

## **Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – June 28, 2016 Residence of Russ Collins – Palmyra, PA**

This was originally scheduled as an outdoor meeting at the Quittie Nature Park in Annville, but was moved to President Collins' home due to inclement weather.

### Officers/Directors Present:

Russ Collins, Bob Pennell, Dennis Coffman, Rick LaTournous, Joseph Connor, Rich DiStanislao, Steve Vegoe, RoseAnn Viozzi, Steve Funck, Francis O'Gorman and Cyndi Camp.  
PA Council SC Regional Vice President Alan Howe also attended.

### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report dated 6/27/16 was approved on a motion by LaTournous/seconded by Camp. With a few expenses still outstanding, the net income from our 2016 Annual Banquet was projected to be \$12,753. An internal audit of the treasurer's books is to be conducted in the near future by Steve Funck and Fran Barilar.

### New Business:

Collins proposed a chapter fishing trip to the Little Juniata River in the fall, possibly in conjunction with John Kennedy Chapter members.

Camp reported the addition of the Sylvan Heights Charter School in Harrisburg as the 8<sup>th</sup> school in the chapter's Trout in the Classroom program for the next school year.

Collins announced a "Return on Environment" meeting scheduled for July 13 for anyone interested in attending. Pennell will send out the details for individuals to sign up.

Pennell reported that a property owner on Clarks Creek is looking for assistance to restore streambanks that have eroded over time. Contact was made with the landowner, Brett Zankel, who was informed that neither the chapter or PFBC could help with this project unless this posted property is opened to public fishing. No response has been received.

Collins reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Quittapahilla restoration project downstream of Quittie Nature Park has been delayed, but is scheduled to get underway by the end of July/early August. The project designer, Rocky Powell, has also been contacted about a possible restoration project on Snitz Creek.

Coffman suggested that a work day be scheduled for late July/early August to cut weeds along the first phase reach of the Quittie. He also suggested that a stream cleanup should be scheduled on Manada Creek in lieu of stream restoration work the chapter usually undertakes in the fall.

Collins reported that distributions from the Dorothy Fritchey estate for the 3 non-profit organizations has been approved by the Attorney General's office, and the chapter should be receiving its share in the near future. In consideration of this influx of cash, it becomes particularly important for the chapter to move ahead in developing a strategic plan.

On a motion by Coffman/seconded by Vegoe, approval was given for Collins to purchase 5 aluminum tripods at a cost not to exceed \$35 each for use with our chapter presentation display boards.

Viozzi reported a very successful Home Waters event on June 11, with 22 volunteers participating as guides for the 22 veterans who attended, including 2 women.

Viozzi announced that this year's Dr. Francis J. Viozzi Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Studies was awarded on June 6 to Brenna Hogue, a senior from Palmyra High School.

Tyler Frantz, outdoors writer for the Lebanon Daily News, announced plans to do a story on the Rausch Creek diversion wells and a promotion of the Fly Fishing Film Tour event on October 16, and also invited the chapter to talk about our projects at the PA Outdoor Writers annual meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn of Grantville in 2017.

Upcoming Events:

LaTournous requested volunteers to sign up to demonstrate fly tying at the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists (DCAC) Youth Field Day on July 9. As many as 60 kids/parents are expected to attend.

LaTournous announced that plans had been firmed up for advanced fly tying classes at the Giant Food Community Center, starting on October 17 and running for 6 weeks.

Collins requested volunteers to assist with basic fishing instruction for the Fishing for Families program at the Ned Smith Nature and Arts Festival on July 30 in MYO Park, Millersburg.

Collins reported that the Alan Theater in Annville has agreed to donate their venue for our chapter to host a Fly Fishing Film Tour showing on October 16. The FFFT has also agreed to reduce their usual fee for their package. On a motion by Pennell/seconded by LaTournous, approval was given for a total expenditure not to exceed \$1,000 that would include a raffle prize package valued at \$250.

The July 26 chapter meeting will be a picnic outing at the Quittie Nature Park in Annville.

Collins will send out potential dates for scheduling the Board's planning retreat. Francis O'Gorman and Rob Kinowitch have volunteered to assist with this effort.

Funck volunteered to check with Dave Foster as a possible presenter for our September 27 chapter meeting.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by LaTournous/seconded by O'Gorman

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary