadline for the Rivers Conservation Camp is March 31, 2017. We don't have any candidates at this time.

Trout In The Classroom – Gary Ross/Tim Hummel: Simoan Ray sent a letter for a grant for a bus for their trout release day. She also mentioned donating to the banquet. Gary Ross will contact her.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel: 1. A meeting was held with Senator Scott Hutchinson Wednesday, March 1. Lance Bowes and Vaughn MacGregor of OCTU attended, along with members of the Venango PA Senior Environmental Corp. The meeting concerned Senate Bill 32, an amendment to the Oil and Gas act that would transfer money from the well plugging fund into the general fund. The Oil and Gas act specifically states that no money from the general fund can be used for plugging wells. This bill would be destructive to watershed group efforts to get abandoned wells plugged. Senator Hutchinson stated that he would have the bill reviewed to correct some of the language in the bill.

2. The Scrubgrass Creek Association has a grant for Bullion Run.
3. The Venango Conservation District has applied for stream bank stabilization on Sandy Creek, before Victory Run.
4. The Northwest Commission Grant is an easy grant to consider for the future.

OLD BUSINESS – Vaughn MacGregor received word that Earth Day activities will be held at Polk Center on April 19th. Vaughn will attend with OCTU's display boards.

NEW BUSINESS – We received an Email from Gary Kell of the Cornplanter Chapter. The Forest Service is considering installing a bridge in the DHALO section of Kinzua Creek and allowing horse crossing in that area. They are requesting a letter of support.

Tom Young proposed that funds be available for our treasurer to use out of petty cash to use for small items.

* MOTION – The Treasurer will have \$100 available to spend from petty cash for

small unforeseen expenses over the course of the budget year. : By Tom Young;
2nd Suzan Senko Vote – Approved.

Dan Rockwell noted that we have money remaining from the Ron DeWoody memorial fund. We also have \$300 budgeted to donate to Venango County Youth Field Day.

* MOTION – We will spend the remaining Ron DeWoody memorial money on youth activities, including Youth Field Day: By Tom Young; 2nd Linda Wilson
Vote – Approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Good of the Order from the Floor: None noted.

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

Name drawn: Tom Young

Motion to adjourn: Tom Young; 2nd Jennifer Lyons. Vote – Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.