

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting September 27, 2016 at the Giant Food Community Center, Harrisburg, PA

Officers/Directors Present:

Russ Collins, Bob Pennell, Rick LaTournous, Joseph Connor, Francis O’Gorman, RoseAnn Viozzi and Cyndi Camp.

Minutes of August 25, 2016 Board Meeting:

On a motion by LaTournous, seconded by Camp, the minutes of the August 25 board meeting, as previously submitted to board members and amended by Connor, were approved as posted on the DFTU website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer’s Report dated 9/25/16 was approved on a motion by LaTournous and seconded by Camp. O’Gorman reminded all to submit their volunteer hours for FY2016 which is a requirement for filing our annual financial report to National TU no later than November 15. A motion by Pennell, seconded by LaTournous was approved for O’Gorman to send donations to all of the organizations as previously approved earlier this year. O’Gorman stated that the donation for this year’s Frank J. Viozzi scholarship fund would be announced at our next board meeting. O’Gorman also requested input for the FY2017 operating budget to be reviewed at our next board meeting. Collins reported that he will be taking the chapter’s storage trailer to a dealer for an estimate for repairs on a leaking roof.

Chapter Elections:

On a motion by Greg Silva, seconded by Viozzi, the membership approved the election of the following slate of officers and directors to serve for a one-year term beginning on October 1, 2016.

Officers:

President – Russ Collins
Vice President – Steve Vegoe
Treasurer – Francis O’Gorman
Secretary – Bob Pennell

Directors:

Cyndi Camp
Steve Long
Steve Funck
Joseph Connor
Rob Konowitch
Rick LaTournous
RoseAnn Viozzi
Rich DiStanislao
Chuck Swanderski

Strategic Planning:

Collins reported that a decision is forthcoming to select one of the three potential facilitators he has contacted to conduct a strategic planning session for the chapter.

Annual Banquet:

Viozzi agreed to oversee banquet planning for 2017 and will contact the Grantville Holiday Inn to determine if one of the following dates is available – March 25, April 8, or April 22. Pennell and Swanderski volunteered to assist in this effort.

Quittapahilla Creek Project:

Kent Crawford reported that the second phase of the Quittie restoration project extending downstream from the Quittie Nature Park to Rt. 934 in Annville has been successfully completed by Aquatic Resource Restoration Co. The project was funded through Growing Greener and PA Fish & Boat Commission (FBC) grants. On a motion by Viozzi, seconded by Konowitch, chapter support was pledged for building a disabled access and extension of Delayed Harvest special regulations above Spruce Street, as requested by Connor.

Snitz Creek Project:

Crawford reported that he is completing our proposal for hopefully obtaining funds from the Tulpehocken/Quittapahilla grant fund administered by PFBC, exclusively for projects in those two watersheds. The chapter is working with Rocky Powell of Clear Creeks Consulting and Lee Irwin of

Aquatic Resource Restoration Co. for design and construction of approx. 1200 feet of stream improvement work on lower Snitz Creek, a tributary of the Quittapahilla. The estimated cost of the construction only portion is \$135,000. Rocky Powell is donating his design services, and chapter volunteer hours for streambank planting, etc. will be considered as in-kind services for matching purposes.

Clarks Creek:

Collins reported that he is still attempting to locate a source for white pine seedlings so that the chapter can continue the streambank planting project next spring that was begun several years ago to replace the native hemlock damage caused by the woolly adelgid infestation.

Spring Creek:

Pennell reported that Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste has proposed allocating a section of Spring Creek in Harrisburg as a disabled access/children's fishing area. Discussions with the Dauphin County Conservation District have keyed in on a location just downstream of Rt. 441. The tradeoff proposed to PFBC for stocking trout over a population of wild brown trout in this section would be the creation of an Artificial Lures Only section extending about ½ mile upstream of Rt. 441.

Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T):

Collins reported that plans for the F3T showing at the Allen Theatre in Annville on October 16 are in place, and he is working on securing sponsorships to cover the cost of the program. The theater owner, Skip Hicks, has already agreed to donate his space and projection services. In an effort to boost attendance, a mailing was sent out to about 125 chapter members who do not have email addresses listed on the TU roster. Konowitch volunteered to work with Collins in a follow up phone campaign with chapter members.

Youth Education:

LaTournous reported that he has 8 signups out of the 10 planned for his advanced fly tying classes that will be held at the Giant Food Community Center beginning October 17. He also stated that the Wildwood Nature Center will not be available for beginners classes scheduled for next spring, so an alternative venue must be found. He also read a letter from the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationist (DCAC) thanking chapter members for volunteering their fly tying instruction at the 2016 Youth Field Day.

Diversion Wells:

Connor reported that the last Monday evening work schedule will be October 3, so beginning on October 9, the schedule will change over to Sundays at 1:00 PM.

Other Business:

Richard Lewis, our newly-elected Southcentral Region VP for State Council, presented an overview of his background and pledged his support for our chapter activities.

On a motion by Swanderski, seconded by Connor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell – Chapter Secretary