

Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting—November 5, 2020

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

Attendees: Nora, Chuck, Ed, Jamie, Bob Bukk, Ron, Bryan

Topics (Meeting Opened 7:36 PM):

- 1) Welcome and call to order
 - a) October Minutes... motion to approve by Ed, 2nd: Bryan. **<passed>**
 - b) Chair & officer reports –
 - i) Ed reported that the Chatham grant paperwork is in order. Ed proposed publicity about the grant to John Hayes (PPG) and Bob Frye (Trib). Bryan suggested an article in PA Trout. Bob Bukk suggested an article in National TU magazine. Ed reported that Walter returned our new Financial statement without difficulty. Ed will post our list of Chapter equipment on the Chapter's section of National TU's website.
- 2) Old Business
 - a) Autumn Retreat – Chuck will check with Darryl about an event on Saturday, Dec 5th.
 - b) ZOOM Pro – Bryan has been down with Covid for several weeks; promises to get this to happen.
 - c) New Computer – Bob Bukk asked what the computer would be used for. Nora answered that it's necessary to drive the projector at Chapter meetings and suggested we make sure that it has the proper input ports (CD drive, USB port) and output ports (VGA, HDMI).
- 3) New Business
 - a) Financial Review Form – working and approved.
 - b) Succession Plan – PWWTU website post asking for volunteers for Board spot took both Christian and Nora by surprise. "My bad"...Chuck. Nora would like to stay on the Board. Bylaws specify term limits except when no replacement can be found.
 - c) Cabin Fever – Bryan reported that Cabin Fever is not happening this year. Hotel will move our deposit to 2022. Date will move back to "last weekend in February". Kelley is OK with moving to next year.
 - d) Misc –
 - i) Ed asked Jamie if she had received a "welcome new members" packet of information from the Forbes Trail Chapter and if we could do something similar for our new members. Jamie will work on it.
 - ii) Ron M. presented arguments against doing the Monroeville Sportsman Show next spring. Approved.
 - iii) Bob Bukk suggests that we cancel the Joe Cline fly sale. Chuck will do that.
 - iv) Nora announced a Women's Event on November 21st. Details will follow.
 - v) Ron also suggested no in-person Bar Flies. Chuck will add to website.

Adjourned

Meeting closed 8:15 PM

(Recorded by CB)

Important Dates: (most are listed on the PATU website)

Committee Reports

Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Officers and Committee Chair Reports

For October Year: 2020

Committee Chair: Bryan Mathie

Committee: Conservation

Chair Report:

Committee Chair: Nora Cline/Jodie Minor

Committee: Women & Diversity

Chair Report:

Committee Chair: Jamie Schroder

Committee: Membership

Chair Report:

Committee Chair: Ron Milavec

Committee: Education

Chair Report:

- BarFlies - No ties planned for the remainder of 2020 - Under consideration: move to a new venue for better lighting and space
 - 2021 Sports Show - Feb 18-21, 2021 - the 21st conflicts with Cabin Fever (last time we did not man the booth that day) - With COVID spiking, I'm still concerned about being in contact with so many 'strangers' in close quarters - Can we get enough people to man booth? - Should we consider NOT participating this time???
 - Cabin Fever - What's the outlook for this???
- Can we attract enough visitors to pay for the event?

Committee Chair: Christian Shane

Committee: Program

Chair Report:

President: Chuck Buffington

October was a quiet month, except for all the election folderol. Walter Reineman, our Financial Reviewer, has adopted the form we developed to document his reviews. Christian has figured a way to prevent the "Zoom Bomb" that some rude, non-TU people dropped on the last Chapter Meeting. The Journal reported today that a Covid vaccine may be available at the end of 2020 or early in 2021...good news for a number of reasons including the fact that we may be able to hold in-person meetings starting sometime in the spring. YOUR PWWTU

WEBSITE needs content...please send conservation and fishing articles to Buffingtoncw@gmail.com.

Vice President: Bob Bukk

The Tom Walsh Grant to Chatham University was approved by the Board and implemented.

Officer: Treasurer: Ed Barger

- Remaining paperwork from Chatham University has been signed by both Chapter president (Buffington) and treasurer (Barger), along with responsible Chatham University administrators to formalize the commitment being made by PWWTU to support a Tom Walsh memorial award for the next 5 years. The first check for \$2500 is due to Chatham by December 30. Material for the third quarter financial audit was prepared and sent to our financial reviewer, W. Reineman. Transactions for the month of October include payment of \$240 to In-House Graphics for website hosting for 2020-2021, and deposit of \$10 from workplace contributions from a Target employee.
- I obtained a copy of IRS Form 990N, submitted for Tax Year 2020 by National TU for us, for chapter records. National uses information from our yearly financial report to prepare the IRS submittal.
- I received no comments regarding my draft inventory of Chapter property, so I will be storing this on the National TU site in the electronic document storage page of the leaders-only area.
- A summary of Fiscal YTD transactions has been emailed to each board member for information, along with a copy of the completed document from Chatham formalizing the PWW sponsorship of a Tom Walsh memorial award.

Ex-officio: Dale Fogg