

## **Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – February 23, 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, Rich DiStanislao, Steve Funck, Steve Vegoe, Cyndi Camp

### Board Meeting Minutes:

On a motion by Long/seconded by F. O’Gorman, minutes of the January 26, 2016 board meeting were approved as amended on February 1, 2016 to include a notation that \$100.00 was approved by the board to reimburse Craig Donmoyer for the use of his tractor at the diversion wells.

### Treasurer's Report:

After discussion about whether a second signature should be required to sign chapter checks over a certain amount, it was decided that this should not be required since board approval is already required for expenditures that are not part of the approved budget. It was also decided that an internal audit of the treasurer’s books should be completed by October 1. Funck volunteered his services and LaTournous stated that he would contact Fran Barilar to see if he would also serve on this committee. On a motion by LaTournous/seconded by Coffman, approval was granted to receive and file the Treasurer's Report dated February 22, 2016.

### Stream Steward Reports:

*Quittapahilla Creek* – Kent Crawford’s report is attached. Cleanups are scheduled for:

Saturday, April 2 – Meet on S. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street off Rt. 422 in Lebanon

Saturday, April 23 – Meet at Quittie Nature Park in Annville

*Clarks Creek* – Coffman reported that Capital Region Water is planning a highway cleanup along Rt. 325 above the DeHart Dam for May 7 and will contact them to see if the chapter’s Adopt-a-Highway spring cleanup can be coordinated for the same date. Collins raised the question of whether a Girl Scout troop from Hummelstown could help with this effort, and will contact their leader to discuss further.

*Spring Creek* – Pennell reported that design work has begun on the Capital Area Greenbelt project to restore streambanks and correct a major stormwater outfall on the Paxtang tributary of Spring Creek.

### Diversion Wells Report:

Coffman reported that for the third week in a row, the crew will not be able to service the wells this coming Sunday due to the icy condition of the trail.

### Education Committee Report:

LaTournous reminded everyone that nominations are due by March 15 for this year’s Gerald L. Miller Outstanding Volunteer Award. Volunteers are needed for the following upcoming events:

Penn State Middletown Campus Earth Day – Thursday, April 21

Wildwood Park Wetlands Festival – Saturday, April 30

Ft. Hunter Garden Faire – Sunday, May 1

Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists Youth Field Day – Saturday, July 9

### Trout in the Classroom Report:

Camp announced the following dates for release of trout at the Ned Smith Center:

Thursday, May 5 – Math/Science Academy

Wednesday, May 11 – Sci Tech High School & Harrisburg Elementary School

Banquet Committee Report:

Pennell reported that prize and program ad solicitations were proceeding well for the April 9 banquet. DiStanislao reminded everyone that gently used items of interest to anglers are needed for his “flea market” that will be a new feature at this year’s banquet.

Stocking Committee Report:

Coffman reported the following upcoming dates for stocking these streams:

Quittapahilla – Tuesday, March 1 @ 11:00 AM at Quittie Nature Park

Manada – Thursday, March 3 @ 11:00 AM at Furnace Road

Other Business:

*Non-Liability Clause* – Pennell will investigate and add language to the Chapter Bylaws for approval at the Annual Meeting.

*Change in Number of Directors* – Collins suggested that the number of directors be either increased or decreased by one to eliminate tie votes on action items, but after discussion the idea was dropped due to the fact that the number of directors attending our meetings is inconsistent and unpredictable.

*Vacant Positions* – Collins emphasized that we need to find individuals to fill the stream steward positions for Manada and Clarks creeks, as well as a chair for the Social Committee.

*Youth Camp Sponsorships* – Coffman reported that neither of Jim Smith’s sons will be applying for the TU Rivers Conservation & Youth Camp this year. Pennell will reach out to Brenden Miller who was sponsored last year to help us find candidates to sponsor.

*Strategic Planning* – Collins stated the need to develop both long-term and short-term strategic plans for the chapter. F. O’Gorman and Rob Kinowitch volunteered to assist in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary

Addendum – 2/25/16:

Pennell distributed copies of PA Council’s Policy on Youth Interaction and reminded members who anticipate working with youth to obtain their clearance documents as soon as possible.

**QUITTAPAHILLA CREEK**  
**Stream Steward Report**  
February 2016

**1. Quittapahilla Creek Growing Greener Project – Phase II**

Phase II of the stream improvement project has been put on hold until June, 2016. The reasons for the delay relate entirely to the schedule of the contractor. Recent snowfalls and a crowded work schedule contributed to the delay.

**2. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant**

The Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance (LCCWA) has received a grant of nearly \$50,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to identify and reduce water pollution in the county, thanks to the efforts of Karen Feather of Lebanon Valley College's Center for Municipal and Corporate Sustainability (CMACS) and Julie Schneider of the Center for Watershed Protection. The grant is intended to facilitate Lebanon County municipalities' compliance with MS4 regulations. Stormwater from the City of Lebanon is a major contributor of sediment, nutrients, and other urban pollutants to the Quittapahilla Creek. Improvements to the handling of stormwater from Lebanon and other municipalities will only serve to benefit the Quittie.

**3. Quittapahilla Creek – Next Growing Greener 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 and will be pursued.

**4. Potential Future Cooperation Arrangements**

The Quittapahilla Watershed association has been in contact with local officials from the City of Lebanon, North Cornwall Township, and Cleona Borough regarding the possibility for cooperation on stream improvement projects. Each of these officials seems eager to support efforts for stream improvements. Partnering with local government entities will strengthen

future proposals for funding. DFTU will be asked to participate as well, by providing planning support, sponsorship, and volunteer work crews.

**5. Quittapahilla Trout Stocking**

In 2016, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be stocking streams in the Quittapahilla Creek Watershed on the following dates:

Quittapahilla Creek – Mouth of Snitz Creek to Spruce Street Bridge

March 1

April 29

May 14

Quittapahilla Creek – Delayed Harvest Section

March 1

April 27

October 11

Quittapahilla Creek – Route 934 to the Annville Wastewater Treatment Plant

March 1

April 27

Quittapahilla Creek – Clear Spring Road to the mouth of the Quittie

March 1

April 27

May 14

Snitz Creek – Zinns Mill to the mouth of Snitz Creek

March 4

April 29

May 14

Bachman Run – Route 322 downstream to the mouth

March 4

April 20

Complete stocking schedules are available at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission web site -- <http://fishandboat.com/>

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