

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:10 PM via in person at Precision and via video teleconference

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

Members Absent: Justin Pittman (VP), Bonnie Golla, Gary Leone

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. March Board Meeting Minutes - Submitted by email on April 9, 2023

2. March Treasurer's Report - Submitted by email on April 3, 2023

3. Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association 2023 Sports Show (March 18) – Bergamaschi stated that we got 10 or so contacts from the event, it was well attended and sold about \$85 worth of CVTU merchandise.

4. Letort Coldwater Restoration Action Plan -

- Trout Unlimited Heritage Tract Forest Restoration (Greenlee) – see attached.



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- Zazworsky and Daniels removed the vacated tent along S. Spring Garden St.
- Betar asked if there is any budget associated with this effort. Greenlee responded that we'll start off small taking advantage of any grants that we may be able for riparian work and native species plantings. Betar mentioned that he tends to mark off about \$1,000 for projects to put a placeholder in the budget for it. Greenlee said to start with either \$500 - \$1,000 for an initial budget. Sunday asked that we keep on the same page with LRA regarding shared costs and if there is anything that needs reimbursed...etc. Betar said if there are any outstanding receipts regarding the grass seed purchase and CVTU's portion, send them to him. Baltz brought up the point of development across the street and a trail that will be built at some point in the future. Betar suggested we take a look at any documentation regarding the trail, just to be clear on who is responsible for it...etc. Sunday brought up the point that Danko, from US Army Corps of Engineers pointed out that the logs that were put along the Letort at Vince's Meadow should have needed permits prior to

doing the work. He suggested any future work like that needs to be discussed to see if any permits would be needed. Naguski asked if the seed costs included perennials and Greenlee responded that it included perennials as well as cover crop seed. Betar asked that no virginia or Canadian rye be part of the seed mix – it's deadly to dogs.

5. Fly Fishing Film Tour Event (West Shore Theater on March 30) - good community event, full house of fly fishing enthusiasts & good networking; nice words for CVTU from PAFBC Tim Schaffer; great venue for future years' FFFT, could be better leveraged for awareness of CV & Doc Fritchey chapters' conservation & community work.

6. Carlisle Rotary Club Grant - limit of \$500 grant; Rotary Secretary Morgenthal reports paperwork is in process. Expects to hear something by end of May. Also, they asked about having someone speak sometime to the Carlisle Rotary about CVTU and our work in the community. Said someone will contact us. Barnitz project would be the recipient of the grant

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 – Vince's Meadow had great volunteer support from Ben Mummert. Next planned work day is May 13. He would like to do in stream channel cleaning near Trego's and work downstream. Golla said that CVTU is welcome to use her husband's chainsaws for stream work...etc. just to coordinate dates...etc. Greenlee will work on getting some brush clearing dates for the Heritage Tract, more to follow.
- Barnitz Church project - CVTU attended Bid Meeting with contractors and Western PA Conservancy Projects Administrator Jennifer Farabaugh on March 31st for all three sites included in the CAP Grant package (Barnitz Church, Woodcreek Drive, Letort Falls projects). Coordinating with contractors regarding overlap of areas disturbed by their bank work and our riparian buffer areas at Barnitz.
- Letort Mouth project – verbal approval obtained from landowners and now working on written permission; Sunday says that Jennifer still plans on moving forward but he has not heard an official reply regarding the status; Reilly mentioned that the property was posted again but Sunday replied that it is temporary. Betar will reach out to Jennifer regarding the permitting and the availability of funds for the project and that CVTU will cover the shortfall – which should be around \$5,000 or less.

- Mountain Creek - Legacy Sediment project: Cumberland County has called for interested partners to spend an afternoon with the Cumberland County Planning Department and the Countywide Action Plan Coordinator team on Tuesday May 23rd from 1-4 PM to develop a plan for improvements at Mt. Holly Marsh Preserve. This will likely include discussion of the Legacy Sediment project (Daniels still has not developed draft of project presentation for Ahlstrom Corp) but has also been prompted by interest from community members (unpermitted brush clearing last fall).

8. Information and Education Committee, Garrett Kieffer:

- Kieffer has been updating the Mail Chimp roster; most of the communications are in the 40-50% effective rate;
- Zazworsky asked that the board think of a way to incorporate a short survey or a question or two to the membership via Mail Chimp to keep folks engaged

9. Activities Committee, Vacant:

- Fishing-Intro Events - Met on Monday, April 3rd 5:30PM, Saturday April 6th 9AM, Monday, April 10th 5:30PM. Final April date scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd 3PM at South Middleton.
 - 17 recipients/participants so far: 5 fly tying class students (one from LAST YEAR). 3 have attended each event so far.
 - 9 volunteers/mentors from CVTU: (5 board members)

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

- April 19 – Bosler Library in Carlisle - Joe Baker, fly fisherman & bamboo rod maker
- May 17 – Bosler Library in Carlisle – Atlantic Salmon Federation
- June 21 – Rivers Camp at Messiah College
- July 19 – Bosler Library in Carlisle - Kristen Hoke from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation presenting their work to protect our greater watershed

- Reservations for Membership meetings made with Bosler library for September thru November 2023

- Could we reach out to Allenberry Resort to explore possibility of reestablishing Membership Meetings?

11. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Current membership 629 (622 adult, 7 youth), increase of 1 since last month

12. Limestoner Banquet Committee – Leone:

- End result, after expenses, was \$2,729.19

13. On Line Auction Committee – Kieffer:

- We raised a total of \$6,910 during the online auction. I’m fairly happy with these results as this was the 2nd highest result since we started the online auction in 2020. Prior year results for comparison: 2020 - \$7,766; 2021 - \$6,436; 2022 - \$5,365.
- Thank you to everyone who helped whether that was soliciting items, donating items, helping with write ups, advertising, etc.

Old Business:

14. Veterans/First Responder Partnership – Bowerman:

- The first meeting of The Service Partnership Program committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 7:00pm. It will be in Conference Room C (upstairs) at the Bosler Library in Carlisle. Announcements to be made at the chapter meeting on the 19th and also the breakfast meeting at the Middlesex Diner Thursday morning by David Bowerman. If you know of anyone who wants to help us reach out to servicemembers, veterans and their families please invite them. David Bowerman Cell/text: 301-525-2043.

New Business:

15. Financial Support to other organizations – Betar - \$2,100 already committed to Rivers Camp.

Which of the following do we want to continue this year? Amounts are from last year.

Perry County Sportsmen for Youth Donation	\$ 200
Reel Recovery Donation	\$ 500
Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association	\$ 500
Little Juniata River Association	\$ 500
Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited	\$1,000
Fly Fishers International Membership Renewal	\$ 250

- Board had no objections to any of the financial support donations to the above organizations but requested further inquiry on the Little Juniata River Association donation with their President regarding status of the Little Juniata stream access lease that they have as well as the donation to PATU.

16. Mountain Creek Riparian Buffer Work (Daniels) - Fuller Lake area in Pine Grove Furnace: Partnership Support for Tom Riedenbaugh’s (Michaux Forest Association) efforts to clear invasives and replant native species along Mountain Creek in the park?

- Daniels asked if we could use Mail Chimp to announce the Michaux Forest Association clean-up efforts along Mountain Creek. The board didn’t have any objections to the announcements as they become available.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday May 10, 2023 in person at Kim's Cafe and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 4/13/2023