DRAFT: Penn’s Woods West Trout Unlimited

# Annual General Meeting—January 13, 2020

## TU Mission: To conserve, protect and restore North America's Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Attendees: Board plus quorum of members. Meeting purpose: elect and confirm the Board in new structure.

### Topics (Meeting Opened 7:00 PM):

1. President’s Report – nothing to report.
2. Treasurer’s Report
   1. Walter indicated ~$46K in bank.
   2. Walter indicated that we need to find uses for the money but that it is difficult since there are no cold-water fisheries in the area. Brian indicated that Conservation Committee has some plans that involve smaller chapters nearby that have cold water fisheries.
3. Budget
   1. Budget was presented as an initial guideline for the year.
   2. There were no questions from the floor.
4. Election Monitors – Joe Birsa and Mike Tomana volunteered.
5. Nominating Committee
   1. Dale Fogg presented the list of proposed candidates to the membership.
   2. Ian Brown noted that the slate had been set up with staggered terms.
   3. Nominations from the floor were invited (none were offered).
   4. Ron Milavec moved that we use a voice vote rather than paper ballots; seconded by Bob Bukk. **<Passed with no opposition>**
   5. Doug Riedel moved that we accept the slate of candidates offered by the nomination committee; seconded by Tammie Ferraro. **<Passed with 1 no vote>**
6. Meeting recessed to allow a quick Board meeting
   1. Board determined officers and initial committee chairs
      1. Ed Barger, Treasurer, term expires 2023
      2. Ian Brown, Secretary, term expires 2021
      3. Chuck Buffington, President, term expires 2022
      4. Bob Bukk, Vice-President, term expires 2022
      5. Nora Cline, Women & Diversity Chair, term expires 2021
      6. Bob Heil, Jr., term expires 2023
      7. Bryan Mathie, Conservation Chair, term expires 2022
      8. Jamie Schroder, Membership Chair, term expires 2023
      9. Christian Shane, Program Chair, term expires 2021
      10. Dale Fogg, ex officio
   2. Nora Cline raised the issue of financial support for the Women’s group in 2020. Ian Brown moved we allocate $1000 to the Women’s & Diversity committee; Ed Barger seconded. **<Passed unanimously>**
   3. Bob Bukk proposed a scholarship of up to $2000 per years named after Tom Walsh for students studying environmental issues. The board liked the idea and after some discussion, decided to **table** this until more study is done on the details of making it work.
   4. Some discussion of Trout in the Classroom as a line item on the budget.
   5. Bryan Mathie mentioned many potential opportunities for conservation related work with smaller chapters.
   6. Nora proposed that we accept the Budget; seconded by Ed Barger. **<Passed unanimously>**
   7. Carry-forward of reserves. Bob Bukk proposed we allow the reserves to be carried forward; seconded by Bryan Mathie. **<Passed unanimously>**
   8. Name Tags – Chuck indicated he’d arrange name tags for board members who don’t have them.
   9. Conflict of Interest statements passed out by President, signed then collected by Secretary.
7. Board returned to main room and announced officers, chairs, etc., to membership
8. Old & New business were deferred
9. Announcements – Ron Milavec handled the routine announcements while the Board was meeting.
10. Adjournment – proposed by Ron Milavec, seconded by Ian Brown. **<Passed with no objections>**

### Meeting closed 7:21 PM

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