

**OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting**  
**October 21, 2020/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:33 PM Jennifer Lyons, President. Jennifer had to leave the meeting at 6:57. Past President Gary Ross chaired the remainder of the meeting.

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

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

**Members/guests:** Kathy Conrad, Al Rickerson, Andy Schlicht, John Terejko, Brian Thompson, Julie Thompson.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

\* MOTION to approve meeting minutes for September. By Tom Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Schlicht  
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**

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

**Beginning balance:** \$9,618.18 **Total deposits:** \$17.58 **Total expenses:** \$17.50

**Ending Balance:** \$9618.26

Dan Rockwell noted that our books are being audited.

\*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Tom Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> Al Rickerson.

Vote – Approved.

**PROJECT REPORTS**

**Banquet 2021** – Tom Young: Banquet 2021 is scheduled for April 10, 2021.

**Dirt & Gravel Roads** – Tom Young/Dan Rockwell: We sent a letter of objection to headquarters as to how they handled a recent project. At the last minute, they rejected what had been previously agreed to, causing the project to be halted, all the planning to be

wasted, and purchased materials to possibly be unfit for use. \$20,000 worth of pipe was rejected. There is a possibility there may be a different project where it could be used.

**Northwest Region VP News** – Vaughn MacGregor: Kelly Williams is now the Northwest Regional Vice President for PATU.

The PA Trout Annual Meeting was held on September 19, 2020. Due to the virus concerns, this was a Zoom meeting. Vaughn MacGregor attended. Julie Settle was the alternate voting delegate:

For the first time ever (and possibly the last) our 2020 PATU Annual Membership Meeting was conducted via Zoom teleconference on September 19. We had 65 participants representing 43 of our 49 chapters statewide.

The following officers were elected to serve one-year terms, effective October 1, 2020.

President – Greg Malaska

Executive Vice President (Eastern PA) – Bobby Hughes

Executive Vice President (Western PA) – Lenny Lichvar

Secretary – Open

Treasurer – Russ Thrall

Northeast Regional Vice President – Russ Thrall

Northcentral Regional Vice President – Bob Volkmar

Northwest Regional Vice President – Kelly Williams

Southwest Regional Vice President – Bryan Mathie

Southcentral Regional Vice President – Russ Collins

Southeast Regional Vice President – Brenda Bittinger

NLC Representative – Brian Wagner

Our PATU Annual Awards were presented to the following chapters and individuals whose good works exemplified our mission, “to conserve, protect, restore and reconnect Pennsylvania’s coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.”

Best Chapter Project (Plantation Park – Phase 1) – Neshannock Chapter

Best Small Chapter (under 150 members) – Adams County Chapter

Samuel Slaymaker Best Newsletter (Susquehanna Ripples) – Susquehanna Chapter

Best Chapter Website ([www.chestnutridgetu.org](http://www.chestnutridgetu.org)) – Chestnut Ridge Chapter

Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (TU Member) – Richard Lewis

Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (Professional) – Luke Bobnar

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Tracey MacAfoos

Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach – Judi Sittler

Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU – Bob Volkmar

Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Contributions to PATU’s Conservation Mission – Rachel Kester

A special Lifetime Achievement Award in the form of a framed Ned Smith “Sting of the Hook” print was presented to Ken Undercoffer whose long-time service to Council included a term as Secretary, two terms as President, and most recently as Vice President of the Northwest Region.

President Greg Malaska addressed the “State of PATU,” Program Director Rachel Kester discussed the Coldwater Heritage Program, TU Mid-Atlantic Policy Director Jennifer Orr-Greene reviewed her advocacy efforts in PA, and National TU CEO Chris Wood covered a wide range of topics.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Our annual Christmas dinner is scheduled for Dawndi’s Restaurant on December 16 at 5:00 PM.

At the executive meeting in June, there was a discussion concerning whether it would be advantageous for the chapter to be incorporated with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. National TU advised us that there would be no real advantage as far as liability coverage. We are covered for liability under National TU. It was agreed not to pursue the matter.

Julie Thompson looked into whether we were eligible for money under the Cares Act. This is to aid organizations who have lost revenue due the Corona Virus situation. This can cover a loss of up to \$5000. We have applied, but the county currently has us on hold.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Dan Rockwell noted that Sheetz is no longer accepting checks, so we won’t be able to offer Sheetz cards at our monthly drawings. The members agreed tonight that we will just have a choice of a gift card for the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop or a check for \$25 for the drawing at the meetings.

**Good of the Order** – John Terejko noted that the Fish & Boat Commission is proposing All Tackle Catch & Release areas for Big Fishing Creek and Bald Eagle Creek.

**“Thanks for Being Present, You Win” Drawing** (\$25 gift card):  
Name drawn: Gary Ross.

**Motion to adjourn:** Chairman Gary Ross adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.