

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2022

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

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Justin Pittman (VP), Daryll Kuhn (S), Keith Tyler, Johnathan Daniels, Garrett Kieffer, Neil Sunday, Gary Leone, Dan Zazworsky, Tom Baltz

Members Absent: Jeb Betar (T), Bob Lipscomb, Ben Richwine, Eric Naguski, George Reilly

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

- 1. March Board Meeting Minutes.** Submitted by email on May 10, 2022 (Daniels/Kieffer)
- 2. March Treasurer's Report.** Submitted by email on May 2, 2022 (Daniels/Pittman)
- 3. Brandtsville Dam Removal** - Cumberland County Conservation District is working to schedule site visit for PAFBC & landowners; no date set yet

Sunday brought up the point that it seems that county wide action plans are most funding in regards to funding and asked if CVTU should be more involved with those plans. J. Zazworsky agreed that we need to be more involved and discussion with Justin and it's possible that part of not getting the grant funding might have something to do with not being in these action plans. J. Zazworsky says we probably need to follow up on the cycles regarding those plans and when they meet...etc.

Tyler mentioned that the Community Action Plans are different for watersheds depending on where they are located. The Yellow Breeches is more under the South Middleton Township and for the Letort it is on the Cumberland County website found here:

https://www.ccpa.net/DocumentCenter/View/40158/Cumberland_County_CAP?bidId=

Vice President, Justin Pittman: Pittman attended Kettle Creek Watershed banquet and talked to April Wolf about tree cutting efforts in northern tier of the state. She mentioned high priority areas for streams such as Kettle Creek, Pine Creek and others. He asked what some of the reasons of having grant funding denied. She said getting grant money will probably take some creative thinking due to the state/grant funding going towards the higher priority areas. They are seeing

those higher priority watersheds being larger along with the tributaries compared to the Breeches and such.

J. Zazworsky mentioned the Coldwater Heritage conference having some funding options but probably competitive as well.

Leone brought up the Letort fish kill and the fine that was imposed. Sunday did say the contractor was levied the fine but doesn't know if the fine was collected by the DEP. He'll look at seeing who the contact might be for checking on the status of that.

There are still some items from the online auction as well as some other things that could be used at the Family Picnic event in Aug. Pittman will make a list of what is available and rounding up some things for the event. Sunday is planning on running the fly contesting contest again with gift cards from TCO and Precision for the winners.

Daniels mentioned advertising it to membership and it might be good to announce things at the June meeting at Messiah College.

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: No additional report

Committee Reports:

4. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:

- **FITS (Sunday)** – Nothing planned until June timeframe
- **Barnitz Project Update** – Awaiting feedback from Cumberland County Conservation District about possible alternate funding sources; we'll re-apply for 2023 funding & look for other grant possibilities.
- **Tree planting community event(s)** – Daniels is meeting with organizations tomorrow regarding longer term riparian plantings at the Wittlinger area. Tyler mentioned that South Middleton did have a nice Facebook write up about the Wittlinger planting event.

5. Information and Education Committee, Keith Tyler: If anyone needs information sent out to membership forward that information to him.

6. Activities Committee, Dan Zazworsky:

2022 Activities Calendar (remaining events)

- June 4: East Licking Creek Trip; Coordinator: Ken Okorn
- June 19-24: Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp; Coordinator: RCFFYC Board
- August 20: Family Picnic; Coordinator: Betar; we have good template for this from last year, just need a board member to do basic planning
- September 10: Last Supper; Coordinator: Pittman; we have good template for this from last year, just need a board member to do basic planning
- September 17: possible Spring Creek date; Coordinator: ???
- October 15: possible Spring Creek date; Coordinator: ???

Tentative Events (need more information):

- Streets to Streams – Pittman coordinating; June 7 and 8 are the scheduled dates with ½ day of ghilling (noon to 4pm) with lunch being provided
- Reel Recovery – June 14 and 15 at Allenberry; Organizer Matt Brindle expects 10 participants and has 5 ghillies so far, could use 5 more each day. Volunteer form is on Reel Recovery’s website that makes it easy to volunteer. Ghillies meet near the pavilion at 0900, fish until noon (RR provides lunch for everyone) then the option to fish more in the afternoon if participants feel up to it. <https://reelrecovery.org/how-to-help/>
- PAFF Museum Events – Heritage Day is cancelled but the fall banquet is scheduled for November 5 at the Mason’s Lodge on the Holly Pike
- Bosler “Intro to Fly Fishing Program”
 - Saturday June 18th, 10-Noon
 - (Membership involvement: instructors on gear, techniques, history in area, etc.)
 - Hike along Letort after program
- Thursday evenings in September (8th-2) w/ Saturday field trips:
 - Bosler Life Long Learning Series of programs on Water Resources, Management and Conservation (History of Letort and local waters, Stream Ecology and Watersheds, Water Infrastructure and Human Development, Recreation and Conservation) In development. Collaboration with Bosler Library, CCCD, PSU Watershed Stewards, LRA, CCWA, YBWA, Carlisle Summerfair, ALLARM at Dickinson, etc. Next conf call in May.

- Betar will look at the paperwork for volunteers regarding youth security checks for helping out with youth events. He’ll notify those that need renewals to stay compliant.

11. Membership Meetings (Kieffer)

- May 18, 2022 – Ben John presenting on Steelhead Fishing
- June 22, 2022 – Held stream side at Messiah to observe Rivers Camp – suggested topics/discussion?
- July 20, 2022 – Sean Holsinger - Fishing Bob’s Creek, Yellow Creek, Frankstown branch of the Juniata, with an emphasis on euro nymphing

- August 20, 2022 – Family Picnic at Carlisle Fish and Game
- September 21, 2022 - Bill Anderson - Little Juniata
- October 19, 2022 - Ben Hayes - A Century of Stream Restoration
- November 16, 2022 – Annual Financial update; Russ Collins – Climate Change
- December 2022 – No Meeting

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 629 (615 adult, 14 youth), a decrease of 5 since last month.

Old Business: Leone mentioned the property along the Letort that was possibly being donated which David Stone was working. Just asking if we have any status on that. J. Zazworsky will check with David Stone on status.

New Business:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday June 8, 2022 in person and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:01 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 6/2/2022