

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – November 24, 2015 Giant Food Community Center – Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

Russ Collins, Bob Pennell, Steve Long, Dennis Coffman, Rick LaTournous, Joseph Connor, Ed O’Gorman, Rich DiStanislao, RoseAnn Viozzi.

Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the October 27, 2015 board meeting as posted on www.dftu.org were approved on a motion by Long/seconded by LaTournous.

Treasurer's Report:

Approval of the Treasurer's Report dated November 23, 2015 was tabled until our January, 2016 meeting, pending further clarification of several line items in the report.

Membership Committee Report:

Collins reported that the chapter currently has 468 members, with 10 new members added since our October meeting. It was also noted that a new, more geographically centralized meeting location is being investigated, as well as the possibility of conducting separate board meetings to condense the business portion of our regular membership meetings.

Report from State Council:

Pennell announced that PATU’s Trout in the Classroom raffle tickets were available and encouraged members to support this raffle that benefits TIC programs statewide.

Stream Steward Reports:

Manada Creek – Coffman requested that an invoice for equipment rental, stone and delivery charges for our October streambank improvement project be prepared to obtain a reimbursement from the PA Fish & Boat Commission.

Diversion Wells Report:

Coffman reported that he is checking on a new stone hauler since John Reigel has shut down his trucking operation.

Education Committee Report:

LaTournous confirmed that beginner fly tying classes are scheduled at the Wildwood Nature Center beginning on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, and will run for 8 weeks. Further discussion was held on the new clearance requirements for working with youth, and Pennell will work with PA Council to provide guidelines 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. Approximately 300 eggs were received from the PFBC on November 6.

Banquet & Fundraising Committee Report:

E. O’Gorman will hold a planning meeting sometime in December.

Social Committee Report:

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

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

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

Collins proposed a chapter fishing trip for next May and requested input on a location, preferably a stream that would involve an easy daytrip without requiring an overnight stay.

New Business:

TU Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp – Coffman suggested that the chapter pay to send the two sons of Manada property owner Jim Smith to 2016 Youth Camp and agreed to contact them with info for applying.

Membership Incentives – Approval was granted on a motion by LaTournous/seconded by Viozzi to purchase 3 dozen TU-logoed ball caps at \$85.00 per dozen to be used as “giveaways” and member incentives. Connor agreed to investigate a source to have “DFTU” embroidered on the hats.

Home Waters – The date of Saturday, June 11, 2016 was selected to hold our Home Waters event at Ed O’Gorman’s property.

On a motion by Long/seconded by Mike Nerrozi, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary