

# Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2022

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

**Members Present:** Justin Pittman (VP), Daryll Kuhn (S), Tom Baltz, Jonathan Daniels, Chad Greenlee, Garrett Kieffer, Gary Leone, Zoe Metro, Robert Bergamaschi, Eric Naguski

**Members Absent:** John Zazworsky (P), Jeb Betar (T), Bonnie Golla, Neil Sunday, George Reilly

## **Officers Reports:**

**President, John Zazworsky:**

**1. November Board Meeting Minutes** - Submitted by email on November 17, 2022

**2. November Treasurer's Report** - Submitted by email on December 2, 2022

**3. Letort Conservation Action Plan** – Zazworsky sent out a draft plan on November 8 before the November board meeting and asked for feedback. Other than Naguski's comments that went into the draft, we haven't received any feedback. CPC and LRA are interested in meeting soon to discuss adding more detail to the plan. Zazworsky wants to keep momentum going on our discussions of work on our Letort properties and how that work relates to the larger Letort coldwater conservation plan, but he'd prefer to have the best possible draft based on your collective opinions and experiences before we start discussions with other groups. With that in mind, please review the document and send Zazworsky your thoughts. For each of the recommended projects (not just the ones CVTU should be the primary/lead organization), we need your recommendations on which year each project should occur, and which organization should have primary/lead or secondary/backup responsibilities. Any other suggestions/recommendations are welcome. Attached is the plan in case you can't find it from back in November.



Letort Restoration  
Action Plan v6.docx

Tabling this discussion to next board meeting, no additional feedback at this time.

**4. Embrace A Stream Program Fundraiser** - CVTU received \$3,019.45 in website donations after fees and \$925 in prizes from Orvis. There were also 3 additional amounts associated with the Embrace A Stream Challenge – a \$500 challenge during EAS and two checks that CVTU received directly (\$1,000 and \$250). Total amount raised for the Barnitz Project, as a result of the EAS Challenge, was \$5,694.45.

**5. 2023 Events Calendar** – Attached is a draft for your consideration. The highlighted events need some board discussion/confirmation. At the end of the December board meeting, we should have an agreed calendar of events to help new board members understand our annual rhythm, as well as giving us a common reference for planning. Be prepared to discuss 2023 calendar events at December meeting - need to clarify dates for fly tying clinic, possible fishing outings, Barnitz Church stream work, others?



2023 CVTU Annual  
Planning - Draft.doc

Keiffer – looking at March 12 for the Online Auction, more to follow

Daniels – Fly Tying Class (January 23 – March 15) typical background checks and a mandatory reporter training required for assistants working with minors (class cap of 20 for beginner’s class, 15 for experienced); Naguski made a motion that clearance fees be covered for assistants, Daniels second the motion, the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Pittman – Asked if there were any volunteers for leading any 2023 fishing outings; Do we do a Breeches outing? Leone suggested we ask the membership on the website streams that folks would like to have an outing at. Pittman suggested a possible Breeches outing (maybe South Middleton Park) tentatively for April 15, 2023 and act as a host (board members and other members assist) with an announcement at the next to last or last night of the fly tying classes. We should have a signup so we know roughly how many folks will show up.

**6. Central PA Conservancy Support Letter (Daniels)** - Asking for board approval to send a letter of support from the Cumberland Conservation Collaborative (CCC) to the Central PA Conservancy regarding their intended acquisition of the Boy Scouts of America Camp Tuckahoe property on South Mountain near Boiling Springs. Naguski made a motion to approve sending the letter, Daniels second the motion and the board unanimously approved.

**Vice President, Justin Pittman:** No additional report

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

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **7. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:**

- FITS – Cleanup on Dec. 10 along Bonnybrook Road; spawning continued to be a success at various locations

- Bonnybrook Stream/Road Cleanup (Dec. 10) – 8 folks showed up and made a lot of progress in clearing the path along the stream, collected debris and trash, and piled up brush from along the stream
- Issue with property adjacent to Charlie Fox property on Letort (Sunday) - update?
- 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

#### **8. Information and Education Committee, Garrett Kieffer:**

- Web site status (Golla) – Golla will continue to update the website and add items upon request. Once the 2023 calendar has been approved, she will post it on the website.
- Fly tying class (Daniels) – will be held at the Carlisle Community Center on Mondays (January 23 – March 15) with a 70/30 split on revenue; prices will be \$50 for the experienced class and \$30 for the beginner’s class
- 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

#### **9. Activities Committee, Vacant:**

2022 Activities Calendar (remaining events)

- Limestoner Banquet – had a handful of folks join the meeting on Dec. 13;
- On-line auction – meeting scheduled for Dec 15 @ 7pm via zoom;
- King’s Gap Open House (Dec 11 & 18 from 12-4 pm) – there were a number of volunteers helping to set up; roughly 200 people came thru the mansion during the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the Mansion Holiday Open House

**10. Membership Meetings (Kieffer) - Garrett Kieffer** (Daniels has reserved the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg as a membership meeting location for February & March, but if anyone has other suitable options that you can arrange and reserve, then we should decide on that soon and make the changes.)

- December 2022 – No Meeting
- January – March 2023 - ?

At this point, we are scheduled to be at Bosler Library in Carlisle for January but also have it reserved for April and May as well. Pittman will see if the new South Middletown Township has any openings. Baltz suggested that if we can’t get anything with South Middletown or ABC, that we look into getting Monroe Fire Hall.

**11. Membership Committee, Vacant:**

- Membership – Current membership 612 (599 adult includes 14 new members, 13 youth), an increase of 14 since last month.

**Old Business:**

**12. Request for Letter of Support (Grant Application)** - Zazworsky revised the letter to address board member issues/concerns and then received board consensus. Letter sent to Ben Mummert/Letort Stewards on November 13.

**13. Zion Road Stretch** –Possible meeting on one of the following dates - January 5, 19, or 26. More to follow.

**New Business:**

**14. Wittlinger Preserve Riparian Area** – Daniels mentioned to the board that there is interest in creating a plan for the legacy sediment above the old dam area. Daniels had some discussions with South Middleton as well as Wildlands Conservancy (which owns easements along that area). Since we spent nearly \$100K on stream restoration in that area, should we take a more formal role regarding the riparian area? The board supports further discussions with the Wildlands Conservancy to further look into requirements and a possible riparian plan.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday January 11, 2023 in person and via Zoom.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30 PM

**Submitted:** Daryll Kuhn, 12/17/2022