

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
September 18, 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, Jason Rockwell, Suzan Senko, Julie Settle.

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

Tonight's Program – Brian Ensign PFBC

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve meeting minutes for May 2019: By Andrew 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.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report: Gary Ross: 1. Al Rickerson of the Titusville Rotary Club is our guest tonight. He would like to become a chapter member.

2. Andy Schlicht is a member of OCTU who is participating in tonight's meeting.

3. Brian Ensign of the PFBC is presenting the program tonight concerning trout stocking.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell: Report since last meeting in May 2019.

Beginning balance: \$17,920.50 **Total deposits:** \$ 48.06 **Total expenses:** \$3577.41

Ending Balance: \$14,391.15

Our accounts were audited recently by H & R Block.

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Joe Lehosky; 2nd Andrew Schlicht.

Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Dirt & Gravel Roads – Tom Young/Dan Rockwell: The meeting is planned for November, which will include Venango Conservation District and the various municipalities.

Trout In The Classroom – Gary Ross/Tim Hummel: The program is starting up for the Fall. Will check to see if anyone needs equipment.

Venango County Conservation District: – Tim Hummel: Tim couldn't do electro-shocking this summer due to other duties.

Habitat assessments are being done on Bullion Run.

There was a fish kill on Kahle Lake. Agricultural chemical sampling is being done this year.

A habitat improvement project is being planned for Sugar Creek.

PA Trout State Meeting - Vaughn MacGregor: I attended the PA Council Annual Meeting on September 14.

1. PA Trout President Greg Malaska presented the state of PATU. At 14,113 members and 49 chapters, Pennsylvania has the largest TU membership of all the states. Since 2012, we have had 14.5% growth in membership.

Greg would like to have regional training sessions in more locations in the state, instead of just a few.

There are 450 schools involved in Trout In The Classroom. A TI summit is planned.

Assistance to chapters is available through the Coldwater Heritage Partnership.

2. Dave Kinney, Eastern Policy Director and Rob Shane, Eastern Sportsmen's Organizer, discussed advocacy updates. Recently there has been the Clean Water rollback. PA has the Clean Streams Law. Some legislators want to weaken the definition of pollution.

The Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund has spent \$1.3 billion over the last 40 years. A lot of work has been done.

3. Brian Wagner gave a National Leadership Council update. National TU has 300,000 members and supporters, with over 400 chapters.
4. Elections were held. Bob Bolton is the new state treasurer. Amendments to the state by-laws were voted on and approved.

5. Randy Diehl from Earth Wise Consulting discussed the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. They have a grant section on their web page.
6. There was a fishing demonstration and video by Dave Allbaugh, who has a guide service, Wet Fly Waterguides, in central PA. His specialty is traditional wet fly fishing as it was done in the old days. He passed around some of his fly boxes loaded with wet flies and leaders with looped droppers. He showed a very interesting video displaying his fishing techniques. More information is available on his website wetflywaterguides.com

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission -- Mark Kerr:

The Coon & Fox Club is grateful for the assistance we provided this year. Big Uncle Day was a big success.

The extended trout areas are seeing more anglers.

Oil Creek will be stocked on October 2nd.

NEW BUSINESS – Dan Rockwell noted that our Christmas Dinner will be at Dawndi's Restaurant on December 18.

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

Name drawn: Regis Senko

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.