

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:03 PM via video teleconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Justin Pittman (VP), , Daryll Kuhn (S), Tom Baltz, Jonathan Daniels, Gary Leone, Zoe Metro, , Bonnie Golla, George Reilly, Garrett Kieffer, Robert Bergamaschi

Members Absent: Jeb Betar (T), Neil Sunday, Chad Greenlee, Eric Naguski

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. January Board Meeting Minutes - Submitted by email on January 20, 2023

2. January Treasurer's Report - Submitted by email on February 2, 2023

3. Grant Money for Barnitz Church & Letort Mouth Projects – Cumberland County received their CAP Block Grant award letter this month; although they received less funding than requested, they intend to fund the Barnitz Church project and the mouth of the Letort project once confirmed that it's feasible to construct them in 2023 (i.e. grant spent by the end of 2023).

- Leonard, Betar & Daniels attended meeting on January 27 – there were some concerns of how to get equipment to the right place for the mouth of the Letort project but the PFBC said they were not concerned regarding the project. PFBC is going to lump the three approved projects including our two projects together to hopefully get better bidding and such. Daniels is working on a riparian buffer plan for the Barnitz Church project as well as discussions regarding the buffer area with the Barnitz Church points of contact which is part of the landowner's agreement that is needed to proceed with the project. Ken Okorn was approached by the Cumberland Garden Club to donate \$1,000 for native species plantings and the Barnitz Church project would be a good opportunity to use those funds, if received. Daniels will talk to Okorn to have the garden club make arrangements with Betar regarding the funding.

4. Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association 2023 Sports Show (March 18) - Need some volunteers to attend/cover the CVTU table during the event; Bergamaschi, Daniels, and Golla are planning to help cover the CVTU table/booth, would like one more if possible

5. Cumberland Conservation Cooperative - Zazworsky attended bi-monthly meeting on Feb 6; continues to be source of networking amongst conservation groups. Working to schedule meeting between Letort Regional Authority, Central PA Conservancy and Cumberland County Conservation District to add detail to draft Letort Cold Water Restoration Action Plan. Baltz said that he has some comments on the document and hopes to have it to Zazworsky within the next week.

6. Fly Fishing Film Tour Event (West Shore Theater on March 30) - Event is sponsored by TCO & Nick's 114 Café – Sunday; CVTU has been invited to set up a booth at the event but we'll need a couple folks to tend to our table

Vice President, Justin Pittman: It doesn't look like the South Middleton Township building is a go for membership meetings at this time; need nominations for any of the Limestoner awards due to Zazworsky by the end of the week

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: With Bonnie Golla's assistance, we now are caught up with posting CVTU Board Minutes on the CVTU website which includes the rest of 2022 (June 2022 was the last one posted)

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: No additional report

Committee Reports:

7. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:

- FITS – with Daniels support, we could do another event or two within the next month to clear from the wood bridge down at Bonnybrook and lay seed; early April to do work on Trego's meadow area; Sunday suggested that we have periodic cleanups and more of an annualized list and have it on a calendar for members to know.
- Brandtsville Dam Removal – the meeting on Feb 8 had a group of stakeholders including a barrier removal group – American Rivers. The representative from American Rivers seemed to indicate that this would be a pretty straightforward removal with mother nature having done a fair amount of the work already. The common goal/end result would be total removal of the dam. Estimates for project completion would be 3-4 years.

8. Information and Education Committee, Garrett Kieffer:

- Fly Tying Classes underway (Daniels) – it's going smoothly and first remote fly tier that was done remotely went well
- Let Kieffer know of events and/or pictures to post on social media
- Daniels

9. Activities Committee, Vacant:

- Updates regarding clean up events in the Stream Access and Conservation Committee section

10. Membership Meetings (Kieffer) - Daniels has reserved the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg as a membership meeting location for February & March. Meetings in April and May will be held at Bosler Library in Carlisle

- February 15 – Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg, Rod Rohrbach presenting “Techniques for Tough Trout”
- March 15 – Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg, Jim Suleski of Doc Fritchey TU, brook trout

11. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Current membership 620 (607 adult, 13 youth), increase of 14 since last month

12. Limestoner Banquet Committee – Leone:

- Invitations and 50/50 raffle tickets were sent out via mail; already receiving reservations, raffle ticket sales, & general donations
- Motion to invite up to 5 guests to the Limestoner (paid for by the chapter) was made, it was seconded and unanimously approved by the board
- Bergamaschi created an invite letter for members that are new in the past two years
- Metro mentioned CVTU board members are encouraged to donate or solicit for a bucket raffle item. Bucket raffle items are valued between \$50-75.

13. On Line Auction Committee – Kieffer: pretty happen with the responses so far and thankful for the assistance; still collecting item and then they’ll be sending out advertising snippets/pics on social media outlets

Old Business:

14. Zion Road Stretch – discussions still ongoing

New Business:

15. Middlesex Township proposed zoning change – Reilly mentioned that there is a zoning change request, currently up for public comment, that would butt up against the Letort. Part of the development plan includes permeable pavements; the developer is known for industrial parks storage units and those type of buildings. Zazworsky sent some information to the Andy from the Letort Regional Authority; Baltz brought up the idea if PFBC was aware of this plan due to the Letort’s fishery status along near the development area (meaning that it should be more restricted development...etc.); please send feedback to Zazworsky ASAP so a letter can be drafted



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16. Riparian Work (Daniels) – Daniels made a motion that CVTU become a member of the Chesapeake Bay Keystone 10 Million Trees Partnership. This will allow us to order the free trees and shrubs available now thru CBF’s K10 initiative directly for projects like Barnitz. Our obligations in that partnership would be including their logo on planting projects, providing tracking info on

the plantings to K10 and potentially working with landowners interested in plantings who might be referred from K10. These free trees won't be available forever. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the board.

17. Silver Spring Township Outreach Programs (Daniels) – Silver Spring Township reached out to CVTU to see if we would be interested in participating in summer youth outreach programs during the summer; if anyone is interested, please contact Daniels

18. Veteran's Support Program - Member David Bowerman was encouraged by January guest speaker comments about Spring Creek chapter veterans support programs. He's an Army veteran who's interested in organizing a program in our area. He's now connected with the Spring Creek folks and will gather info on how they run their program and what might be possible in our area.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday March 8, 2023 in person at Kim's Cafe and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 2/13/2023, revised 2/14/2023