

Draft: Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting—January 6, 2022

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

Attendees: Ian, Chuck, Bryan, Jamie, Dale, Ron, Ed, Nora

Topics (Meeting Opened 7:00 PM):

Review/approval of previous Board Meeting minutes: approved with change to Exploration Committee to “Outdoor Adventure” Committee.

Officers and committee chair reports: See below.

Old Business:

- 1) December Minutes. Bryan proposed accepting, Ron seconded <passed>
- 2) Ed summarized Treasurer's report (see below)
- 3) Dale has been vetting candidates for board positions; board elections to be held in February. Board offered some additional leads and suggestions to Dale.
- 4) Allegheny Cleanways – still waiting on answers
- 5) Jim Passarelli's High School program. Ed has discussed with Forbes Trail who are taking the lead.
- 6) Chatham Eden Hall
 - a) If we can coordinate a day or night around Board's schedules. Possibly a weekend afternoon.
- 7) Science projects for support
 - a) Do we want to foster this, locally, amongst members, with local universities?
 - b) Some ongoing discussion. Bryan offered some examples of the kinds of things that we might do, building on last month's examples. Virtual TiC is an example – it's going to take a lot of time and some additional funding help might be needed, for example, to cover some time for a grad student to help.
 - c) Will do a board survey
- 8) Annual meeting will be February, via Zoom. Zoom has polling features.

New Business:

- 1) February meeting is the 14th. Do we want to consider changing it? No, keep as is.
- 2) Service awards – some suggestions on who to approach. Farm Girl Graphics was suggested and a budget of around \$300 or less was agreed to without formal vote.
- 3) Board member replacements

- a) Glenn (Andy) Andrews. Board has seen his CV, etc. Chuck nominates, Ian seconds, approving Mr. Andrews to the empty two-year position on the PWWTU board. **<approved, unanimous>**
- b) One-year open position remains open and will likely be filled at February meeting.
- 4) WiFi – Chuck believes we may be able to stream the live meetings via a hotspot, as and when we get back. Ron has the video equipment.
- 5) Chuck would like to get the link to the PA Trout article up on the web site.
- 6) Monroeville Sports Show – Feb 18-20. Ron is wondering if he'll get enough volunteers; Chuck will send a request. Ed asked about Covid-related entry requirements, Ron is checking. Ron will check and see if flies can be dropped off at the Angler for the show, assuming it proceeds as planned.
- 7) Bar Flies – Ron is considering (and Ian, Bryan and Nora will support) a virtual Bar Flies this month if he so decides.

Adjourned

Meeting closed 7:55 PM

Important Dates:

Committee Reports

Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Officers and Committee Chair Reports

For December Year: 2021

Conservation Committee Chair: Bryan Mathie

Women & Diversity Committee Chair: Nora Cline/Jodie Minor

Membership Committee Chair: Jamie Schroder

Education Committee Chair: Ron Milavec

Program Committee Chair: Christian Shane

President: Chuck Buffington

Vice President: Bob Bukk

Officer: Treasurer: Ed Barger

Transactions in December through January 5 include the following:

Credits:

- Workplace donations from employees of Target (\$10) and Marathon Oil (\$500).
- A grant award of \$5000 from Equitrans Midstream Corp. Foundation that supports creation of a virtual Trout in the Classroom (TIC) in conjunction with Carlow University

Debits:

- Payment of the second \$2500 installation funding the Tom Walsh Memorial Scholarship at Carlow University, and
- Awarding the previously approved \$3900 grant to Forbes Trail TU chapter, supporting their efforts on updating the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail at their January meeting. Bryan Mathie, PWW conservation chair and SWPA TU Regional VP and I, as PWW Treasurer, presented the award. Unfortunately, our president declined the invitation to attend. Bryan and I also will be serving on the committee that will oversee the Trout Trail update development effort.

As of January 5, 2022, our account balance is \$69,304.05, \$5,000 of which is dedicated to expenses related to the initial setup and operation of the Virtual TIC in conjunction with Chatham University at their facility in the North Hills.

Known upcoming expenses include

- Purchase of a large dummy check for use in presentations (~45, previously approved by the board), and
- Reimbursement of \$160.49 to teacher Emily Ferraro of David E. Williams Middle School in Coraopolis for set up expenses (new fish tank) for a new TIC setup

Ex-officio: Dale Fogg

Communications Committee