

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Board Meeting – May 26, 2015

Giant Food 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, Jim Goldsmith, Cyndi Camp

Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of the March 24, 2015 board meeting as posted on www.dftu.org were approved on a motion by Long/seconded by Camp.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report dated May 23, 2015 was approved to receive and file on a motion by Long/seconded by Camp. F. O’Gorman reported that he is still working with our outside accounting firm to resolve an IRS tax filing issue. He also reported that when the final bills are all accounted for, we will probably net somewhere between \$13-\$14K from our 2015 Annual Banquet.

Membership Committee Report:

Collins reported that he will begin in August to do a phone follow up with new members to invite them to meetings and make them aware of upcoming chapter activities.

Report from State Council:

SC Regional VP John Leonard spoke about the 2015 National TU meeting in Scranton on September 17-20, and also emphasized that nominations are needed for chapter & individual awards at PA Council’s annual meeting on October 3.

Stream Steward Reports:

Quittapahilla Creek – Kent Crawford reported that a stream bank planting project is scheduled for May 28 on the first phase stream restoration project completed earlier this year in the Quittie Nature Park in Annville. The second phase is awaiting paperwork approvals and is scheduled to begin later this year.

Clarks Creek – The spring Adopt-a-Highway cleanup project was completed on April 26, but the planting of white pine seedlings along Clarks Creek was canceled due to the poor condition of seedlings to be furnished by the PA Game Commission.

Manada Creek – E. O’Gorman will follow up with Paul Raubertas who has expressed interest in becoming the Manada Creek stream steward. Collins reported that there are 20-30 officer candidates from Ft. Indiantown Gap who are looking for a work project later this year. It was suggested that removing major tree jams on Manada Creek might fit their needs.

Stony Creek – A date will be set with the Dauphin County Conservation District (DCCD) for late spring to install the in-stream monitoring equipment on Tony Rose’s property.

Diversion Wells Report:

Coffman reported that one well is working to full capacity while the second well is about ½ shut down. Approval was given to purchase a \$50 gift certificate for Craig Donmoyer in appreciation for his loaning of heavy equipment to move stockpiled stone at the well site.

Education Committee Report:

LaTournous reported that a sufficient number of chapter volunteers turned out to staff our booths at the April 25 Wetlands Festival at Wildwood Park and the May 3 Garden Faire at Fort Hunter Park. He also reported making contact with a TV Channel 21 videographer who expressed interest in covering future chapter events.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Report:

Camp reported participating in 3 TIC fry releases, and was particularly gratified with the Commonwealth Connections Academy cyber school's interaction at Ed O'Gorman's property.

Banquet & Fundraising Committee Report:

On a motion by Long/seconded by Pennell, approval was granted to book April 9 at the Grantville Holiday Inn for our 2016 Annual Banquet. E. O'Gorman has agreed to chair this activity.

Social Committee Report:

A very successful chapter fishing trip to Big Moore's Run on May 9 was attended by 13 people. The following activities are planned for this summer:

- July 27 – Picnic at the diversion wells
- August (TBD) – Picnic at the Goldsmith's property?
- September 26 – George Daniels presentation

Old Business:

Clarks Creek/DCAC Project – E. O'Gorman reported that 6-8 volunteers will be needed on June 16-18 to assist the PA Fish & Boat Commission and Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists (DCAC) in constructing 8 stone/log deflectors below the children's and disabled access area on Clarks Creek.

Ned Smith Center Youth Camp – Camp requested that chapter volunteers contact Beth Sanders to assist with NSCNA's youth camp on June 6, since she will not be available to coordinate this event. There was also discussion about what clearances will be required by the state after July 1 for volunteers working with youth, and John Leonard will send the details to E. O'Gorman.

Project Healing Waters – John Leonard reported that Dan Miller, who presented his ideas at our March 24 meeting for establishing an independent central PA Project Healing Waters chapter, has since been in contact with Justin Pittman of Cumberland Valley TU for assistance in establishing operating guidelines.

Home Waters – Additional volunteers are needed to serve as guides for the 20 or so disabled vets expected to participate in this event on June 13. Pennell will send out a bulk email requesting that volunteers contact RoseAnn Viozzi to sign up.

New Business:

Officer Nominations – E. O'Gorman announced that we are seeking officer nominations in preparation for our chapter elections in September.

Dr. Francis J. Viozzi Memorial Scholarship – Earlier today, E. O'Gorman presented this year's \$1,500 scholarship to Ethan Danner at Bishop McDevitt High School.

Trout Stocking – Coffman reported that Craig Donmoyer will be contributing a dozen buckets with lids to assist in the chapter's future stocking efforts.

On a motion by Long/seconded by Camp, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary