

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2022

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM In Person at Kim's Cafe and via video teleconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Jeb Betar (T), Daryll Kuhn (S), Tom Baltz, Jonathan Daniels, Neil Sunday, Chad Greenlee, Bonnie Golla, George Reilly, Garrett Kieffer, Eric Naguski

Members Absent: Justin Pittman (VP), Gary Leone, Zoe Metro, Robert Bergamaschi

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. October Board Meeting Minutes - Submitted by email on October 17, 2022 with a revised version being sent out on October 21, 2022

2. October Treasurer's Report - Submitted by email on November 3, 2022

3. Executive & Standing Committees Leadership – Both Membership & Activities Committees are vacant. We need all Board members involved with a committee either as the head of a committee or a participating member. Daniels mentioned that he would be willing to be the poc for contacting and scheduling speakers going forward and also asked if we should continue with using Bosler as the location for our general membership meetings. It was agreed that we'll continue with Bosler as our general membership meeting location. Sunday asked for a calendar regarding speakers/events. Zazworsky will look into the G Suite regarding having a general calendar for the board.

4. Embrace A Stream Program Fundraiser - The challenge has started. It runs from Nov 7 to Nov 13. CVTU's donation page is <https://www.embraceastream.org/organizations/cumberlandvalley> Spread the word...activate your own network to increase likes/shares; additional notifications to membership throughout this week.

5. Barnitz Church Project Documentary – no update at this time

Vice President, Justin Pittman: No additional report

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: No additional report

Committee Reports:

6. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:

- FITS (Sunday) – no in stream work for now; there is some spawning activity below the barracks
- Barnitz Project Update – John Leonard working with Cumberland County Conservation District to seek additional grant money; Meeting with South Mountain Partnership regarding the grant and releasing of funds
- Update on Restoration of Vince’s Meadow and Adjacent Heritage Tract Properties - Greenlee is assembling inputs from board members to establish board-approved work priorities; Zazworsky suggested we incorporate riparian work events into a calendar for 2023; Sunday suggested that it may be good to coordinate some same dates in 2023 to have maybe larger turnout and to allow for volunteers to pick between being doing in stream work or land-based work;
- Wittlinger Preserve Tree Planting October 23 (Daniels) – plantings are done for the year and now we need to maintain the property to make sure the area around the plantings is clear of weeds/plant growth; Naguski said there may be some money available for buffer work but is probably more along grant applications and thinks it’s open without any deadlines. He’ll take a look at getting more information on that.
- Proposed Chapter Purchase of Chain Saw & Support Equipment (Leone) – discussed the possibility of purchasing a chainsaw but at this point we’ll continue to rely on volunteers to bring needed tools for cleanup work although there are some tools that are available in the shed at Vince’s Meadow
- Issue with property adjacent to Charlie Fox property on Letort (Sunday) – there is a dismantled vehicle/RV by the stream; he is asking for a CVTU letter of support to be written to South Middleton Township regarding the neglect of the property and the possible discharging of liquids/contaminants into the Letort. Zazworsky suggested we should send a copy to the Letort Regional Authority (LRA). Sunday volunteered to draft up a letter for review

7. Information and Education Committee, Garrett Kieffer:

- Web site status (Golla) – she just got the username and password for admin access and will then assess what needs done; domain name expires in Dec 2022 but has an automatic renewal so the site should continue to be up and running; Zazworsky said we’ll need to decide if we want to maintain the site ourselves or have a commercial vendor maintain it but Golla will take a look at everything and see what is involved and we’ll go from there
- Fly tying class (Daniels) – was looking to hold them on Mondays but South Middleton couldn’t accommodate that; he looked into Carlisle Community Center – they have

Mondays available and there would be a 70/30 split on revenue, which is more favorable than South Middleton; Daniels moved to hold the fly tying classes at the Carlisle Community Center and to charge \$50 for the experienced class and \$30 for the beginners class, Naguski seconded the motion and the board approved the motion without objection

- PA American Water – Daniels & Zazworsky met with External Affairs Manager on November 7; potential source of grant or scholarship funds; need to develop plan to meet their annual application deadlines; contact information relayed to Rivers Camp and Doc Fritchey chapter; we'll be adding them a list to groups that we work with

8. Activities Committee, Vacant:

2022 Activities Calendar (remaining events)

- Spring Creek trip – 3 attendees; are these events still worth planning?
- Limestoner Banquet – no update at this time
- On-line auction – no update at this time
- Be prepared to discuss 2023 calendar events at December meeting – bring your ideas next month regarding outings

9. Membership Meetings (Kieffer) - Garrett Kieffer (Daniels has confirmed reservations of Bosler Conference room for remaining general meetings)

- October meeting had 20 join via zoom, several not CVTU members
- November 16, 2022 – Annual Financial update; Russ Collins – Climate Change; Jimmy O'Connor (PATU Regional VP for South Central PA & Muddy Creek chapter President) will attend
- December 2022 – No Meeting
- January – March 2023 - ?

10. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Membership – Current membership 598 (585 adult, 13 youth), a decrease of 11 since last month.

Old Business:

11. Mountain Creek Trout Club (MCTC) – Daniels & Zazworsky (Pittman was sick) met with MCTC President Mark Stahl on November 6; MCTC interests include the entirety of the stream, include preserving historical aspects along with improving water quality; good potential for partnership needed for large scale project; MCTC invited CVTU to attend their January meeting to explain our chapter's work beyond just fly fishing (conservation work, education programs, Reel Recovery, etc.)

New Business:

12. Request for Letter of Support (Grant Application) – Ben Mummert, representing Letort Stewards volunteer group, is applying for county Land Partnership Grant & has asked CVTU for letter of support; see attached documents for background; Naguski and Baltz brought up concerns regarding trees in the streams, supporting only land based work (nothing regarding stream work), the use of pesticides and any work needs to be in alignment with the Letort Coldwater Conservation Plan. Zazworsky will revise the letter to include issues/concerns that were mentioned and will send it out to the board for review within the next few days for consensus/vote

13. Kings Gap Holiday Open House – King’s Gap has new approach to holiday open house: interested groups can decorate a room in the mansion between Nov 14 & Dec 9 (BYO decorations), this includes group promotional materials; Open House is Dec 11 & 18 from 12-4 pm. Need: decorations, volunteers for set-up & covering both open house sessions; see attached document for background

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday December 14, 2022 in person and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:23 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 11/17/2022