

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting October 25, 2016 at the Giant Food Community Center, Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

Russ Collins, Steve Vegoe, Bob Pennell, Rick LaTournous, Joseph Connor, Rich DiStanislao, Chuck Swanderski and Steve Funck.

Vegoe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and requested all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Minutes of September 27, 2016 Board Meeting:

On a motion by Swanderski and seconded by Collins, the minutes of the September 27 board meeting, as previously submitted to board members and amended to include RoseAnn Viozzi's attendance, were approved as currently posted on the DFTU website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report dated 10/25/16 was approved on a motion by Funck and seconded by DiStanislao, including the authorization to deposit \$2,990.00 in chapter funds to the Frank J. Viozzi Scholarship Fund administered by TFEC. Pennell reminded all to submit their volunteer hours for FY2016 to Francis O'Gorman no later than November 1. Further discussion on finalizing and approving the FY2017 Operating Budget was tabled until the November board meeting.

Board & Membership Meetings:

A proposal by Collins to conduct board meetings separately from general membership meetings, limiting the number of board meetings to 4 times per year, and with a provision to hold one general membership meeting per quarter at the Snitz Creek Brewery's tasting room in Palmyra, was tabled for further discussion at the November board meeting.

Chapter Storage Trailer:

As previously approved by an email vote of the board, Collins reported the purchase of a new storage trailer at a cost of \$2,100 (including a trade-in value of approx. \$800 for the old trailer in need of repairs). Arrangements have also been made to store the trailer at Forge Road Self Storage in Palmyra. The owner has agreed to donate the space (which would normally cost \$35 per month) at no cost to the chapter.

Printed Newsletter:

On a motion by DiStanislao and seconded by Swanderski, approval was granted for Vegoe to produce a quarterly printed newsletter at a reasonable cost to keep our members informed on chapter activities, especially those who have no email addresses listed on the TU roster.

Chapter Communications:

On a motion by Connor and seconded by Funck, approval was granted for Collins to proceed with an evaluation of Constant Contact as a tool to improve chapter communications at a cost of \$375 per year. Collins will present an overview of the program at our November board meeting.

2017 Annual Banquet:

April 1 is the date set for our 2017 Annual Banquet at the Holiday Inn of Grantville. RoseAnn Viozzi is chairing this activity and is encouraging all members to reach out to their friends to build up the attendance for next year. The cost of a ticket will be \$35.

Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T):

Collins reported that approx. 90 people attended the F3T showing on October 16, and the chapter netted approx. \$1,400 - \$1,500 from the sale of theater tickets and proceeds from the raffles. Final numbers will be available for the November board meeting.

Strategic Planning:

A strategic planning session is proposed for a Saturday in January, 2017. The exact date will depend on the availability of a trained facilitator who remains to be selected from several candidates and approved by the board.

Snitz Creek Stream Improvement Project:

A proposal to obtain grant funds for streambank and habitat improvement on approx. 2200 feet of Snitz Creek in Lebanon County was prepared and submitted to the PA Fish & Boat Commission by Kent Crawford. PFBC's decision is expected by December, and if the grant money is obtained the project would likely be completed by the contractor by the fall of 2017.

Clarks Creek Tree Planting:

Dennis Coffman advised that spruce plantings might be a more practical consideration than white pine as we plan ahead for a Clarks Creek streambank planting next spring. It was suggested that the Dauphin County Conservation District would be a good source to help us locate a source for the trees.

Trout in the Classroom:

DiStanislao reported that eggs will be shipped from the PFBC hatchery on November 1 to the seven area schools currently enrolled in our TIC program.

On a motion by Funck, seconded by LaTourous, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary