

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – March 24, 2015

Giant Foods Community Center – Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

Ed O’Gorman, Francis O’Gorman, Bob Pennell, Steve Long, Dennis Coffman, Rick LaTournous, Russ Collins, Rich DiStanislao, Scott Stoltz, Cyndi Camp

Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the February 24, 2015 board meeting as posted on www.dftu.org were approved on a motion by Long/seconded by Collins.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report dated March 23, 2015 was approved to receive and file on a motion by Long/seconded by Camp. F. O’Gorman reported that he is working with our outside accounting firm to resolve a tax filing issue which they were responsible for. He also requested that members who have occasion to purchase items for the chapter should be sure to use our sales tax exemption form.

Membership Committee Report:

Collins reported that he will begin sending an email welcome to new members along with our chapter brochure, inviting them to participate in chapter meetings and other events. He also reported as a follow up to his presentation of TU’s Five Rivers Program at Lebanon Valley College last month that response from those students who had expressed interest is slow in coming.

Report from State Council:

Pennell called attention to a lack of candidates from Dauphin and Lebanon counties for this year’s TU Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp, and requested that members who know of any interested teens should encourage them to submit applications by March 31. Wayne’s Coldwater Kids, another teen-oriented event held on April 26 at the Harpster Farm on Spruce Creek, is also looking for applicants. Pennell also talked about PA Council’s concerns over a proposal by PFBC to change Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only (DHALO) regulations and encouraged members to write or email the PFBC expressing their views on this proposal.

Stream Steward Reports:

Quittapahilla Creek – Joseph Connor reported that stream restoration work has been completed on the 1750-foot project in the Quittie Nature Park in Annville, with the second phase scheduled to begin later this year. He also announced that volunteers would be welcome to join in the cleanup scheduled for 9:00 AM on April 18 at the Quittie Nature Park in Annville.

Clarks Creek – Stoltz reported that 8 volunteers are needed for the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup project which is scheduled for April 26 at 9:30 AM. No date has been set yet for the PA Game Commission’s spring planting of white pine seedlings along Clarks Creek.

Manada Creek – E. O’Gorman reminded our members that we are still in need of a stream steward. Stoltz and several others will meet at 9:30 AM on March 26 to assess a location for a streambank restoration project to be scheduled for later this year.

Stony Creek –The Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) has purchased the monitoring equipment to be installed on Tony Rose’s property sometime this spring.

Diversion Wells Report:

Coffman reported that 13 wheelbarrow loads of stone were added to the wells recently, the first time the site has been accessible in 6 weeks. There was also a problem reported with sediment building up in the

corners of the square well that might have to be rectified by using a form to pour concrete to create a rounded contour. The weekly maintenance schedule will shift to Mondays at 6:00 PM beginning April 6.

Education Committee Report:

LaTournous reported that the beginners fly tying classes have been well-attended, except for one session when bad weather caused poor attendance, so one additional class has been scheduled for March 25.

Members were requested to sign up to assist with the following upcoming education-oriented events:

April 19 – Earth Day at East Hanover Township Park – 1:00 to 4:00 PM

April 25 – Wetlands Festival at Wildwood Park – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

May 3 – Garden Faire at Fort Hunter Park – 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Nominations were submitted for the annual Gerald L. Miller Outstanding Volunteer Award, and the recipient will be honored at our banquet on April 11.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Report:

Camp reported that after losing their first batch of fish, a second batch at the Dauphin County Technical School are now suffering from “ich” disease and it is likely that they will not survive. Upper Dauphin Area High School experienced chiller failure, which was replaced and the tank replenished with a second batch of fish from the PFBC.

Banquet & Fundraising Committee Report:

E. O’Gorman reported that the banquet plans are coming together nicely, but the unknown quantity as always is the number of people we can count on to attend. Members were encouraged to reach out to invite friends who otherwise would not be aware of this event.

Social Committee Report:

Stoltz announced that a chapter fishing outing is planned for May 9 at Big Moore’s Run in Potter County. The cost per person is \$95.00, and the trip is limited to the first 14 people who sign up.

Old Business:

Clarks Creek/DCAC Project – E. O’Gorman reported that we were not successful in obtaining an Embrace-A-Stream grant from TU, but the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists has \$5,000 available to help fund this project. Since the anticipated project cost could reach \$15,000, a motion by Long/seconded by LaTournous was approved for a 2/1 funding match, or a maximum of \$10,000 to be contributed by our chapter. The project is tentatively scheduled for June 16, 17 (and possibly the 18th), and will require 5 volunteers each day.

Ned Smith Center Youth Camp – Chapter volunteers are needed for NSCNA’s youth camp on June 6 since Cyndi Camp will not be available to coordinate this event.

New Business:

Project Healing Waters – Dan Miller, who is a Warrant Officer at Ft. Indiantown Gap, presented his ideas for establishing a Project Healing Waters chapter in central PA. This program would not be directly affiliated with DFTU, but would simply draw volunteers from our chapter as well as possibly Cumberland Valley TU to assist with proposed fly tying and fly fishing events. E. O’Gorman volunteered to assist Miller in further developing his plans.

Other Business:

Dr. Francis J. Viozzi Memorial Scholarship – E. O’Gorman summarized the financial performance of the Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) scholarship fund for calendar year 2014. A beginning balance of \$23,774.69 with additions of \$4,937.99 and distributions of \$2,191.58 resulted in a year-end balance of \$26,520.80.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary