

Minutes of the Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting November 23, 2021 via GoogleMeet Teleconference

Officers and Board Members Attending: Rich DiStanislao, Chuck Swanderski, Bob Pennell, Trip McGarvey, Steve Long, George Dodson, Rebecca Fronk, Russ Collins, Steve Vegoe, Joseph Connor, Fran Barilar, Jim Suleski, Andy Link.

President DiStanislao called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of September 28 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 McGarvey stated that all accounts are in balance, and he is in the process of sending annual donations to our approved list of 501(c)(3) organizations.

Fundraising Raffle: Pennell reported that the grand prize will be a guided float trip on the Delaware River, an art print on canvas by Bill Kosmer, a box of 5 dozen flies tied by Rich DiStanislao, and a rod/reel outfit. The rod will be selected from existing inventory in our storage trailer and the reel will be donated by Fran Barilar. Tickets will be priced at \$20 each, with 5 tickets to be mailed with each copy of the newsletter in early January. The date for our raffle drawing will be February 17, or possibly February 24. Link will set up a raffle form on our website, and mailings to other organizations such as POWA and local TU chapters are also planned.

New Sponsors: Swanderski reported that Precision Fly has been signed up with a \$500 donation. Pennell agreed to contact Tony Gehman at TCO Fly Shops for a sponsorship.

Fly Tying Courses: DiStanislao reported that all is in good order for the advanced courses at Wildwood on February 21 through March 28. Tying kits will be available at a cost of \$50 for beginners.

TU Youth Policy: DiStanislao reported that the child abuse clearance forms available from the PA State Police are required for any child under the age of 18 participating in chapter events.

Stream Project Reports: Collins summarized his conservation efforts and the status of pending grants for work on Hammer Creek, Killinger Creek, Snitz Creek, Beck Creek, Bachman Run and Spring Creek (Hershey). A more detailed account will follow in a separate report.

Stocking Class A Trout Streams: Suleski talked about a situation in Potter County where a local sportsmen's club is attempting to continue stocking of Freeman Run, recently classified by FFBC as a Class A Wild Trout stream. National TU will be doing outreach to members requesting feedback to PFBC in an effort to maintain the policy of no stocking of Class A streams.

Travel Champs Online Store: Swanderski reported that DFTU merchandise must be ordered by November 28 to ensure delivery before Christmas.

January Chapter Meeting: Tom Whittle has agreed to do a presentation on bamboo rod building at our January 25 meeting. Since the Giant Center is uncertain about availability for that date, Collins will investigate the cost and availability of the Derry Township Historical Society venue.

Winter Newsletter: Vegoe plans to get this issue to the printer by the first week in January.

Passing of Dick Puerzer: A number of considerations were discussed for honoring the memory of Dick Puerzer, and it was decided that the donation button on the website would be used to accept donations in his name to plant a tree along one of our local streams.

2022 Annual Meeting: It was decided that our Annual Meeting will be held on March 22. DiStanislao will request current board members to state their interest in serving for another term, and depending on responses, he will appoint a nominating committee if necessary.

Items to Post on DFTU Website: DiStanislao pointed out that the website needs to be updated to include info on fly tying classes, our PATU award for Best Chapter Website and the Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Conservationist to Russ Collins, as well as our upcoming raffle when details are finalized.

Strategic Plan: Collins pointed out that it might be time to update our chapter's strategic plan, since PATU just completed theirs.

Diversion Wells: Connor talked about the need for renting a trailer to haul equipment for moving the stone pile closer to the diversion wells. Connor will obtain a cost estimate and submit to the executive committee for approval in case the amount exceeds what is already budgeted for this purpose

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell
Chapter Secretary