

**OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting**  
**September 15, 2021/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:36 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:** Tim Hummel – VCD, Mark Kerr, Andy Schlicht, Bradley Thompson, Julie Thompson, Elaine Young.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

\* MOTION to approve July meeting minutes: Andy Schlicht, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Bradley Thompson will give a presentation at the October meeting about his training and experiences as a fishing guide.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Dan Rockwell:

**Beginning balance:** \$11,338.38 **Total deposits:** \$11,597.33 **Total expenses:** \$4393.40

**Ending Balance:** \$18,542.31

\*MOTION to approve officers' reports: Tom Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Schlicht Vote – Approved

**PROJECT REPORTS**

**Banquet 2021** – Tom Young: The Banquet in August was very successful. We had 87 people attend. Jennifer Lyons has agreed to be the banquet chairman as Tom is stepping down after many years of service. There was a discussion concerning the date of next year's banquet. It might be better to have it later in the year as the statewide opening day of trout has been moved up to early April. Possibly we could have it in early September on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday after Labor Day.

**Dirt & Gravel Roads** – Tom Young/Dan Rockwell: A meeting of the committee is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Youth Education/Scholarships** - Suzan Senko/Jennifer Lyons: Jennifer Lyons received an Email concerning a program through TU where we could get a free fly rod for youth education. We will look into this.

**Trout In The Classroom** – Mark Kerr/Gary Ross: We have a person interested in starting another class, but nothing has happened yet. K.C. Miller and his son from Victory attended the banquet and loved it.

**Venango County Conservation District:** – Tim Hummel: Electro-shocking was completed on Benninghoff Run. The project on Sugar Creek has been postponed. The commissioners are looking at maybe dredging Justus Lake. The Conservation District is getting ready to move to Franklin.

**Northwest Region VP News** – Vaughn MacGregor: The annual PATU state meeting is planned for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. It was originally scheduled as an in person meeting at Bedford PA. However, due to the recent corona virus concerns, it will be a virtual Zoom meeting again this year.

**Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission** -- Mark Kerr: Stocking is planned for the DHALOs on Oil Creek. October 18<sup>th</sup> and meet at Rynd Farm.

**OLD BUSINESS** – We have received \$1400 in donations in memory of Jim Dutko.

**NEW BUSINESS** – The group planned the budget for the next fiscal year. The treasury is in pretty good shape now that we've had the banquet. Adjustments to the budget were made, and we were able to increase in some areas. Dan Rockwell did his usual workman like job on the budget.

\*MOTION The proposed budget is approved by the membership. The books will be audited: by Joe Lehosky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Young Vote – Approved

**Good of the Order** – Andy Schlicht received some information from the Pennsylvania Steelhead Association regarding some proposed changes to trout and salmon regulations by the PFBC:

On the Lake Erie watershed, it is proposed that the season be changed to align with the statewide opening and closing dates for trout statewide. Also, the daily creel limit of

rainbow trout be changed from 5 to 3, with a change in minimum size limit of 15 inches, rather than the present 9 inches. This would not affect the creel or size limits on brown trout. Also, the daily limit of lake trout would go from 2 to 1, with a minimum size limit of 15 inches.

Changes in the trout regulations would provide for slot limits on certain designated Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only areas. The slot limit regulation would allow for year round fishing, all tackle types, and harvest of 2 trout per day at least 7 inches but less than 12 inches in length. This would be from opening day of trout season through Labor Day. No harvest would be permitted for the remainder of the year. This was done on Penns Creek starting in 2014, and they claim good results in size and numbers of trout.

The PFBC is also proposing additions to the list of streams designated as Wild Trout Waters. They have all met certain criteria which are listed in the bulletin.

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

Name drawn: Joe Lehosky

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.