

Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting—December 3, 2020

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

Attendees: Ian, Chuck, Christian, Nora, Ed, Bob Bukk, Bryan

Topics (Meeting Opened 7:40 PM):

- 1) Welcome and call to order
 - a) November Minutes... motion to approve by Bob, 2nd Ed. **<passed>**
 - b) Chair & officer reports –
 - i) No concerns or discussion. Notes are light this month.
 - c) Old Business
 - i) Computer Purchase – Christian & Brad Buffington looking at 2 mid-range Dells (Experian 14 & 15) at \$799 & \$900 respectively. Keeping an eye open for sales. Nora noted the need for enough peripheral connections and Christian feels that these offer the best bang for the buck. Main difference is a touch screen on the 15. Some other discussion on the nuts & bolts.
 - ii) ZOOM Pro – purchased. Tool has recording capabilities and Bryan is working with Zoom to see if we can use our tax ID and get the non-profit discount. He will submit the invoice once this is concluded. Bryan will send out an e-mail to give an overview of how the Pro works. Pro has unlimited access, much more functionality with using multiple hosts and kicking unwanted participants (Zoom-bombers). Some discussion on the video capture and how we might use YouTube in conjunction with our web site.
 - iii) Chatham Grant –
 - (1) Payment due this month and Ed wants to know how the funds will be transferred. Chuck will follow up and arrange it.
 - (2) Publicity – Bob would like to see some sort of photo op. Some discussion about having a big check printed up, but a picture with a good write up that can get some useful publicity. We also need to be a bit more aggressive about publicizing the conservation work we do in general. Bob is willing to spearhead this.
 - (3) Christian indicates that there appears to be little interest on the family's behalf and the Board feels that it may be best to simply leave it alone.
- 2) New Business
 - i) Annual Meeting and Election of Board Members
 - (1) Given a general lack of response from the membership and the problems with meeting and getting a quorum during Covid, we are very seriously considering extending the current board members' terms by 1 year each. The board will touch base with the one

person who has expressed an interest in serving, however, and see where he might fit in.

- (2) Bryan has met with the conservation corps in little Sewickley and they are looking for volunteers to help remove a culvert and replace it with a better passage. They are looking for labor, primarily, but would not say no to any donations of heavy equipment (time) and possibly some materials. Some general discussion on conservation topics.
- (3) It appears that we (PA Trout) may have been able to protect the budget for conservation from the State. He'll send details to Chuck.
- (4) SB619 (industry push to move point source measures away from the source of the pollution to where it was captured and to take away the mandatory reporting of pollutant related accidents – wanted the company to decide) was also vetoed.
- (5) Bryan will be getting together with SW PA chapter presidents to talk about where we want to see PA Trout move and see about providing some input into a long-term strategic plan. Some extended discussion on this – things like SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats). Looking for an opportunity to have some influence with PA Trout.
- (6) Speakers: December 14 will be Chris Mullins (Citizen's Climate Lobby). January 11 will be Tim Flagler (Tight Line Media) for guiding or fly tying, Christian leans to the tying. Some discussion of how many notices and reminders to send for the meetings. This may also be a good chance to get other chapters involved.

Adjourned

Meeting closed 8:40 PM

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 November 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

Committee Chair: Christian Shane

Committee: Program

Chair Report:

President: Chuck Buffington

Very little TU business has crossed my desk this past month. Covid has really put a stop to our activities. Christian Shane has put together three Zoom conferences in lieu of our Chapter Meetings but only a few people have "attended". One bright spot: Mike Hodzak, our speaker last month who is a fisheries biologist with PABF commented that a good number of fishermen in our chapter requested "Steelhead logs". If these are all returned, his data file will about double for the year.

Vice President: Bob Bukk

Officer: Treasurer: Ed Barger

No expenses were processed during this month. Income included two workplace donations from a Target employee totaling \$25 and the annual rebate from National TU for new members, \$240 (\$15 per new member x 16 new members for this year). December expenses will include processing of our first of five pledged donations (\$2500/year) to Chatham University for our sponsorship of a Tom Walsh Memorial scholarship. The board has previously approved this disbursement of funds.

Cash-flow YTD at bottom of Report.

Ex-officio: Dale Fogg

12/1/2020

Cash Flow
4/1/2020 through 12/1/2020

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Category	4/1/2020- 12/1/2020
INFLOWS	
41 - Return of Temporary Cash from ...	0.00
PWWTU-Income	
01 - Contributions	1,030.14
02 - Workplace Giving Campaigns	90.00
04 - Rebates from TU National Cou...	240.00
12 - Miscellaneous Income	647.15
TOTAL PWWTU-Income	2,007.29
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,007.29
OUTFLOWS	
PWWTU-Expenses	
20 - Supplies + Materials	
Program Services	210.00
TOTAL 20 - Supplies + Materials	210.00
21 - Telephone	
Mgmt & General	95.59
TOTAL 21 - Telephone	95.59
25 -Conference, Convention, Meeti...	
Fund Raising	
Cabin Fever	625.00
TOTAL Fund Raising	625.00
Program Services	
Speaker Honorarium	275.00
TOTAL Program Services	275.00
TOTAL 25 -Conference, Convent...	900.00
31 - Contractors, Consultants, Desi...	545.99
36 - Miscellaneous Expenses	
36.4 - APSC Kids Events	560.00
TOTAL 36 - Miscellaneous Expe...	560.00
TOTAL PWWTU-Expenses	2,311.58
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,311.58

OVERALL TOTAL

-304.29