

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – January 26, 2016 Giant Food Community Center – Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

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

Disposition of the Dorothy E. Fritchey Trust

A special board meeting was convened prior to the regular business meeting to review the status of disbursements proposed for the Doc Fritchey Chapter from the Dorothy E. Fritchey Trust Fund. After hearing E. O’Gorman’s concerns about the structure of the trust, a motion by Coffman/seconded by Funck was approved to table a decision on proceeding until further information was obtained by E. O’Gorman from the attorney representing the trust.

Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the November 23, 2015 board meeting were posted on www.dftu.org.

Treasurer's Report:

F. O’Gorman outlined several major expense entries since the November 23, 2015 Treasurer’s Report, and on a motion by LaTournous/seconded by Long, approval was granted to receive and file the Treasurer's Report dated January 26, 2016.

Stream Steward Reports:

Quittapahilla Creek – Kent Crawford’s report is attached.

Education Committee Report:

LaTournous reported that 14 people have signed up for the beginners fly tying classes that will be held at the Wildwood Nature Center beginning January 27.

New Business:

TU Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp – On a motion by Funck/seconded by F. O’Gorman, approval was granted to revise our budget to allocate \$1,600.00 for sponsoring as many as 4 students for the 2016 Youth Camp.

Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists – On a motion by LaTournous/seconded by Long, approval was granted to donate \$50.00 to the DCAC Tagged Trout Program.

On a motion by Coffman/seconded by LaTournous, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary

Amendment added 2/1/16:

Coffman requested and approval was granted to reimburse Craig Donmoyer \$100.00 for the use of his tractor for moving the stonepile at the wells.

Addendum to Minutes of DFTU Board Meeting - 1/26/2016

Because of time constraints at this meeting, we did not cover the full agenda as I had hoped. I would appreciate each board member sending me your thoughts and comments on the following topics by email to rwarrencollins@gmail.com. I am committed to building an active and vibrant chapter and need the input and help of every one of you to achieve our goals. I think we have the potential to be a repeat winner of PA Council, and for that matter, National TU recognition.

Let's go, gang!

Russ

Social Committee

We need a chairperson – do I have a volunteer?

Meeting Location

Consideration is being given to a change in our meeting location, the impetus being a more central location to draw more members from the eastern part of our two-county area. Do you think this is worth pursuing, and if so, do you have any suggestions for a more central location?

Communications & Outreach Committee

Mike Nerozzi has agreed to be the committee chair and assist with Facebook use for the chapter. This will require board approval and an addition to the Chapter Bylaws for a vote of approval at the annual fall meeting. Do you approve of adding this committee?

Strategic Planning

We need to develop a long-term and short-term strategic plan for the chapter, especially in light of the potential influx of cash we are expecting sometime this year. I think we should form a committee to develop the plan. For example; where do we want our chapter to go, what projects do we want to take on (e.g. coordinate projects with the ongoing work done by the Quittapahilla Watershed Association), who should we partner with to accomplish our mission, structure of meetings, etc.

Secondary Signature on Large Checks

Following up previous discussion as to whether to require a second signature for larger checks written, what size and how to make it happen? Please reply with your thoughts and suggestions.

TU Membership for Our local/State/Federal Legislators

Is this a worthwhile consideration as a means of communicating our mission and purpose?

Girl Scout Merit Badge Project

Karen Benjamin, wife of one of our members, Hurley Benjamin, asked the chapter for assistance in coming up with a project for her Girl Scout troop to earn merit badges. Project could include: making signs, building a bench, planting a garden (or trees). It is a group of 6 to 10 year-old girls. Any thoughts? Tree planting along Clarks Creek is one idea floated.

Chapter Fishing Trip

We are considering a chapter fishing trip for this spring, preferably to a location that does not require an overnight stay. If you have suggestions for a location that would accommodate a group of perhaps 20+ people, please let me hear from you..

QUITTAPAHILLA CREEK
Stream Steward Report
January 2016

1. Quittapahilla Creek Growing Greener Project – Phase I

Phase I work is complete. The work involved stream improvements including removing a stream barrier, protecting stream banks to reduce erosion, narrowing the stream, and providing improved fish habitat. Phase I, funded by Growing Greener and Fish & Boat Commission grants, covered approximately 1,750 linear feet of the stream in Quittie Park, Annville, Pa.

2. Quittapahilla Creek Growing Greener Project – Phase II

The Pennsylvania DEP has awarded an additional \$422,462 in Growing Greener funds for Phase II of the Quittie Creek Restoration Project. This is in addition to the \$444,126 Growing Greener grant and \$80,000 from the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission for Phase I, awarded in 2014 - - bringing the grand total for Phases I & II to **nearly \$1 million (\$946,588)**.

Phase II will extend the work done under Phase I downstream to the Pa. Route 934 bridge in Annville. Funds are in hand and work is expected to begin as soon, depending on the schedule of the contractor (Aquatic Resource Restoration Company). The goal of the two-phase project is to restore 3,450 linear feet of Quittie Creek — close to two-thirds of a mile (0.65 of a mile), from 150 yards upstream of the Old Mill Dam in Quittie Creek Nature Park to just upstream of the Route 934 Bridge.

3. Quittapahilla Creek – Next Restoration Efforts Temporarily On Hold

A Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is, in most cases, essential for state, federal, and private foundation grants. The draft WIP for the Quittapahilla Watershed has run into questions during the review process and has not been approved. The Quittapahilla Watershed Association (QWA) has submitted a proposal for Growing Greener funding to have environmental consultant Rocky Powell (Clear Creeks Consulting) complete the WIP. A decision on funding for the proposal should be forthcoming from DEP, but on their own time schedule.

Once the WIP is approved, additional projects will be proposed. Until then, additional proposals for projects funded by Growing Greener are on hold. Projects funded from other sources are still possible.

4. Potential Future Cooperation Arrangements

A grant proposal has been submitted for Growing Greener funding to The Quittapahilla Watershed association. It has been in contact with local officials from the City of Lebanon, North Cornwall Township, and Cleona Borough regarding the possibility for cooperation in stream improvement projects. Each of these individuals seems eager to support efforts for stream improvements. Partnering with local government entities will strengthen future proposals for funding.

5. Quittapahilla Trout Stocking

Stocking schedules for the spring have not been released. I will keep you posted.

Submitted by:
Kent Crawford
Quittapahilla Creek Stream Steward
January 22, 2016