

# **Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting February 28, 2017 at the Giant Food Community Center, Harrisburg, PA**

## Officers/Directors Present:

Russ Collins, Bob Pennell, Francis O’Gorman, Joseph Connor, Rich DiStanislao, Chuck Swanderski, RoseAnn Viozzi, Steve Long, Rick LaTournous.

President Collins called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and requested everyone to introduce themselves.

## Minutes of the November 22, 2016 and January 24, 2017 Board Meetings:

On a motion by Long/seconded by Viozzi, the minutes of the 11/22/ 16 and 1/24/17 board meetings were approved as previously distributed to the board members.

## Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer’s Report dated 2/27/17 was approved on a motion to receive and file by LaTournous/ seconded by Connor. O’Gorman reported that he will work up a summary of the Fly Fishing Film Tour proceeds for the next meeting. O’Gorman also announced that additional disbursements must be made from the funds in our Small Games of Chance account. All taxes have been filed.

## New Business

*Chapter Financial Reviewer:* Collins reported that the chapter must appoint a financial reviewer to audit the treasurer’s books quarterly in keeping with a new National TU policy.

*Stocking Assistance:* Dennis Coffman will contact volunteers for stocking the Quittie on March 1, Manada Creek on March 2, and Clarks Creek on March 11.

*Powells Creek Disabled Access Project:* Collins reported that the meeting on February 16 with the landowner who had posted this section several years ago resulted in the landowner’s agreement to allow access for restoration work, stocking, and fishing.

*Diversion Wells Report:* Coffman reported that Sensenig Excavating has agreed to haul stone from the Pennsy Supply Prescott Quarry at no cost to the chapter to replace John Reigel who has retired. On a motion by Connor/seconded by Long, approval was granted to purchase 3 new magnetic signs to be used on volunteers’ vehicles when driving back to the diversion wells.

*Education Committee Report:* LaTournous reported that volunteers are needed for Penn State Earth Day on April 21 and the Wildwood Wetlands Festival on April 29, but that we would not be participating in Ft. Hunter’s Garden Faire event this year. He also announced that June 24 is the date for the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists (DCAC) kids fly tying event, and reminded us that nominations for the Gerald L. Miller Conservationist of the Year Award are due this evening.

*TU Stream Explorers Flyers:* Swanderski requested and received approval to purchase 500 “TU Stream Explorers” flyers at a cost of \$50. These will be distributed to kids in Trout in the Classroom projects and other events involving youth.

*Home Waters Disabled Veterans Fishing Event:* Viozzi reminded us that she will be seeking volunteers to guide the vets at this year’s event to be held on June 10 at Ed O’Gorman’s property on Clarks Creek.

*PA Outdoors Writers Association Meeting:* Collins asked for volunteers to guide outdoors writers who will be holding their annual meeting in Grantville and will be fishing the Quittie on the morning of May 19.

*Clarks Valley Road Cleanup:* Coffman reported that our chapter Adopt-a-Highway cleanup will be held on May 20 in conjunction with Capital Region Water's cleanup and tour of DeHart Dam.

*Chapter Survey Results:* Collins reported that approximately 100 members responded to the survey he conducted recently, and the names drawn to receive free flies were Charlie Bowen (1<sup>st</sup>), Tom Slusser (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Greg Koussis (3<sup>rd</sup>), with Rich Holey and Rick Young receiving TU ballcaps.

#### Old Business

*TU Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp:* Pennell requested that members spread the word that the chapter is looking for as many as 3 candidates to sponsor for this year's youth camp, with the deadline for applying being March 31.

*Proposal to Conduct Board Meetings Separately from Membership Meetings:* Collins revisited the subject of conducting board business meetings 4 times a year, possibly in January, March, May and September, on dates that do not conflict with membership (social) meetings. Board members were requested to give this further thought for discussion at the next board meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Connor/seconded by Swanderski.

The featured speaker for the evening was Dusty Wissmath, professional fly fishing guide and manager of the TCO Fly Shop in Boiling Springs, who presented his program on fishing the rivers of Yellowstone National Park.

Attendance at the meeting was 29 people.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary*