

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

CALL TO ORDER: 6:48 PM Jennifer Lyons

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

Directors: Joseph Lehosky, Gary Ross, Julie Settle, Tom Young

Members/guests: Adrienne Lyons, Al Rickerson, Jason Rockwell, Andy Schlicht, John Terejko, Bradley Thompson, Brian Thompson, Julie Thompson, Barry Wilson, Elaine Young. **Special Guest:** Greg Malaska, PATU State President.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve meeting minutes for April: Andy Schlicht, 2nd Joe Lehosky 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. Please also list the number of any volunteer hours you have worked in the past month.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report: -- Jennifer Lyons: Julie Thompson and Jennifer Lyons attended the Community Days, part of the Oil Creek Classic. The weather was bad, and attendance was down. Caleb Sopher won the rod outfit we donated in memory of Ron DeWoody.

Jim Dutko has passed away. He gave a lot of support to the chapter for many years. We have received memorial donations to be used in a fund for youth fishing education.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell:

Beginning balance: \$12,541.06, **Total deposits:** \$575.11 **Total expenses:** \$997.33

Ending Balance: \$12,118.84

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Gary Ross, 2nd Al Rickerson.

Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Banquet 2021 – Tom Young: Tom Young met with the owners of the Liberty Street Ale House. The date, August 21st, and ground rules were established. We have been getting a lot of requests for possible attendees. A letter will be sent out explaining the situation. Approximately 100 to 110 will be able to attend, due to the pandemic. The program will be small. The meal will be the same, with one table served at a time.

There will be a reservation form. Some people will want to support the chapter even if they can't attend the banquet. They can buy tickets for the general raffle only.

Dan Rockwell noted there will be a meeting of the Banquet Committee in early July. We have a lot of items for the banquet. Look for a notice for the July meeting.

Youth Education/Scholarships - Suzan Senko/Jennifer Lyons: Tom Young noted that we have sent students to various education plans in the past. Bradley Thompson would like to attend a fishing guides school in Montana.

*MOTION We will fund \$600 of a student's expenses to a fishing guide school. The student will then provide a program for the Fall meeting: By Andy Schlicht, 2nd Joe Lehosky.

Vote – Approved.

Trout In The Classroom – Mark Kerr/Gary Ross: Al Rickerson noted that Titusville had their trout release as part of Community Days with the Oil Creek Classic.

Greg Malaska noted that we currently have 6 TIC classes.

OLD BUSINESS – Al Rickerson gave a summary of the Oil Creek Classic Tournament and Community Day 1. Four students participated in the youth division. Bradley Thompson won the Adult division Caleb Sopher won the youth division.

Julie Settle stated that the T-shirts will be available this week.

*MOTION We will move \$400 from the Christmas Party Fund, which we didn't use last year, to the Youth/Education Fund : By Andy Schlicht, 2nd Julie Settle.

Vote – Approved.

NEW BUSINESS – Dan Rockwell noted that the Board of Directors had approved to reimburse Mark Kerr for the Vo Tech project to design banners denoting the boundaries of the Delayed Harvest area on Oil Creek.

Good of the Order – Dan Rockwell was contacted regarding logging on a tributary to Little Sandy Creek. The Venango Conservation District said they had no jurisdiction there. Dan called Mark Kerr, who said he would look at the situation as soon as possible.

Tonight's Program – Our special guest was Greg Malaska, our PATU State President. He is a member of the Broadhead Chapter and has served on State Council for 12 yrs. He has had some priorities as state president. We need to get more younger members involved with TU. There is a need to improve the organization's relationship with local chapters. He has made it a point to eventually visit each chapter in the state to help achieve those objectives.

State Council has gone virtual due to the pandemic concerns. They are working on a strategic plan and want local input for it. Pennsylvania has the largest council in America with 15,000 members. Funding has been increased for Forever Wild, which was formerly Back The Brookie. If you need money for anything, apply as funds are available. State Council also has been working in conjunction with Back Country Hunters and Anglers. We are currently behind in technology. They may get an AmeriCorps employee. State Council now has younger leadership. They need to have a younger audience.

The State Meeting this year will be in-person. It is planned for September 18th in Bedford. State Council wants to work with other conservation groups. Finally, all Trout Unlimited is local. Do what you can do.

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

Name drawn: Vaughn MacGregor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.