

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
April 17, 2019/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:27 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, Nick DelVecchio, Tim Hummel – VCD, Patty Lehosky, Adrienne Lyons, John Terejko, Elaine Young.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve March meeting minutes: By Joe Lehosky; 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. We received a request for a donation to the Franklin YMCA. Last year we donated \$100.

*MOTION – We will donate \$100 to the Franklin YMCA: By Tom Young;
2nd Suzan Senko. Vote – 13 Yes, with 1 opposed. Motion approved.

2. Al Rickerson of the Titusville Rotary Club contacted us requesting some fly casting instruction in conjunction with their fly fishing tournament. No one is volunteering at this time.

3. Meadville High School is having their Trout In The Classroom trout release on May 29, 2019 at Woodcock Dam. Tom Young, Dan Rockwell, and Gary Ross will conduct fly casting instruction.

We haven't heard yet from Simoan Ray when Cochranon is planning their TIC release. The Kiwanis Club will need fly casting instruction in either August or September.

4. Alfred Pasini said that Neshannock Chapter would like to attend our Veterans' Service Project event scheduled for June 29th.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$16,010.51 **Total deposits:** \$8981.13 **Total expenses:** \$5879.9

Ending Balance: \$19,111.67

Dan also distributed a financial statement for this year's banquet, listing total income of \$17,609.00; total expenses of 11,529.83; and total profit at \$6,079.17.

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

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2019: – Tom Young: The 36th annual banquet is history. It was sold out again, and very successful. The 2020 banquet is set for April 4th at the same venue. Thanks to all who donated and helped.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel 1. Regarding the well plugging, meetings have been held with the OC state Park Manager. Start date is May 3rd. Eleven wells will be plugged near Pioneer Road.

2. Electro-fishing is scheduled. Preliminary assessments will be done.

3. Scrubgrass Association has a Growing Greener grant to eliminate aluminum.

4. Fish habitat projects are planned for Bullion Run.

5. Growing Greener grants are coming up. Opportunities are available, including Sugar Creek.

OLD BUSINESS – Nick Delvecchio thanked us for our support of the Film Tour event. He said the turn out was great. \$250 was donated to different groups as a result.

We received a Email from Robert Shane of National TU regarding efforts to weaken elements of the Clean Water act regarding small tributary and intermittent streams. Vaughn MacGregor contacted some officers & directors of the Oil Creek Chapter. A majority voted YES to sign on to the letter to the EPA opposing the rollbacks to the Clean Water Rule.

NEW BUSINESS – Tom Young noted that the Sandy Creek Conservancy members have done a lot for stream access. At our budget planning, we should consider adding a little more to help with stream access at the Conservancy.

There was a discussion on float stocking, which would be better for some of our area streams. We are trying to locate some of our old float boxes.

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

Name drawn: John Terejko

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.