

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – October 27, 2015

Giant Food Community Center – Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

Russ Collins, Bob Pennell, Steve Long, Dennis Coffman, Rick LaTournous, Steve Vegoe, Joseph Connor, Ed O’Gorman.

Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the September 22, 2015 board meeting as posted on www.dftu.org and as amended to delete any reference to a date for the 2016 Home Waters event were approved on a motion by Long/seconded by LaTournous.

Treasurer's Report:

Approval of the Treasurer's Report dated October 27, 2015 was tabled on a motion by Long/seconded by E. O’Gorman pending further discussion with Treasurer Francis O’Gorman. A reminder was given that all FY2015 volunteer hours need to be reported to F. O’Gorman by November 1.

Membership Committee Report:

Collins reported that the chapter currently has 464 members. He is working on a “welcome package” for new members and solicited suggestions for what should be included. Vegoe volunteered to help put this together and Mike Nerozzi will assist with developing a program to reach our members through wider use of social media such as Facebook.

Report from State Council:

Pennell reported that he, Collins, and E. O’Gorman attended PA Council’s annual meeting on October 3, and suggested that other chapter members should consider attending future Council meetings to network with other chapter leaders and pick up useful ideas for building a stronger chapter.

Stream Steward Reports:

Quittapahilla Creek – Connor reported that cleanup of recent storm-related debris in Quittie Nature Park has been completed, and the second phase of the major stream improvement project is expected to start before the end of November.

Clarks Creek – E. O’Gorman reported that the next Adopt-a-Highway cleanup bordering the FFO section of Clarks Creek will be scheduled for next spring.

Manada Creek – Coffman reported that preparations are complete for the stream improvement project scheduled for October 3, and received a show of hands from 8 volunteers who plan to help that day.

Stony Creek –No report.

Diversion Wells Report:

Coffman reported a very good turnout for the annual PGC Stony Creek trail drive-through on October 18, but unfortunately due to low-water conditions, actual operation of the wells could not be demonstrated effectively. A new collection cage was installed at the inlet to one of the pipelines leading from the diversion dam. Since John Reigel has, or is in the process of shutting down his trucking operation, Coffman will contact Pennsy Supply to find an alternative source for trucking limestone from their Prescott Quarry.

Education Committee Report:

LaTournous reported that beginner fly tying classes are scheduled at the Wildwood Nature Center beginning on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, and will run for 8 weeks. It was also announced that the

Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists (DCAC) is planning a children's picnic for July 9, 2016 which our chapter will participate in.

Further discussion was held on the new clearance requirements for working with youth and how best our chapter can comply with these requirements. It was agreed that filing with the state should be done collectively, and not individually. Pennell will work with PA Council and Collins will contact Justin Pittman of the Cumberland Valley Chapter to arrive at the best method for accomplishing this task.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Report:

The chapter currently is working with 7 schools, including one new program at the SciTech High School in Harrisburg. Eggs for the program will be shipped by PFBC on November 2.

Banquet & Fundraising Committee Report:

E. O'Gorman will hold a planning meeting sometime in November. He also stated that his company's ad agency will be producing a flyer promoting our banquet.

Social Committee Report:

Pennell reported that the following programs have been scheduled for future meetings:

November 27 – Bill Kosmer on his latest fishing adventures in Patagonia.

January 26 – Dr. Frank Plucinsky on European-style nymph fishing.

March 22 – Bill Anderson on the restoration story and fishing the Little Juniata River.

New Business:

Support for TU Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp – Based on a reported shortfall in annual donations, a motion by Collins/seconded by LaTourous was approved for the chapter to donate \$500.00 toward the operation of the 2016 Youth Camp.

Membership Incentives – Collins requested ideas for “giveaways” to be used as member incentives, e.g. logoed ballcaps, for achieving certain levels of volunteer performance, etc.

Chapter Fishing Outing – Collins suggested that a fishing outing be planned for May, 2016, in lieu of our usual chapter meeting, and requested ideas for a suitable location.

Penn State Earth Day Celebration – Collins reported that he will man the chapter's table at PSU's Middletown Campus on April 21, 2016.

Recordkeeping for Chapter Events & Projects – Collins stated that he plans to institute a more formal means to track volunteer participation in chapter events and projects.

Cleanup Above DeHart Dam – Coffman reported that Capital Region Water is planning a cleanup along the highway above the DeHart Dam which our chapter might want to participate in. This could also include a tour of the dam operations.

On a motion by Long/seconded by E. O'Gorman, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary

Addendum to Meeting Minutes:

An email vote was taken and it was approved unanimously on October 5 by the officers and directors to donate \$500.00 to the PA Environmental Defense Foundation (PEDF) to assist in their legal case with the PA Supreme Court to determine PA citizens' rights to clean air and water.