

# Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2021

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**Meeting called to order:** 7:06 PM via Zoom videoconference

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

**Members Absent:** Bob Lipscomb, Eric Naguski

## **Officers Reports:**

**President, John Zazworsky:**

**1. November Board Meeting Minutes.** Submitted by email on November 11, 2021 (Baltz/D. Zazworsky)

**2. November Treasurer's Report.** Submitted by email on December 3, 2021 (Daniels/Kuhn)

**3. TU National Mid-Atlantic Organizer Emily Baldauff visit to Cumberland Valley on November 17** – She is responsible for New Jersey, Pennsylvania and parts of New York. J. Zazworsky took her to various CVTU projects along Allenberry, the “Run”, Wittlinger project, and Big Spring.

**4. Christmas Trees Project on Mountain Creek** – Sunday spoke with Austin Landecker for PA Fish and Boat, walked along Mountain Creek where we are proposing the Christmas Tree project. Talked today with Austin on getting the GP1 permit – classified as a “brush deflector” and should be used on the permit application. It’s a fish enhancement structure. We’ll need permission from the landowner to unload the trees. Pittman talked to South Middleton township as well as Middlesex Township and they are okay with obtaining trees after they are collected. Pittman is working on getting a meeting scheduled with the paper mill company regarding the project. Sunday mentioned that as part of the walkthrough of Mountain Creek with Austin, it looks like there may be other future projects along that stretch regarding the banks and other things. J. Zazworsky mentioned that the Christmas Tree project is a starter and we would need to involve the paper mill company for larger future projects due to access for heavy equipment. Leone stated that part of the discussion was to widen or slope the banks to create more of a funnel but would require excavation work. Baltz asked if there was any discussion regarding the remnants of the old dam. Sunday said they (PFBC) would give us a plan and we’ll see what is written regarding the dam.

**5. Rivers Conservation & Fly-Fishing Youth Camp** – please read attached 2 files of background information as follow-up to our last Board meeting; be prepared to vote on camper sponsorship

& operating funds donation. J. Zazworsky met with Clark regarding CVTU's donations in the past and the Memorandum of Understanding, which was sent out to the CVTU Board for review.

In the past, we've given \$1,000 (general donation) to the Rivers Camp plus sponsoring 2 students (\$550 for each student) for a total of \$2,100 each year. Sunday asked Betar if it's part of our yearly budget and Betar responded, yes. Baltz had a question on other chapters or the PATU regarding sponsorships. Betar/J. Zazworsky responded that the Rivers Camp board reaches out to the local TU Chapter to see if they will sponsor the student from their area. There are a couple organizations in the local area that also sponsor local students as well as individual donors. J. Zazworsky motioned that CVTU commit to the \$1,000 general donation and sponsor two students at \$550 each for a total of \$2,100 for the 2022 Rivers Camp. Sunday second the motion and the Board approved the motion. Betar said the commitment to the Rivers Camp will be the next treasurer's report.

**Vice President, Justin Pittman:** Asked if we are ready to have CVTU Board Meetings in person starting in January. He has a place where we can meet in Mt. Holly. Various opinions were brought up from starting to meet in person, to keeping Zoom meetings and possibly meeting in person once a quarter. J. Zazworsky suggested that we Zoom in January and meet in person in February and have Zoom connection to see how that goes.

**Secretary, Daryll Kuhn:** No additional report

**Treasurer, Jeb Betar:** No additional report

#### **Committee Reports:**

**6. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:** Believes it was a successful spawn season – identified 33 redds on the Letort. He did a write up for Tighlines as well.

- **FITS (Sunday)** – None

**7. Letort Projects:** Next steps now that the plan is complete? How do we move forward in getting the parties involved together and start planning out what to do first on the Letort? Think about this and provide feedback to the Board and to J. Zazworsky. CVTU is responsible for some areas and criteria that are to be met which may be a way to get some of these parties together and start the dialogue of starting work on the Letort. Sunday suggested that we find the interest level of the Letort Long Range Planning Committee to start the implementation. Baltz suggested that we involve the PFBC regarding the plan and provide a list of things we would like to do. Leone suggested that we create a new Letort Implementation Committee. Advertisement to the general membership in an email and Tighlines would include something

like “The Letort Long Range Planning Committee has completed its initial feasibility study on the Letort and CVTU is now seeking individuals to form a new committee – the Letort Implementation Committee that will work with the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy, the Letort Regional Authority and landowners along sections of the Letort in taking the long range plan to shovel ready projects.”

**8. Information and Education Committee, Keith Tyler:** Recently, a fellow board member reminded me that work has been completed on 2 grants, and we need to start looking for more grant funding for future projects like Barnitz church. Interestingly, a day later I was perusing CVTU’s twitter account (@cumbvalley\_tu) and found a post from PA DEP about a new video they have posted called “DEP Grants 101”, available on their website @dep.pa.gov/grants. In exploring the site, I see that the speaker notes are also available for download as .pdf files. I think we as the CVTU board, need to discuss all aspects of grant writing; grant submission; and grant follow-up that needs to occur each time a grant is “won’ by CVTU.

**9. Activities Committee, Dan Zazworsky:**

- Limestoner (Leone) – working to get the word out on needing help on the Limestoner and having a meeting within the next week or so; hoping to get newer board members volunteer on the Limestoner Committee to help out to help with continuity if more senior committee members leave in the future. Limestoner is set for March 19, 2022.
- Online Auction (Kieffer) – has a piece in with Dave Weaver to be published in Tightlines

**10. Membership Meetings (Kieffer).**

- January 2022 - Nathan Riegle – PA DCNR – Pennsylvania Aquatic Research
- February 2022 – Ben John – Steelhead Fishing and Lake Erie Trips
- March 2022 – Bill Anderson – Little J

**11. Membership Committee, Mary Shughart:**

- Membership – Current membership stands at 637 (633 adult, 4 youth), an increase of 6 over last month.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Membership Meetings:

- Any concerns with continuing to plan for in-person meetings? None brought to attention.

- Venue - should we keep trying for restaurant meeting site, or simply use community

activity centers? Pittman said that he has a venue that would we be able to provide food and drink but has a maximum capacity of 25-30. Baltz said if we can get one and it be consistent then he's all for it. Sunday agreed that we need something that is reliable. J. Zazworksy suggested that he and Pittman can schedule some venue that would be set for the next few to several months and then if membership meetings start to grow, they would have to find another venue.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday January 12, 2022 via Zoom

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:58 PM

**Submitted:** Daryll Kuhn, 12/11/2021