

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 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, Suzan Senko, Julie Settle, Tom Young.

Members/guests: Kathy Conrad, Tim Hummel – VCD, Mark Kerr WCO, Adrienne Lyons, John Terejko.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve February meeting minutes: By Joe Lehosky; 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: Gary Ross: 1. Fred Pasini is chairman of the Veterans' Committee for the Neshannock Chapter. He asked to partner with OCTU in the Veterans Service Program. He will attend our banquet and would like to help out at our Veterans Service Day.

2. The brochure for the Veterans Service Program needs updated. We will contact some other organizations.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$12,451.25 **Total deposits:** \$4,800.09 **Total expenses:** \$1,240.83

Ending Balance: \$16,010.51

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Julie Settle; 2nd Tom Young. Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2019: – Tom Young: Banquet tickets are nearly sold out; only 2-4 left. We have a lot of items. We will use the same format. Most venues are similar. We haven't received the certificates from Kettle Creek yet.

Trout in the Classroom: -- Tim Hummel/Gary Ross: Trout release days – We haven't heard from Simoan Ray yet. We'll also contact Scott Lynch about their release day.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel: They probably won't get the Benninghoff grant. There are two other projects they are finishing up. They would like to do informal electro-shocking on Benninghoff.

The contract is in place for well plugging in the Oil Creek region. There are 11 wells to be plugged, mainly in the Pioneer section.

Education programs are in full swing. Tim Hummel is offering to do an electro-shocking educational event.

Timber harvest rates have gone up.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission -- Mark Kerr: There have been just permitting issues with timber harvests. Timber companies have been much better at protecting the environment.

Stocking has been going well. There have been some really nice fish for the Keystone Select stocking.

OLD BUSINESS – At last month's meeting, Lance Bowes did a presentation regarding the Allegheny Valley Conservancy's efforts to acquire a property on East Sandy Creek. They are asking for a 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. After further discussion, a motion was made:

*MOTION – We will donate \$500 to the Allegheny Valley Conservancy to help acquire the property on East Sandy Creek: By Regis Senko; 2nd Tom Young. Vote – Approved.

NEW BUSINESS – Dan Rockwell noted that we had previously agreed to have a ceiling for donation request. Any request over \$250 would be deferred until discussion at the next chapter meeting. He proposed that we could possibly raise the ceiling to \$500.

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

Name drawn: Dan Rockwell

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.