

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM via in person at Precision and via video teleconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Justin Pittman (VP), Daryll Kuhn (S), Jonathan Daniels, Zoe Metro, George Reilly, Robert Bergamaschi, Neil Sunday, Garrett Kieffer, Chad Greenlee, Gary Leone

Members Absent: Jeb Betar (T), Bonnie Golla, Tom Baltz, Eric Naguski

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. April Board Meeting Minutes - Submitted by email on April 13, 2023

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

3. Letort Coldwater Restoration Action Plan -

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



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- Holding off work on the property until we've talked to Danko. Sunday will help coordinate a meeting with Danko and Greenlee on going over planned work and getting an okay from Danko's view

4. Carlisle Rotary Club Grant - \$500 grant to be used on the Barnitz project. There are two Rotary groups in Carlisle: The Carlisle Rotary and The Carlisle Rotary Sunrise. Both groups have submitted applications for the \$500 Rotary International grant available for environmental conservation projects (the Sunrise group at the last minute late last month). We were told that the soonest they expect to hear anything about approval would be end of May.

Vice President, Justin Pittman: No additional report

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: No additional report

Committee Reports:

5. Stream Access and Conservation Committee, Neil Sunday:

- FITS – Next planned work day is May 13 – 9am to noon. He would like to do in stream channel cleaning near Trego’s and work downstream.
 - Greenlee – any updates on Heritage Tract brush clearing dates?
- Letort Mouth project – Jennifer Farabaugh stated that the written agreement is between the landowner and the county so no CVTU signature is needed. A meeting to discuss “recording” is scheduled for 11 May. Landowner agreement being asked to be “noted” (notarized).
- Barnitz Church project - PFBC is scheduled to start in-stream work around June 26 running through June 30th. Betar is in communication with Jennifer Farabaugh for project details. Daniels is working with Greenlee on the riparian buffer design and planning steps for coordinating volunteer involvement with installation of the Barnitz riparian project. Greenlee’s mapping expertise very helpful.
- Mountain Creek - Legacy Sediment project: Cumberland County has invited interested parties to a site meeting at the Mt Holly Marsh Preserve on May 23rd (1pm-4pm). Ideally, have representatives attend and be prepared to present some efforts toward reaching out to the Ahlstrom Filter Plant's parent company as a step forward on securing Landowner Agreement for the potential legacy sediment project.
- Potential Projects List (Daniels) – Would like to keep alive the idea of developing a list of future potential projects we could have sketched out and ready to pursue. Let us keep our eyes open as we fish and travel locally for spots that have open access and might benefit from some sort of "improvements." EG: I was visiting Letort Park off Pomfret Street yesterday with my daughter and wondered about the potential value of working with the Borough there to repair erosion/compliment that area's existing project structures. Zazworsky suggested board members think about some ideas for the next board meeting. Sunday did suggest a few couple potential areas – Locust Point area and Coldsprings Brewery area. Leone suggested the area near Crossroads Bible church off of Creek Road;
- Pittman mentioned that there was cress being harvested out of Big Spring. He’ll work on a draft letter up to send to the PFBC and send to Zazworsky for review before sending to the PFBC.
- Daniels brought up the question on posting Barnitz regarding the project – need to get with the printers

6. Information and Education Committee, Garrett Kieffer:

- Updating the chapter membership from TU national and updated MailChimp accordingly

7. Activities Committee, Vacant:

- Status and ideas regarding our support the special screening being organized by Fly Fisherman Magazine of the movie Mending the Line on June 3 at Allenberry Resort's Playhouse. (Any follow-up on Neil's guiding the resort owners regarding reprising CVTU relationship with the resort and the potential for holding meetings at their facilities?)
- Final Intro-Fishing Get-Together scheduled for Saturday May 20th 9AM at SM Park.
- Assisting with New York Fishing Club visitors to the area the weekend of June 2nd- 4th. Tom Baltz coordinating.
- Chapter Fishing Trip with Lunch to East Licking Creek planned for Saturday June 3rd, Meeting at the Karl B Guss State Forest Picnic Area. Brad Harlacher POC: email 29ermtn@gmail.com phone (717) 968-0039

8. Membership Meetings (Daniels) -

- 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
 - August 19 – Annual Family Picnic (previously held at Carlisle Fish and Game)
- Soliciting suggestions for preparations to make the general meeting next week engaging, efficient, meaningful for our membership and visitors. Daniels is planning to notify the other TU chapters of this month's presentation (the Atlantic Salmon Foundation in Maine) and invite them to join us through the zoom meeting. Seems a very mission-appropriate topic for a TU meeting and, though we don't have the big fish around here, expect there to be useful lessons for us about how they are approaching their conservation challenges.
- Reservations for Membership meetings made with Bosler library for September and November 2023. Bosler will be closed on 18 Oct so an alternate location is needed.
- Sunday did mention that it might be beneficial to take before pictures of the Barnitz project and present to the Rivers Camp

9. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Current membership 615 (608 adult, 7 youth), a decrease of 14 since last month.

Old Business:

10. The Service Partnership Program - Bergamaschi mentioned that there is an event/expo in August at the Carlisle Barracks welcoming the incoming class and suggested CVTU have a booth at that event.

Requesting board approval for the booth at the event with a cost of \$70. The request was unanimously approved by the board without objection.

11. Letort Development – Reilly mentioned CRG has not reapplied for their permit; Possible rezoning plan for Middlesex Township but nothing in detail or formalized at this point. There also is talk about rezoning the area near Giant HQ to industrial. There is also talk of increasing the runoff level to 70%.

New Business:

12. Limestone and Fishing Tournament – Pittman brought up the idea of holding a fishing tournament either locally or state wide where teams pay a fee to compete and it ends with the Limestone Banquet to include a keynote speaker along with major vendors/sponsors. He suggested we need to bring in a bigger name to draw in participation...etc.

Zazworsky suggested we bring up this idea up for a board vote next month on whether or not to proceed.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday June 14, 2023 in person at Cal's Hope and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 5/12/2023