

## **Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – January 27, 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, RoseAnn Viozzi

#### Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the October 28, 2014 and November 25, 2014 board meetings were not available to be approved, but are being distributed along with these minutes for approval at the next board meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report dated January 26, 2015 was approved to receive and file on a motion by Long/seconded by LaTournous. F. O’Gorman reported that a mobile credit device will be purchased from Integrity Bank at a cost of \$140 plus a small monthly fee to be assessed for one month only to cover credit card purchases for our banquet in April.

#### Membership Committee Report:

Collins will work with F. O’Gorman to develop a Sales Force spreadsheet contact program to include businesses and others who would be of interest to the chapter in expanding our communications. Pennell will assist with this effort.

#### Report from State Council:

Pennell requested that members seek out candidates from Dauphin and Lebanon counties to apply for the two slots the chapter has budgeted for this year’s TU Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Further information is available at [www.dftu.org](http://www.dftu.org) and [www.patrou.org](http://www.patrou.org).

#### Stream Steward Reports:

*Quittapahilla Creek* – Kent Crawford submitted a written report and reviewed the progress of the 1750-foot stream restoration project in the Quittie Nature Park in Annville. He also reported that a second Growing Greener grant was recently awarded to continue work downstream for an additional 1700 feet.

*Clarks Creek* – E. O’Gorman reported that a TU Embrace-a-Stream grant had been applied for to perform approx. 500 feet of stream restoration downstream from the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists (DCAC) property, but no decision had been reached as yet.

*Manada Creek* – E. O’Gorman reported that we are in need of a stream steward, and asked for a volunteer to step up. Stoltz will assume the responsibility for planning a significant project during the fall of the year. Pennell will contact the PFBC to determine the status of the upper waters of the DHALO section which reportedly have been posted against trespassing.

*Stony Creek* – Coffman reported that he and Rob Frank of the Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) surveyed the stream for a location to install monitoring equipment and decided on Tony Rose’s property as the best site for security and maintenance purposes. E. O’Gorman will check with National TU to determine the need for an access agreement. Coffman will follow up with DCCD to get the monitoring equipment ordered from Yellow Springs Instrument Co.

#### Diversion Wells Report:

Long reported that the stonepile is frozen solid and is in need of some additional volunteers with strong backs to help out during the winter months. Coffman reported that the stone arch bridge continues to deteriorate, and that the PA Game Commission has expressed their support to help clear the stream of debris if/when the bridge further collapses into Rausch Creek.

Education Committee Report:

LaTourous reported that the beginners fly tying classes will begin at the Olewine Center in Wildwood Park on January 28 with 14 people signed up, and that more volunteer instructors would be welcomed. He will be responsible for putting together the information and accepting nominations for the 2015 Gerald L. Miller Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Report:

DiStanislao reported that maintenance issues were encountered with the programs at the Dauphin County Technical School and ~~Communications Academy~~ **Upper Dauphin Area High School**, but other than that things appear to be going well. Release dates at the Ned Smith Center are planned for May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Banquet & Fundraising Committee Report:

O’Gorman reported that plans for the 2015 Annual Banquet scheduled for April 11 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville are moving along well. Pennell requested more member involvement in soliciting prize donations and program ads, as well as for signing up to assume responsibility for banquet duties.

Social Committee Report:

Collins reported that program speakers have been lined up for the February and March meetings, and Viozzi announced that this year’s Home Waters disabled vets event will be held on June 13.

Old Business:

*Fly Fishing Film Tour* – Collins reported no progress to date in lining up a venue for a proposed showing in the Harrisburg area.

*TU Five Rivers Program* – Collins will have a display at Lebanon Valley College on February 10 to attract students interested in starting a fly fishing club at LVC. Additional volunteers would be welcomed.

New Business:

*Youth-related Events Background Checks* – New laws have been announced for volunteer background checks needed when working with youths, and further research is needed to determine exactly who and what this would apply to.

*Chapter Fishing Trip* – Stoltz requested suggestions from members on a venue which would appeal to members for a chapter fishing trip sometime this year.

*Lebanon County Sportsmen’s Association* – Coffman reported that the association is seeking volunteers to mentor fishermen at their Tuesday evening fishing events during April and May.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Long/seconded by Pennell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary

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