

Minutes of the Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting September 28, 2021 at the Home of Rich DiStanislaio

Board Members Attending: Rich DiStanislaio, Chuck Swanderski, Bob Pennell, Steve Long, George Dodson, Rebecca Fronk, Russ Collins (via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President DiStanislaio who noted that a quorum was not present. He offered his congratulations to Russ Collins for winning PA Council's Doc Fritchey Outstanding Conservationist Award, and to Andy Link for Best Chapter Website Award.

Minutes of July 27 Board Meeting: Pennell stated that there were no corrections noted to the minutes that had been previously distributed to all board members.

Treasurer's Report: No report was submitted, but DiStanislaio noted that \$1,440.09 was spent on the August picnic, with \$620.00 received from attendees, for a net cost of \$820.09.

Trout in the Classroom Report: Cyndi Camp reported that there are currently 4 schools participating in TIC; two at ELCO grade school, one at Palmyra Middle School, and one at Upper Dauphin High School. Rainbow trout eggs from PFBC will not be shipped until January. Camp Cof protecting our natural environment.

Diversion Wells: The maintenance schedule will shift to Sundays at 1:00 PM on October 3.

Fall Trout Stocking: PFBC will be stocking Clarks Creek in the morning and the Quittie in the afternoon of October 14.

Stream Reports: Collins reported that In the process of submitting and tracking our permits for the Shuey and Zimmerman projects, the DEP indicated that they were incomplete. They think there are wetlands on both properties which need to be addressed. I walked the two properties with ARRC (the contractor) and they need to do a wetlands delineation to get things back on track. This will add \$1,500 to the budget for the two projects. As soon as this figure is confirmed, I will get back to Lebanon County Conservation District to add it to the budget. Because we lowered the cost of the lumber for these projects, there is sufficient wiggle room to accommodate this unexpected finding.

We issued a check to Scott Brown Logging in advance of getting refunded from the Lebanon Clean Water program (CAP). The invoice and information have been submitted to them for reimbursement. I will be meeting with the County folks virtually to outline how to get the permitting done, a wetlands delineation study done and included in the budget figures to get the project's installation back on track.

TU Rivers Conservation Youth Camp: Three students were sponsored by the chapter this year; Collin Gourley, Mason Liantis and Evan Kocher. Pennell noted that the students will be expected to conduct a presentation about their experiences at a future membership meeting.

Chapter Picnic: It was reported that 70 people attended our August picnic, and by all accounts it was considered a successful venture.

Ladies Introduction to Fly Fishing Day: Swanderski reported that all is in good order for this event on October 2, but that it is somewhat disappointing that only 7 women have signed up.

Palmyra Sportsmen's Association Field Day: 3 chapter volunteers have signed up to conduct fly fishing demonstrations at this event from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on October 10. Additional volunteers would be welcomed.

Chapter Brochures: Fronk distributed copies of a new promotional brochure that all agreed look great. Feedback is solicited on any changes suggested before ordering copies from the printer.

Youth Fly Tying Kit: DiStanislao reported applying for a free fly tying kit offered by National TU, but has not had a response to date.

Fall Newsletter: It was reported that Steve Vegoe plans to get this issue out by later in October after he returns from vacation.

Fly Tying Courses: DiStanislao suggested that the chapter conduct a beginner's course at the Palmyra Sportsmen's Association, with an advanced course at Wildwood Nature Center.

Chapter Membership Meetings: A program needs to be established for the next meeting scheduled for October 26. It was suggested that this could be a fly tying event at one of the local breweries.

Chapter Fundraising Event: It has not been decided whether we will conduct an online auction this fall or possibly schedule an in-person banquet for next spring. DiStanislao stated that he will be giving this some further thought and will send something out to the board members for further consideration.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell
Chapter Secretary