

Draft: Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting—April 8, 2021

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

Attendees: Ian, Chuck, Bryan, Nora, Ed, Bob, Jamie

Topics (Meeting Opened 7:25 PM):

- 1) Welcome and call to order
- 2) Minutes approved; Ed proposed / Jamie seconded <passed>
- 3) Old Business
 - a) Officer's reports. Chuck asked for more information from officers.
 - b) Finances – Ed provided cash flow report (below) and check listing/transactions. Noted that quarterly audit will be requested shortly. Had some good feedback from the kid's fishing derbies that we sponsored. Preliminary expense report that will be adjusted for the TU annual report format requirements, due 5/15. Ed renewed our TU liability insurance on his CC and rebated the amount to himself (board approved).
 - c) Report from ad-hoc strategic planning committee. We had a highly productive discussion of the draft plan with suggestions on refinements, tinkering and possible other avenues.
 - d) Membership packet for new members. No web contacts this month; Jamie is working on the package. Tabled.
 - e) Annual Report. No action to date. Tabled.
 - f) Citizen's climate change endorsement. They would like us to endorse their initiatives. TU National endorses the Citizen's Climate Lobby. Bryan indicates it would be advantageous to the initiative in SWPA if we considered signing on. The Board would like some additional information on what CCL would be looking for from us, as a chapter. Tabled.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Grant proposal for Pine Creek. Bryan wanted the Board to know what "applying for a grant and getting money" means as a Board and a Chapter. He is working on getting a significant sum of money from DCNR for Pine Creek work in conjunction with the WPA Conservancy that we would be responsible for monitoring while the project proceeds – project would be for CY 2022. Ed mentioned that there might be some tax implications and we'll need to look into those and lay the groundwork so that we can do the pass-through correctly under both grant and IRS rules and regulations. Will also need to talk to TU National and some other chapters that have administered large grants. Bob wonders why we'd be applying for it rather than WPA Conservancy and what the specifics of the spending would be. The board feels that we need

more information so we can line similar things up in the future. The Board needs to have a general discussion on grants.

- i) Bryan would like to explore the Embrace a Stream grant to help Arrowhead enhance Buffalo Creek. Ian proposed that we let Bryan pursue the grant for Embrace-a-Stream on Arrowhead's behalf, Nora seconded. <passed>
- ii) The board also indicated to Bryan that we'd rather not see him burn himself out.
- b) Board meeting start time – 7 PM. Board agreed.
- c) Website Forum. Chuck is working on a website forum. Getting one up and running would cost several hundred dollars. Bryan indicated that we'd need a disclaimer, monitoring and rules to help us handle issues with objectional language. The Board is lukewarm on the idea because the moderation would be a heavy lift. There's a push for a SWPA forum. Ian suggested leveraging the TU National forums.
- d) Member outing. Bob raised the possibility of having a PPWTU outing at, say, Seven Springs. Any outing needs to be a socially distanced one. Tabled while Covid is still an issue.
- e) Face to face in September? Aspirational but tabled due to upsurge.
- f) Bob proposed our last board meeting be May, then recommence in September. Board agreed.
- g) Bob also proposed establishing an advertising budget for Cabin Fever. Board broadly supported this and approved pursuing the numbers. Bryan noted that we are contractually committed to the evening of 2/26/22 and the full day of 2/27/22 for Cabin Fever. Main speaker is lined up and willing to be worked hard. Bryan will need to set up committees ahead of time. Bryan indicates that we can get blocks of rooms and we could get discounts. We have access to the space as of 12:01 AM on the 27th for set-up.

