**Minutes of the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited Board Meeting
May 22, 2018 at the Giant Food Community Center, Harrisburg, PA**

 **Officers/Directors Present**:
Russ Collins, Steve Vegoe, Bob Pennell, Trip McGarvey, Francis O’Gorman, Steve Long, Rich DiStanislao, Chuck Swanderski, Cyndi Camp, RoseAnn Viozzi, Joseph Connor

**Others Present:**Jim Suleski, Dave Posevic

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Collins. A motion was seconded and carried to approve the minutes of our March 27, 2018 board meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:**A motion was seconded and carried to receive and file the Treasurer’s Report dated 5/19/18 as submitted by Treasurer McGarvey. A separate motion was seconded and carried to proceed with setting up a new chapter bank account with the Members 1st Credit Union.

**Status of Snitz Creek Project:**After hearing from Collins that the local Pennsy Supply quarries are not able to provide the type of stone required for the bulk of this project work, a motion was made and carried to authorize up to $26,000 in expenses for an alternative source of stone.

**Beck Creek Survey Work:**Collins reported that $1,500 was obtained from a PATU Forever Wild Grant, and $900 from North Cornwall Township, to fund 2 summer interns hired by the Quittapahilla Watershed Association and administered by the Lebanon Valley Conservancy for a stream survey of Beck Creek.

**Discussion on Retention and Engagement of New Members:**Viozzi suggested that each board member should call one new member a month to encourage participation in meetings and other activities. Swanderski will forward the current chapter membership roster to all board members. Suleski volunteered to work with social media, such as tracking member activity on Facebook, to engage participation. Membership meetings should begin with an outline of upcoming activities and include a signup sheet for projects. O’Gorman suggested that we print a postcard calendar of events for handout at meetings, and also suggested that the chapter establish a “Junior” Board of Directors to develop younger members.

**Frank J. Viozzi Scholarship Award:**Viozzi reported that this year’s scholarship for environmental education was awarded to a young woman from Hershey High School who will be attending Susquehanna University in the fall.

**Upcoming Events:**June 7 – Stocking Clarks Creek in preparation for weekend events.
June 8 – Fly casting demos at Hershey Medical Center – volunteer is needed to assist Collins.
June 9 – Home Waters veterans’ event – could still use another guide.
June 10 – Women’s Intro to Fly Fishing – 18 women have signed up with 4 more on a waitlist.

June 16 – PA Fly Fishing Museum Heritage Day – Additional volunteers are needed to help DiStanislao
 set up and man table to sell “yard sale” items.
July 8 – Family Fishing Day – Collins is investigating location for this event.

**Grant Applications for Quittie Watershed Projects:**Based on PA DEP’s announcement of $12.5 million in penalty funds resulting from environmental damages caused by the Sunoco Mariner 2 pipeline construction, the Quittapahilla Watershed Association will partner with DFTU to submit 3 grant applications for stream remediation work, two for Snitz Creek and one for Beck Creek.

**Potential Projects for Future Consideration:**Restoration work on Spring Creek on Milton Hershey School property.
Restoration work on Spring Creek through Park View Golf Course in Hershey.
Possible Trout in the Classroom project at Milton Hershey School.
Survey of Clarks Creek FFO section to determine what can/should be done about woody debris jams.
Discussion with Armstrong Creek Watershed Association about need for stream restoration work.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:05 PM. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is July 24.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell
Chapter Secretary