

Draft: Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting—April 7, 2022

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

Attendees: Ian, Chuck, Ed, Nick, Nora, Jamie, Ron

Topics (Meeting Opened 7:00 PM):

Review of March Minutes. Ed proposed accepting, Jamie seconded **<passed>**
Officers and committee chair reports: See below.

Old Business:

- 1) Shift Tom Walsh award to support Virtual TiC.
 - a) We'd like the award to line up more closely with virtual TiC
- 2) Service award for Bukk, Heil, Shane
 - a) Christian received his at last meeting. Need addresses to mail the others. Chuck will send addresses.
- 3) Review of proposed FY2023 budget
 - a) Ed has revised the Bar Flies number down in line with requirements
 - b) Ed ran over the budget changes from the last time. Budget was provided earlier.
 - c) Ron proposed accepting the budget, Chuck seconded. **<passed unanimously>**
- 4) Membership initiative. Lapel Pins. "R U TU?"
 - a) Nick came up with "R U TU" designs for large buttons and enamel buttons.
 - b) He's also done work on brochures which also look very sharp
 - c) Nick will look into some price estimates for 50-100 buttons
- 5) Name tags
 - a) Have been purchased and distributed to all but Andy.

New Business:

- 1) Outdoor Adventures schedule—tabled
- 2) Retreat in the summer? Dates still TBD. Mid to late July favored over June if possible.

Adjourned

Meeting closed 7:35 PM

Important Dates:

- May 21-27 – National Safe Boating Week
- June 11 – Opening day, Bass
- July 4 – Fish for Free day

Committee Reports

Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Officers and Committee Chair Reports

For March Year: 2022

Conservation Committee Chair: Bryan Mathie

Women & Diversity Committee Chair: Nora Cline/Jodie Minor

Membership Committee Chair: Jamie Schroder

Education Committee Chair: Ron Milavec

BarFlies - March 28, 2022 - Howard's Tavern

We had 15 tyers and 1 observer in attendance - best turnout since I have been leading the ties - Nick Cobler demoed and led the tie for variations of a mayfly spinner

Next BarFlies will be on April 25 - Program: TBD

Program Committee Chair: Christian Shane

President: Chuck Buffington

The end is in sight.

Vice President: Ian Brown

Signed the agreement with Wilkins School for the free school run by Days on the Water; have saved a copy for the future since we needed to tinker with the Wilkins School's document. I also assisted at the Carnegie Museum's science day on the 19th where PWWTU and Forbes Trail teamed up to talk about how our love of fishing has pushed many of us into conservation – linking, for example, fly tying and entomology. We certainly enjoyed the event and I think the museum was happy with our participation.

Outdoor Adventures: Andy Andrews

Officer: Treasurer: Ed Barger

Lots of transactions this month + close out of 2022 fiscal year

Transactions include

- Credits of \$30 from Target employee workplace contribution
- Debits totaling \$9624.32 consisting of
- \$327.82 for reimbursement of Bryan Mathie's expenses to attend 2022 PA Coldwater Conference at State College;
- \$144.75 for thank-you gifts to fly tiers at March meeting;
- \$876.25 for expenses related to Intro to Fly Fishing seminar held at Wilkins Community Center (over 40 participants for two-day event) - includes facility rental, catered lunches, and minor miscellaneous expenses;
- \$6250 deposit to Doubletree Pittsburgh/Cranberry for 2023 Cabin Fever; and \$900 to Laurel Hill Trout Farm for fish stocking for 2022 Opening Day Kids Fishing event co-sponsored by Allison Park Sportsmen's Club.

Our current account balance is \$58313.09, of which \$5000 is reserved grant money to be used for development this year of a Virtual Trout in the Classroom facility in conjunction with Chatham University.

The Cabin Fever facility deposit and APSC Kid's event fish stocking were accounted for in the 2023 budget.

Summary printouts of the transaction list, along with a breakdown of transactions over the last fiscal year have been provided in separate correspondence to board members.

I did purchase the supplemental insurance policy from National TU. I will be reimbursing myself \$150 upon receipt of my credit card bill. The certificate should soon be available in our electronic document area on the national TU web site. My main action in April will be to complete our FY2022 annual report and submit it to National. Thanks to Nora for picking up the responsibility of logging volunteer hours.

I also have been participating as a team member in the re-establishment and updating of the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail, funded in part by a grant from our chapter. Other members of our chapter participating in the effort are Bryan Mathie and Nick Cobler. We have selected a set of streams in the region to be included in the updated Trout Trail and are working to update the brochure and web site. Kudos to Nick for all of his input regarding the brochure and website updates.

Ex-officio: Dale Fogg

Communications Committee