

Minutes of the Doc Fritchey Chapter Board Meeting August 23, 2022 at Rich DiStanislao's Residence

Officers and Board Members Attending: Rich DiStanislao, Chuck Swanderski, Bob Pennell, Trip McGarvey, Steve Long, Rebecca Fronk, Russ Collins, Steve Vegoe, Joseph Connor, Andy Link, Willie Bixler, plus Fran Barilar and Frances O’Gorman (via Zoom teleconference).

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

A motion was carried to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting as previously distributed to all board members.

Treasurer’s Report: McGarvey reported that \$70K of our working capital has been invested in a Members 1st CD which will earn 2.25% over 15 months. He also reported that accounting fees will be higher this year due to having to file an IRS Form 1090 instead of the Form 1090EZ. A motion was carried to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

Chapter Event Schedule: The following schedule was firmed up for the balance of the year.

Sept. 13 – Project Healing Waters Event

Swanderski will represent the chapter at the Skytop Lodge.

Sept. 17 – Ladies Fishing Day at Limestone Springs

Swanderski reported that there are 8 paid registrants and 9 mentors confirmed to date.

Sept. 24 – Celebrate Wildwood Event

Swanderski, Long, Fronk, Dodson and Pennell will staff a booth.

Sept. 27 – Membership Meeting

Suleski will present his program on “Native Brook Trout: PA’s Misunderstood Fish” at a location to be determined.

Oct. 1 – DeHart Day

Pennell will coordinate this event with Capital Region Water, including a highway cleanuo and tour of the dam facilities. Volunteers are needed.

Oct. 9 – Palmyra Sportsmen’s Field Day

McGarvey will coordinate this event, including fly casting instruction and fly tying demos. Volunteers are needed.

Oct. 22 – Fishing Instruction at Italian Lake in Harrisburg

This event sponsored by the Civic Club of Harrisburg involves basic fishing instruction. Volunteers are needed.

Nov. 22 – Membership Meeting & Raffle Awards

The program will feature Tom Whittle demonstrating cane rod building and Barry Weaver demonstrating graphite rod building at a location to be determined.

Conservation Report: Collins reviewed the status of the various stream restoration projects currently underway in the Quittapahilla and Hammer Creek watersheds in Lebanon County, and the Spring Creek watershed in Hershey. An update will be published in the Fall issue of *Hatches*. Collins also reported that in his capacity as co-chair of the Climate Change Committee of TU’s National Leadership Council, he presented a program on climate change at National TU’s recent annual meeting.

Membership Report: Swanderski reported that as of August 20, the chapt banqueter has 590 members on our roster. He also reported that PA Council's Women, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative is looking for chapters to conduct 2-3 women's events next year. Virtual presentations are available to chapters who are interested in learning about the WDI initiative.

Fundraising Report: Pennell reported that prizes have been acquired for the Fall Raffle, with the winning tickets to be drawn at our membership meeting on November 22. Five tickets will be included with each copy of the Fall issue of *Hatches*, to be mailed in early October. The question was also raised about having a fundraising banquet next year. Pennell stated that he would be responsible for soliciting prizes and program ads, but is not interested in chairing the banquet. No decision was reached on whether to proceed with plans for a banquet.

Other Discussion Items:

Project Healing Waters – Swanderski reported that program leader for Harrisburg East Glen Klinger would be willing to speak to our chapter about starting our own program. We would need to find one or two people who would be interested in picking up the ball on this if we decide to proceed.

Manada Creek Workday – There is a need for some significant debris removal in the DHALO section of the creek, but with the fall schedule of chapter activities as currently planned, it will most likely have to be put on next year's calendar.

Trailer Storage – There was a question about selling our trailer and renting storage space, but nothing was decided.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Pennell
Chapter Secretary

ADDENDUM

Prior to the start of our September 27 membership meeting, the Executive Committee met and approved an expenditure of \$5,000 from our \$7,000 Conservation Budget to be used as a chapter match for the \$133,000 restoration project on Quittapahilla Creek near the Spruce Street bridge.

