

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2022

Meeting called to order: 7:08 PM via Zoom videoconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Jeb Betar (T), Daryll Kuhn (S), Keith Tyler, George Reilly, Gary Leone, Johnathan Daniels, Tom Baltz, Eric Naguski

Members Absent: Justin Pittman (VP), Bob Lipscomb, Garrett Kieffer, Dan Zazworsky, Neil Sunday, Ben Richwine

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. December Board Meeting Minutes. Submitted by email on December 13, 2021 (Betar/Tyler)

2. December Treasurer’s Report. Submitted by email on January 9, 2022 (Naguski/Baltz)

3. Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association (YBAC) 2022 Spring Outdoor Show at St. Patricks' Activity Center in Carlisle – YBAC reached out to CVTU: do we want a table? Cost = \$25 donation. Unfortunately, date is March 19 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM--same day as the Limestone Banquet. We would need 2-4 members to man the table and represent CVTU. Betar can put together a few boxes of CVTU flies to sell, offer TU memberships at \$5 each, and have some CVTU fly tying books. However, without the volunteers to man the table, the show is a nonstarter for CVTU.

Betar will respond to YBAC that we’ll be participate in the show and take a table. The item will be brought up at the general membership meeting.

4. Christmas Trees Project on Mountain Creek Update – Sunday has the permit started along with Pittman. Looking at picking up about 100 Christmas trees from South Middleton. Sunday plans on using FITS crew on bundling the trees in the April/May timeframe. More details as they become available.

5. Annual Support to Other Organizations –

<u>Previous support</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Rivers Conservation Youth Camp	\$3,150	\$2100
PA Council of TU	\$1,000	?
Adams County TU – Conewago	\$1,000	?

Yellow Breeches Anglers Club	\$ 500	?
Little Juniata River Association	\$ 500	?
Reel Recovery	\$ 500	?
Internat'l Federation of Fly Fishers	\$ 250	?

Recent request for support

PA TU's Cold Water Conference (Feb 25-26) is short of funding goal; recent email from PATU asked all chapters to consider support. Perhaps \$100?

Naguski asked what the International Federation of Fly Fishers donation. Betar mentioned that it was probably due to Jim Rainey being a member/involved with that organization which probably led to the donation. Baltz is good with the Rivers Camp, PATU, and YBAC. The Conewago donation was a one-time donation. Baltz suggested we put the Little J River Association on hold and get information on that donation. He wouldn't oppose Reel Recovery but would like an update from International Federation of Fly Fishers on their donation, especially what they do in the eastern US region.

J. Zazworsky suggested we approve the Rivers, PATU, YBAC, and Reel Recovery so Jeb has the authority to commit the funds. Jeb will put those items in the budget and then when the budget is up for approval, those will be approved at that time.

6. PA TU's Cold Water Conference (Feb 25-26) – Held at Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College. Purpose: "opportunity for grassroots conservation organizations, environmental professionals, college faculty, staff, and students to share ideas, concepts, and network in order to protect, conserve and restore Pennsylvania's coldwater resources". Registration is open; early bird pricing (1 day \$80, 2 days \$100) is good through January 21.

- Can CVTU cover registration for 2-3 board members?

- Any board member(s) interested in attending?

PA TU is asking for donations for the conference due to funding shortfalls. Baltz asked if \$100 was enough and what their financial shortfall is. J. Zazworsky will contact the conference POC to see what the shortfall is. Leone suggested that we cover the overnight stay if our members stay overnight. J. Zazworsky will get some information regarding lodging costs and per diem. The board approved the registration for 3 members to attend the conference for 2 days.

Vice President, Justin Pittman: No Additional report

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: Games of chance permits will be done on an event basis since it's \$25 per each event vs the \$125 annual fee since we haven't been holding general membership meetings in person.

Committee Reports:

7. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday: J. Zazworsky mentioned that there is wood debris that is jammed against the railroad bridges upstream of Messiah on the Yellow Breeches. He notified the railroad of the debris and they plan on sending someone out to take a look.

- **FITS (Sunday)** – None

8. Letort Projects: John Zazworsky is drafting a proposed action plan based on the Letort Spring Run Cold Water Conservation Plan report, comments at the November membership meeting, and board member comments at the December board meeting. After the January board meeting, he'll circulate the draft for additional comments from CVTU board members and Letort Long Range Planning Committee members.

9. Information and Education Committee, Keith Tyler: Tyler mentioned possible upcoming grant opportunities. Tyler asked if the final report for the Wittlinger Phase III was submitted. Betar responded that it will be submitted tomorrow. Daniels suggested that we get a group together to discuss grant writing. J. Zazworsky asked if the training that Tyler suggested regarding grants would be useful. He asked if Tyler and Daniels would get something together regarding training and maybe form some questions regarding grant writing prior to the next board meeting.

10. Activities Committee, Dan Zazworsky:

- Looking for volunteers to host monthly fishing outings in April-October timeframe; tentative plan: April 16/23/30 (TBD) - Clarks (John Zazworsky), June 4 - East Licking Creek (Okorn + ?), August 20 - family picnic (???), Sep 10 - Last Supper (???), Sep 17/Oct 15/Nov 5 (TBD) - Spring Creek (???); other ideas are welcome...
- Limestoner Committee planning update (Leone) – Leone is asking for help from the membership regarding items, board member items and we'll use the booklets from two years ago. We may need to look into online sponsors that are mentioned on our website. Next limestoner meeting dates are tentative for Jan 26, Feb 16 and Mar 9.

Betar mentioned that we would still do the 50-50 no matter if the Limestone is a go or is cancelled. It should probably cover the printing and some other costs. Betar will contact the Carlisle Country Club to see what deadline is for headcount and that would drive the date to go or cancel the event. We'll continue to plan for the event and make a final decision closer to the Carlisle Country Club's deadline.

- On line auction update (Kieffer) – still need online auction items and needs some help (3-4 people) on collecting items

11. 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
- April 2022 - Evan Brant from Sidling Hill Hackle

January meeting will be held via Zoom and the general membership meetings from February thru May will be held at the Bosler Library (158 W High St) in Carlisle.

12. Membership Committee, Mary Shughart:

- Membership – Current membership stands at 618 (614 adult, 4 youth), a decrease of 19 over last month.

Old Business:

New Business:

Baltz suggested we reach out to the Mountain Creek Trout Club and form some type of partnership. Maybe even get a couple of their members involved with the Christmas Tree project on Mountain Creek.

Tightlines – Weaver got a lot of content and it's now on the website. Publishing contact was out and wasn't printed. Reilly mentioned that he thought we weren't sending out hardcopies of Tightlines anymore. J. Zazworsky will look at the minutes and verify that.

Fly Tying Class – there are still open spots for the class. So far there are 9 registered for advanced class and 11 for the beginners class with a limit of 20 for each class.

Bosler Library contact (Natale Kaplan) is interested in possible CVTU presentation during their summer programs. Also, a possibility to form a panel regarding coldwater conservation including local organizations.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday February 9, 2022 via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 1/13/2022