

Rough Agenda for Board Meeting 1/9/25:

- Quorum- yes 7:00, Nora, Ian, Dale, JJ, Ed, Chuck, Alex, Bryan, Roger, Jamie
- Minutes –December minutes, Approved Dale and seconded by Ed
- Old business
 - Confirm board changes (formally)
 - Executive Board
 - Same as last meeting
 - Board at Large - January changes –
 - Leaving the board – Nick Cobbler, Ron Milavec, Chuck Buffington
 - Adding JJ Heranic to the board.
 - Alex to take over membership
 - Will need to open for new board members
 - Treasures report
 - Report
 - Treasurer swap – Ian– Status
 - Approved for Ed to open up a debit card with a \$500 limit.
 - Quicken purchase for Treasurer's laptop (Ian to do)
 - Speakers
 - 1/13/25 – Annual Meeting and we will introduce the Board
 - The young man who we sponsored for camp will give a short talk
 - Fly Sale – From Christian – he is working on this.
 - He has boxes and will have them at the monthly meeting
 - Five tiers are lined up.
 - 2/10/25 - Ari Capotis (Ian)
 - 3/10/25 – confirm the March meeting will happen
 - 4/14/25 - Jack Barr (Ian)
 - Bar Flies – Next meeting 1/27/25
 - Just to confirm and document – Nick did buy some equipment for this.
 - Last one go went well

- Nick is leading
- Sportsman Club – Ron is handling that. February 14, 15, 16, 2025
- Zoom license for the chapter. Executive board to have privileges to set up the meeting. Bryan and Nora
- Confirm that we are NOT renewing the grant to Chatham. Last/final check to Chatham was cashed.
- Tom Walsh Memorial Scholarship will likely be Duquesne University via Brady
- Who needs to re-up their PA child abuse clearances? Ian to check.
- New business
 - Conservation – Bryan
 - March 22-24 free fishing school
 - Cabin Fever – Bryan
 - Beau Beasley speaking topics - please give me your thoughts as any time. Doesn't have to be at the board meeting. both topics are available for us. Bryan to double check with Beau if he has more interesting topics that will draw a crowd.
 - Project Healing Waters - from the Veterans mouths: Beau interviewed many veterans about fly fishing and Project Healing waters has helped them heal from their combat wounds.
 - Who owns the river: An in-depth discussion of how to determine who owns the river bottom, access and how far up the banks
 - Update on Cabin Fever:
 - Vendors coming in hot and heavy – 40 vendors so far, conservation and not for profits also signing up.
 - Speakers locked in: Negotiating fees - nothing of real note. Mostly hotel/table. May stay with only 3 speakers if Beau is out.
 - Jim Hill/Ralph Scherder: Fishing the Clarion River
 - David Zielinski: Cicada Hatch Brood XIV and fishing with Cicadas
 - Julie Szur: The Triple Continental Divide and Pine Creek
 - Maybe Beau Beasley: Topic pending boards thoughts
 - Website updated
 - Working on graphics with Nick – may need to use a design from a previous year and change color for example. Design for posters and beer label

- Conditional approval for this cost: \$500- Ian proposed, Bryan seconded
 - Locking in Tyers with Nick and the tying agenda if there is one
 - Will coordinate with Alex on other details
 - Chuko's – pipe and drape
 - Volunteers scheduling – Alex coordinating
 - Set up day of
- Bryan volunteers Ed for the food again since he is no longer Treasurer.
- Website
 - Dale (content wrangling) and Alex (updates, etc.) with Joe Birch are handling updates to the website
 - Question is who owns this – get content to Joe, remember to give him exactly what we want
 - Website needs to be updated. Dale agreed to spearhead and asks the Board members to look at other TU websites.
 - Sections of the website I would like to see removed:
 - John Hayes articles - Why? The newest article is a year old.
 - Members who have passed - Again, why?
 - Outdoor Adventures - we no longer offer this.
 - Link to a 2018 Hatches & Rises newsletter - looks like we haven't had a newsletter in 7 years.
 - Link to Neshannock Chapter? Why that chapter?
 - Water Cycle Information link - what is that?
 - Laurel Highlands Trout Trail link doesn't work
 - PA Growing Greener Program link doesn't work
 - Allegheny Fly Tyers link that goes to the Facebook page which hasn't been updated since 2020. Is this group even a thing anymore?
- PWWTU Letters sent for donations on 12/26 Dwight Cobler (Redington fly rod for tyers) Craig (fly tying material and vise)

- Do we need to continue to meet as a board virtually? Could we discuss going back to in person for the board meetings? To discuss at year end before we close for summer, possibly a quarterly face to face.
- Would anyone be interested in ordering some PWWTU gear/ Simms fishing shirts, Hats, sun blocker shirts, etc. It's been about 10 years since we last did that. Let me know the interest level, and I can investigate this if interest necessitates action.
 - Dale is handling that. One time order of ~60 shirts to be reviewed
- Other – confirm schedule for
 - Any other items to add to the schedule?
 - Board member cell phone numbers.
 - Next board meeting 2/6/25
 - Church space renewal, Dale to connect with Ian for payment \$900/6 months
- Meeting adjourned 8:08, all in favor