

**OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting**  
**February 20, 2019/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA**

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

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

**Directors:** Joe Lehosky, Jennifer Lyons, Jason Rockwell, Suzan Senko, Julie Settle, Tom Young.

**Members/guests:** Bogie Goughler – Venango Coon & Fox Club, Paul Osborn – Venango Coon & Fox Club, Lance Bowes - VCD, Tim Hummel – VCD, Adrienne Lyons.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

\* MOTION to approve January meeting minutes: By Tom Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzan Senko.  
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: Gary Ross gave a talk at the Sandy Creek Conservancy. They discussed the Veterans' Service Program event scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. The kitchen will be available. Brush will need to be cleared along the stream for access. The club said that they would clear the brush. We also need to update the Veterans' Service Program flier.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Dan Rockwell: This report is for the last two months.

**Beginning balance:** \$12,735.87 **Total deposits:** \$1,415.21 **Total expenses:** \$1,699.83

**Ending Balance:** \$12,451.25

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

**PROJECT REPORTS**

**Banquet 2019:** – Tom Young: Quite a few tickets have been sold, 62 at last count. We've had some requests for entire tables, including some new groups. We have received cash donations from the Elks, Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Pulaski Club. The Early Bird deadline will be March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Young distributed donation letters tonight.

**Trout in the Classroom:** -- Tim Hummel/Gary Ross: We have 6 TIC classrooms this year. Oil City and Venango VoTech are not involved.

**Venango County Conservation District:** – Tim Hummel: They are still awaiting a decision on the Benninghof grant. They have a strong application, but there are two other grant plans submitted in Venango County.

The Bullion Run application is completed. A meeting will take place in March to plan electro-shocking on Pithole Creek. They are waiting for approval for a collector's permit. Habitat improvement for Bullion Run is approved and planned.

A well plugging grant for Oil Creek State Park has been approved. Eleven wells need to be plugged.

Mark Kerr and Tim Hummel have been working with timber companies on sound practices.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Our guests tonight were Bogie Goughler and Paul Osborn of the Venango Coon & Fox Club. They thanked us for our financial support to improve the pond on the club grounds. They also gave us a schedule of events that members might want to attend and gave us some pictures of the work done on the pond. Their Big Uncle Day for kids is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Lance Bowes did a presentation tonight regarding the Allegheny Valley Conservancy. This is a non-profit organization which is a trust which owns land and easements. They have 800 acres under easement. They have an Educational Outreach program which teaches students about the environment. They just started a River Clean Up program which so far has picked up 1800 lbs. of trash. They want to purchase a property on East Sandy Creek. This involves 238 acres. They are asking for a \$500 donation for a title search and other necessary items. The property would be open for hunting, fishing, and camping. The Iron Furnace Chapter TU will commit \$500.00 if O.C.T.U. would put up 500.00.

We told Lance that we would come to a decision later, as our rules preclude our coming to a decision tonight.

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

**Motion to adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by President Gary Ross.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.