

Minutes of the Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting February 22, 2022 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, Francis O’Gorman.

President DiStanislao called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

A motion was carried to approve the Minutes of the November 23, 2021 Board Meeting as previously distributed to all board members.

Treasurer’s Report: A motion was carried to approve McGarvey’s proposed expense budget for FY2023, with the addition of \$1,000 in expenses to support two teens (one from each county) to attend the National TU Teen Summit Conference, per Cyndi Camp’s request.

Fundraising Raffle: McGarvey reported that 351 tickets were sold for the Winter Raffle amounting to \$7,020, plus a \$50 donation, for a total income of \$7,070. This compares with 43 items that were sold for \$6,556 in our 2020 online auction.

Diversion Wells Report: Dodson reported that all is working well at the site and suggested that a report on the pH readings should be included in future newsletters.

Conservation Report: Collins reported on his progress with the various Lebanon County projects, including two areas on Hammer Creek and a third project on Snitz Creek. A stream walk to evaluate the Quittie upstream of the Spruce Street bridge is planned for February 28. Suleski offered to conduct a 20-minute Zoom conference for anyone interested in helping out with the Hammer Creek projects. Collins, DiStanislao and Pennell will be attending the Keystone Coldwater Conference in State College on February 25 and 26.

Stocking Report: PFBC announced that the Special Regs sections on the Quittie will be stocked on March 15, and at Manada Creek on March 16.

Education Report: Our chapter is currently supporting 4 Trout in the Classroom projects in 3 schools, and Cyndi Camp is planning to add Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School and Sylvan Heights Charter School to the program.

Due to an insufficient number of applicants for the advanced fly tying classes at Wildwood, these classes will be conducted simultaneously with the beginners classes at the Palmyra Sportsmen’s Association. Students will be charged \$35 for the course, with proceeds split 50/50 with Palmyra.

The deadline for receiving applications for the 2022 Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp is February 28, and to date no applications have been received from either Dauphin or Lebanon County.

Social Committee Report: Chapter members will be participating with a booth at the Wildwood Wetlands Festival on April 23, and at the Ned Smith Center Festival on July 30. Suggestions for a

speaker at our Annual Membership Meeting on March 22 included Eric Richard, and Swanderski will contact him to determine his availability.

Old Business: \$242.13 in donations have been received for deceased chapter member Dick Puerzer, and Vegoe reported that approval has been granted for a tree to be planted in his memory on the Tim Noll property along Snitz Creek.

New Business: The Annual Membership Meeting will be conducted in-person at the Hershey History Center on March 22. A motion was carried to approve the nomination of the current slate of officers and board members, plus the addition of Willie Bixler as assistant treasurer for FY2023, in preparation for his plans to become treasurer in FY2024 when McGarvey plans to assume the position of secretary.

Pennell reminded the board that nominations are needed for the annual Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Volunteer Award which will be announced at the April 26 membership meeting. Link will post a notice on the website and social media requesting nominations to be submitted no later than April 15.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell
Chapter Secretary