

***OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED***  
***Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting***  
***January 15, 2020/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA***

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 PM Jennifer Lyons, President

**ROLL CALL:** **Officers:** President Jennifer Lyons, Vice President Regis Senko, Treasurer Dan Rockwell, Secretary, Vaughn MacGregor.

**Directors:** Joseph Lehosky, Gary Ross, Suzan Senko, Tom Young.

**Members/guests:** Tim Hummel – VCD, Mark Kerr WCO, Adrienne Lyons, Al Rickerson.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

\* MOTION to approve meeting minutes: By Joe Lehosky; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Young. 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:** Jennifer Lyons: Tonight's meeting was the first chaired by Jennifer as President.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Dan Rockwell:

**Beginning balance:** \$14,171.47 **Total deposits:** \$0.12 **Total expenses:** \$1317.51

**Ending Balance:** \$12,854.08

There had been some confusion with the IRS concerning the change in dates for Trout Unlimited chapters fiscal year. Many chapters had received notification from the IRS that they had not filed a tax form and tax return for the fiscal year. National TU stated that the situation was handled by TU and for chapter treasurers to ignore the letter. However, Dan Rockwell stated that he received another letter from the IRS stating that we had not filed the form and tax return for 2019-2020. Dan has contacted National TU and PA Trout to resolve the situation.

\*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Suzan Senko; 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Ross. Vote – Approved.

## **PROJECT REPORTS**

**Banquet 2020** – Tom Young: On Friday, January 10th, Tom Young, Dan Rockwell, and Nick DelVecchio met to begin the transfer of responsibility of chairing the annual banquet. It went very well, and we will meet again soon to continue this process. Announcements and solicitation letters will be available soon.

**Trout In The Classroom** – Gary Ross/Tim Hummel: Mark Kerr is now involved in assisting with TIC. He would like a contact list of teachers involved, with Emails. Gary Ross can provide this.

Al Rickerson stated that Mike Reynolds, Titusville TIC teacher, would like to come to next month's meeting to discuss some things. This could possibly be a program for next month.

**Venango County Conservation District:** – Tim Hummel: Some fish habitat improvement projects are planned.

Tim is participating in the Round Goby work group. This is a collaboration of different groups working to control the round goby, an invasive species. They will be looking for evidence of its presence in different watersheds. This would include some electro-shocking.

**Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission** -- Mark Kerr: Trout stocking lists are not finalized yet. The pre-season DHALO areas on Oil Creek are scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. The bike trail area on Oil Creek is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. In season stocking for the DHALO areas is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mark will be teaching a boating course on February 18 & 19, for anyone who is interested. Contact Mark Kerr for information.

Areas of Little Sugar Creek and the East Branch Sugar Creek were hit hard by heavy storms in July. Mark is working to organize a clean-up day, with cooperation of landowners.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Gary Ross will continue as chairman for the Veterans' Service Program. We need to fix a date so we can reserve the Sandy Creek Conservancy. Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> is an option. Dan Rockwell and Tom Young will visit the Conservancy as soon as possible to confirm a date. Gary Ross will call the Neshannock TU Chapter. Gary will also Email the Fish & Boat Commission.

UPDATE: Members have visited the Sandy Creek Conservancy and the date is set for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Dan Rockwell noted that, now that we have a new president, we have to update who will be able to sign checks. It was proposed that Jennifer Lyons, Dan Rockwell, and Vaughn MacGregor be authorized to sign checks.

\*MOTION – That 3 people be authorized to sign checks: By Regis Senko; 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzan Senko. Vote – Approved.

Jennifer Lyons will go to the bank to sign the papers.

At next month's meeting, Al Rickerson and Mike Reynolds would like to make a presentation regarding the Oil Creek fly fishing tournament, which will probably be scheduled for the first week in May. This could be our program for February.

Vaughn MacGregor reviewed the Officers And Contacts list from our website and also the Leaders List for OCTU on the National TU website. There were the following changes:

Officers and Contacts – President: Jennifer Lyons; Board of Directors: Nick DelVecchio; Youth Education: Suzan Senko; Membership Development: Vaughn MacGregor; Newsletter: Julie Settle; Publicity: Al Rickerson; Veterans Service Program: Gary Ross; Trout In The Classroom: Mark Kerr; Web Site: Vaughn MacGregor. Youth Field Day committee has been discontinued.

OCTU Current Chapter Leaders (National TU) – Chapter Meeting Coordinator: Jennifer Lyons; Chapter Webmaster: Vaughn MacGregor; Chapter Youth Education Coordinator: Suzan Senko.

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

**Motion to adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by President Jennifer Lyons

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.