

Minutes of the TU Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting

June 25, 2019 at the residence of Russ Collins -Palmyra, PA

Officers/Board Members Attending: Russ Collins, Steve Vegoe, Trip McGarvey, Bob Pennell, Chuck Swanderski, George Dodson, Rich DiStanislaw, Cyndi Camp

Others Attending: Andy Link

The meeting was called to order by President Russ Collins at 6:45 PM. A motion was made and carried to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 board meeting as previously distributed to the board members.

Treasurer's Report:

McGarvey reported that we are working with PA Fish & Boat Commission to resolve the issue involving a change in the Snitz Creek work plan that resulted in PFBC denying payment of \$5,500 of their total grant of \$108,121.30. A current Treasurer's Report was not submitted for approval.

New Business:

Chapter Picnic – Vegoe reported that 4 raffle prizes will be given away to attendees at the July 23 picnic.

PFFA Event Drawing – Collins suggested that a drawing for a fly rod be held as an incentive to join our chapter at the PA Fly Fishing Association Festival on June 29, but it was decided not to do so.

Website Update – Collins appointed Andy Link as Webmaster to work with Pavone Advertising, the current host and developer of our website, to update the format and possibly transition the website over to a new host. A motion was made and carried to authorize an expenditure of up to \$500.00 for one year to cover hosting costs.

Chapter Strategic Plan – Collins stated that specific goals and time frames need to be added to our steering plan, and that more time needs to be devoted to this at future board meetings.

Social Committee – Collins called for a volunteer to chair this committee and arrange for program speakers at future social meetings.

Informational Items:

Snitz Creek Park Project – Collins reported that he plans to bring in Rocky Powell as the design consultant to work with North Cornwall Township, PennDOT and Steckbeck Engineering who are partnering on this project.

Sources for In-stream Structure Rock – Collins has identified several sources of limestone rock that would be suitable for future stream restoration projects, the only cost being trucking to project sites.

Kittatinny Hunting & Fishing Club – Collins reported that he has enlisted Sean McAdams of National TU to develop plans for remediation of damages caused by a contractor on the club's property along Swope's Valley Run in Schuylkill County.

Other Updates:

Home Waters Event – Our 11th annual event for disabled veterans attracted 20 vets and an even greater number of volunteers who turned out as mentors to make this another memorable experience for all who participated.

DCAC Youth Field Day – DiStanislao reported that he and 4 other chapter volunteers assisted the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists with teaching the basics of fly tying to about 40 youth.

Women’s Intro to Fly Fishing Event – Swanderski reported that 18 women out of the 24 who had registered actually attended and participated in the event, and suggested that we consider a nominal (\$10-\$20) registration fee to help ensure attendance for future events.

Wildwood Wetlands Festival – DiStanislao reported that we had good exposure, with about 500 families attending this event in spite of some not so ideal weather conditions.

Forever Wild Grants – PA Council has awarded our chapter two Forever Wild grants of \$1,500 each for projects on the Quittapahilla and Bachman Run.

Powells Creek Handicapped Project – Due to the discovery that \$30K in funds that were being held for this project by the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) had somehow disappeared, it was decided to release the \$5,000 in escrow that the chapter had planned to donate for project costs. A complaint has been filed with the PA Attorney General’s office.

Membership Report – Swanderski reported that current membership stands at 492, with 30 new members being added since the start of the year.

New TIC Program – A new Trout in the Classroom program will be added to an Eastern Lebanon County 5th grade classroom in the fall.

Calendar Items:

PFFA Festival – Collins requested an additional volunteer to help man the chapter booth on June 29.

Middle Creek Sportsmen’s Rally – Dodson reported that he and Dennis Coffman will represent the chapter at this event on July 14.

Lebanon County Fair – Dodson and Dennis Coffman will be available to represent the chapter at this event which runs from July 20 through the 27th.

Diversion Well Workday – A workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 7.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell - Chapter Secretary