

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2021

Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM via Zoom videoconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (VP), Jeb Betar (T), Daryll Kuhn (S), Keith Tyler, George Reilly, Garrett Kieffer, Neil Sunday, Tom Baltz, Gary Leone, Justin Pittman, Ben Richwine, Dan Zazworsky, Johnathan Daniels

Members Absent: John Leonard (P), Mary Shughart, Bob Lipscomb, Eric Naguski

Officers Reports:

President, John Leonard (John Zazworsky acting):

- 1. September Board Meeting Minutes.** Submitted by email on October 4, 2021 (Baltz/Betar)
- 2. September Treasurer's Report.** Submitted by email on October 4, 2021 (Baltz/Tyler)
- 3. Board Officer Elections** – Had one volunteer for each position – John Zazworsky (P), Justin Pittman (VP), Jeb Betar (T), Daryll Kuhn (S). J. Zazworsky asked for any additional board members wanting to run for an office. Response was negative. J. Zazworsky said that without objection, those are the elected officer positions for the next year. There were no objections.
- 4. Fly Tying Course (Daniels)** - Sent out the letter regarding the fly tying course and brought up the idea of increasing the fee as well as class size due to COVID. J. Zazworsky brought up that attendance would be limited as we see how many sign up. Baltz suggested we just say class size is limited due to COVID. Sunday suggested taking name and contact information in case of a positive test and notifying people that might have been in contact. Daniels said that distancing and masking will be in effect. Betar liked the idea of offering memberships at the class and help subsidize the 1st year of TU Membership.
- 5. Membership Meeting Raffles** – J. Zazworsky suggested we should have a board member organize the membership meeting raffles. Betar is involved due to the money aspect and raffle tickets.

Vice President, John Zazworsky: No additional report

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: No additional report

Committee Reports:

Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:

6. FITS (Sunday) – Spawning beds are now down as best as they could be given that there were 3 volunteers for the raking events. Bonnybrook Bridge, the walking bridge and the Foxcrest area were raked. The quarry area was not.

Army Corps of Engineers send a letter to Luciano about a possible violation on his property along the Letort regarding placing stones along the banks of the Letort. A meeting is being set up with the Army Corps of Engineers, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Letort Regional Authority, Cumberland County Conservation District as well as adjacent landowners.

Mouth of the Letort project update – The design is complete and was submitted to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is awaiting the release of grant monies which is expected in the January 2022 timeframe. CVTU will need to get property signatures and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy will do the permitting. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission says the project should take 3-4 days and would be worked sometime during the April to October 2022 timeframe. CVTU will need to provide a financial commitment and provide manhours during the project. Betar mentioned that there is \$5,000 reserved for Letort restoration and is ready when needed.

7. Letort Long Range Planning Committee Report (Albano/Naguski): The plan is posted on Coldwater Heritage Partnership's website and the committee has completed their assigned task.

What are the next steps? Baltz mentioned that normally after the plan is done, we would reach out to engineering firms for request for proposals (engineering design work) and also reach out to conservation groups regarding funding, grants...etc. Tyler mentioned a possible ranking of sections or prioritization regarding items in the plan. Sunday responded that usually the prioritization would come after the request for proposals but the plan has different sections of the stream broke out. Baltz suggested that it might be good to start with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission but we'll need to work with DEP and Army Corps of Engineers as well going forward. Sunday suggested that it would be beneficial to get some type of input from the folks that worked on getting the plan created and finished. Their expertise would be valuable in starting the next phase. J. Zazworsky suggested we get the other non-profits that worked on the plan involved with the next phase as well. He'll engage the committee members and go from there.

8. Information and Education Committee, Keith Tyler: If anything needs sent out to the membership to let him know.

9. Activities Committee, Dan Zazworsky:

- Working on a plan for 2022 activities/events
- J. Zazworsky asked Kieffer and Leone to have a discussion on what items and types of fundraising should be covered with the online auction and the Limestoneer. Propose recommendations regarding dates/timeframes as well as items needed, advertisers, donations...etc.

10. Membership Meetings (Kieffer).

- October 2021 – Ben John – Steelhead Fishing on Lake Erie
- November 2021 – Chapter Financial Update; Kieffer is going to reach out to Bob Shot regarding the Letort Long Range Plan to give some highlights of the plan to the general membership; J. Zazworsky is going to talk with Emily Baldauff, who is the Mid-Atlantic Organizer for Trout Unlimited. She is contacting all the Trout Unlimited chapters in her region, offering to meet locally and speak to chapter membership about TU cold water advocacy.
- January 2022 – Nathan Riegle – PA DCNR – Pennsylvania Aquatic Research

8. Membership Committee, Mary Shughart:

- Membership – Current membership stands at 638 (634 adult, 4 youth), a decrease of 1 over last month.

Old Business:

New Business:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday November 10, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 11/7/2021

John Z will be sending an attachment then to send out with the minutes.