

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
March 17, 2021/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 PM Jennifer Lyons

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

Directors: Gary Ross, Julie Settle, Tom Young

Members/guests: Tim Hummel, Adrienne Lyons, Al Rickerson, Andy Schlicht, Bradley Thompson, Julie Thompson, Elaine Young.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve meeting minutes for February: By Andy Schlicht, 2nd 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: Greg Malaska, PATU President would like to attend our meeting in May. However, he requested the meeting be held on Monday, May 17th rather than our usual meeting date of Wednesday, May 19th. Vaughn MacGregor arranged for that meeting date with King's Restaurant.

* MOTION We will change the May meeting date to Monday, May 17th By Andy Schlicht, 2nd Tom Young Vote – Approved.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$13,618.44 **Total deposits:** \$35.11 **Total expenses:** \$256.00

Ending Balance: \$13,397.55

We need somebody to review our checkbook. Julie Thompson volunteered to do this.

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Tom Young, 2nd Andy Schlicht Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2021 – Tom Young: We may have the banquet in August. We may have to limit seating to 100 people due to social distancing concerns.

Trout In The Classroom – Mark Kerr/Gary Ross: The two classrooms in Meadville will not be doing TIC this year due to the limited time as a result of the pandemic.

Victory Elementary TIC class will be having their trout release and a program. They would like OCTU members to be involved.

Venango County Conservation District – Tim Hummel: A Growing Greener project is planned for Sugar Creek near Game Lands #96 on Tuloga Road.

Electro-shocking was done on Benninghoff Run.

Well plugging on Oil Creek is nearing the end of the project.

Northwest Region VP News – Vaughn MacGregor:

Vaughn MacGregor attended the PATU Regional Trainings via Zoom meeting on March 6th. Topics were Riparian Buffers and Advocacy Training. Joe Michok of the Bucks County Chapter did a presentation with slide show on Planting and Maintaining Successful Riparian Buffers. The chapter did a riparian project on Watson Creek, planting 1000 trees. Results were very impressive in improving the stream.

Jennifer Orr-Greene, Eastern Policy Director, and Emily Baldauff, Mid-Atlantic Organizer, conducted the training on Advocacy. State and federal advocacy involves monitoring and commenting on regulations, policies, and permits, and organizing to be effective. There was a section with advice on meeting with public officials.

OLD BUSINESS – Dan Rockwell participated in a TU webinar on finances: Filing & Process Simplified for chapter treasurers. We need to report more accurately on Volunteer Hours. These can be reported on the attendance sheets for our monthly meetings. Vaughn MacGregor will provide for this on the meeting attendance sheets.

Dan Rockwell stated we have received a request for a donation to Big Uncle Day at the Venango Coon and Fox Club.

NEW BUSINESS – Al Rickerson stated they will attempt the Oil Creek Classic tournament this year, tentatively scheduled for May 1 and 2. They would like OCTU to be involved in some of the activities. Tom Young noted that we have a fly rod outfit we could donate.

*MOTION - We will donate a fly rod outfit, in memory of Ron DeWoody, to the Oil Creek Classic : By Andy Schlicht, 2nd Gary Ross. Vote – Approved.

There was a discussion concerning chapter T-shirts to wear to various activities.

*MOTION – Julie Settle will investigate pricing for chapter T-shirts : By Andy Schlicht, 2nd Tom Young. Vote – Approved.

New Business From The Floor – Dan Rockwell pointed out a problem with the chapter website. Under ‘Membership’ it states that new members can join at ½ price for the first year. However it lists the chapter address to send the dues to. The dues actually should be paid through National TU. The current situation causes unnecessary mailings and work for the treasurer. Vaughn MacGregor will make the necessary changes on the website.

The published chapter minutes on the chapter website are not up to date. Vaughn MacGregor will submit the missing minutes to the web service.

Good of the Order – Andy Schlicht voiced some concerns about poaching and fish snagging with the Lake Erie steelhead program.

“Thanks for Being Present, You Win” Drawing (\$25 gift card):
Name drawn: Bradley Thompson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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