Adjourned

Meeting closed 8:55 PM

Important Dates:

- 4/12/21 – **Chapter Zoom**, Dave Rothrock, Sky Blue Outfitters, Spring & Summer Bugs
- 5/10/21 – **Chapter Zoom**, Greg Hoover, Methuselahs of the Insect World
- 9/18/21 – PA Trout Annual Membership Meeting

Committee Reports

Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Officers and Committee Chair Reports

For March Year: 2021

Conservation Committee Chair: Bryan Mathie

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Women & Diversity Committee Chair: Nora Cline/Jodie Minor

March 20, 2021 - Women's Event - No contact Cast Practice @ Carnegie Lake. 9 women attended plus Jodie and I. Two were from the Forbes Trail TU. We worked the basic roll cast and full cast. Lovely day to be outside. Next event is April 17 – Erie Trifecta (steelhead, bass, brown trout). Some experience recommended. Back-up will be Neshannock Creek

Membership Committee Chair: Jamie Schroder

Education Committee Chair: Ron Milavec

Program Committee Chair: Christian Shane

President: Chuck Buffington

Many carry-over items from our March Board meeting due to loss of quorum. Pleased that Jamie Schroder, Bryan Mathie and I have produced a draft strategic plan for discussion. My computer was in the shop for almost 2 weeks which has put me behind on meeting announcements and website updates. Very interested in enhancing member benefit by having an open topic discussion forum on the website. I spent several days trying to get one to work without success. Joe Birch can help. Covid cases are increasing but so is the vaccination rate. One crucial question is to what degree our current vaccine protects against the new variants. If it does, life should get back to normal...face to face chapter meeting should happen. If not, we're all in a world of hurt.

Vice President: Bob Bukk

Officer: Treasurer: Ed Barger

Ex-officio: Dale Fogg

Cash Flow
3/31/2020 through 3/1/2021
Category

INFLOWS

Uncategorized	0.00
41 - Return of Temporary Cash from ...	100.00
Other Inc	0.25
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PWWTU-Income	
01 - Contributions	2,030.14
02 - Workplace Giving Campaigns	100.00
04 - Rebates from TU National Cou...	240.00
07 - Meeting, banquet, Events, Raffle Cabin Fever - Booths	1,163.40
TOTAL 07 - Meeting, banquet, E...	1,163.40
12 - Miscellaneous Income	647.15
TOTAL PWWTU-Income	4,180.69
TOTAL INFLOWS	4,280.94

OUTFLOWS

Cash & ATM	0.25
PWWTU-Expenses	
15 - Grants to 501(C)3 Organizations Prog Services	2,500.00
TOTAL 15 - Grants to 501(C)3 O...	2,500.00
20 - Supplies + Materials Program Services	210.00
TOTAL 20 - Supplies + Materials	210.00
21 - Telephone Mgmt & General Program Services	95.59 160.39
TOTAL 21 - Telephone	255.98
25 -Conference, Convention, Meeti... Fund Raising Cabin Fever	625.00
TOTAL Fund Raising	625.00
Program Services Speaker Honorarium	150.00 575.00
TOTAL Program Services	725.00
TOTAL 25 -Conference, Convent...	1,350.00
26 - Travel Program Services	80.00
TOTAL 26 - Travel	80.00
31 - Contractors, Consultants, Desi...	978.24
36 - Miscellaneous Expenses 36.4 - APSC Kids Events	560.00
TOTAL 36 - Miscellaneous Expe...	560.00
TOTAL PWWTU-Expenses	5,934.22
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5,934.47

OVERALL TOTAL	-1,653.53
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APSC Kids event - fish stocking	1,120.00
TOTAL Program Services	1,330.00
TOTAL 20 - Supplies + Materials	1,330.00
21 - Telephone	
Mgmt & General	95.59
Program Services	160.39
TOTAL 21 - Telephone	255.98
25 -Conference, Convention, Meeti...	
Fund Raising	
Cabin Fever	625.00
TOTAL Fund Raising	625.00
Program Services	150.00
Speaker Honorarium	775.00
TOTAL Program Services	925.00
TOTAL 25 -Conference, Convent...	1,550.00
26 - Travel	
Program Services	80.00
TOTAL 26 - Travel	80.00
31 - Contractors, Consultants, Desi...	1,278.24
36 - Miscellaneous Expenses	
36.4 - APSC Kids Events	590.00
TOTAL 36 - Miscellaneous Expe...	590.00
TOTAL PWWTU-Expenses	7,584.22
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	7,584.47
OVERALL TOTAL	-3,233.53