

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
September 19, 2018/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM Gary Ross, President

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

Directors: Jennifer Lyons, Jason Rockwell, Suzan Senko.

Members/guests: Kathy Conrad, Regis Senko, Adrienne Lyons, John Terejko.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve May and August meeting minutes: By Jason Rockwell;
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. Gary noted we have a new member, C. Andrew Schlicht. He wrote and told us he has been fishing Little Sandy Creek for may years and is very interested in stream improvement on the creek.

2. We provided financial assistance for equipment for restoration work on Williams Run by the South Sandy Creek Watershed Association. We received a thank-you card from the Valerie Tarkowski for our help in obtaining a new PH meter.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$15,727.45 **Total deposits:** \$30.53 **Total expenses:** \$1043.68
Ending Balance: \$14,714.30

Dan noted that TU is changing the fiscal year: It is now September to October. The change is for April to March of the following year.

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

PROJECT REPORTS

Trout in the Classroom: -- Tim Hummel/Gary Ross: The program is getting started for this year.

PA Trout State Meeting: -- Vaughn MacGregor: Vaughn MacGregor attended the State meeting on September 8th.

State election of officers was held. All current officers and Regional Vice Presidents were re-elected, with the exception of Greg Malaska, who was elected State President. President Charles Charlesworth is now one of the two state Vice Presidents.

Changes to the State By-Laws were approved by the attendees with a voice vote.

They are going to try to increase the PATU newsletter to 4 times a year.

A brief summary of national programs was presented, including TU Teens, The Rivers Conservation Camp (24 years old), Keystone TU Teens (Pennsylvania), Stream Girls (program with the Girl Scouts), the Brookie Odyssey, and the Women's and Diversity Initiative.

There was a brief meeting of Northwest Division representatives with Ken Undercoffer. Ken asked some questions concerning attendance at chapter meetings and the quarterly report process. I was pretty much agreed that attendance at meetings and recruitment is problematic for most chapters in the Northwest Division.

Charles Charlesworth had a discussion and showed a movie he was instrumental in making about the Brookie Odyssey entitled "Stories From The Fountain". This involved college students who were members of the Five Rivers Club working with Sara Mueller, a doctoral student at Penn State. They did stream surveys involving wild brook trout. The Brookie Odyssey is planned again for next year.

I attended a break-out session, Brook Trout Genetics, conducted by Sara Mueller. She has been studying different strains of brook trout in various watersheds in the state to determine if brook trout in different watersheds are related. There are several strains of brook trout identified in the Eastern United States. She has surveyed trout in 16 different areas and is hoping to do 60.

Another break-out session involved the use of social media such as Facebook or Instagram to promote your chapter.

There was a Chapter Leaders Panel. This involved asking the entire group about fund-raising activities, with many questions such as type of activities, raffles, volunteers, what is most successful, etc.

OLD BUSINESS – **Veteran’s Service Program:** As of this date, we have received no phone responses to register for the Veterans’ Service day. Gary Ross will get a letter of information out. We can also get some help from the veterans’ organizations in the area. We will contact the Fish & Boat Commission about approving a Family Fish for Free day.

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

Name drawn: Vaughn MacGregor

Motion to adjourn: Gary Ross, chairperson, adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.