

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:15 PM via in person at Cal's Hope in Mt. Holly Springs and via video teleconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Justin Pittman (VP), Daryll Kuhn (S), Jonathan Daniels, Zoe Metro, Gary Leone, Bonnie Golla

Members Absent: Jeb Betar (T), Robert Bergamaschi, Tom Baltz, Neil Sunday, Garrett Kieffer, Chad Greenlee, Eric Naguski, George Reilly

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

- 1. August Board Meeting Minutes** - Submitted by email on August 31, 2023
- 2. August Treasurer's Report** - Submitted by email on September 3, 2023
- 3. Board Positions Confirmation** - seeking board confirmation of our 5 volunteers for 5 open board slots vs holding an election.
- 4. Mountain Creek Project Update** – Daniels stated he has received no recent communications from Ahlstrom-Munksjö, Stephanie Williams (South Mountain Partnership), or the contact from HRG (engineering firm in Hbg) regarding this project. He suggested the next step would be getting the stakeholders together to have an initial meeting. Pittman mentioned that we probably need a more formal plan to present to the stakeholders. Leone and Daniels posed the question should we be getting Ahlstrom-Munksjö approval/agreement to do any project using their land...etc.

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:

- Fall work on Letort properties? Greenlee was not present

- Plan for Letort spawning bed raking/weeding?
Planned FITS work party dates:
Sept 19, Sept 27 and Sept 29 – 9am to 12pm, Bonney Brook parking area; bring waders, gloves, rake or shovel
- Plan for planting trees along the Run below Children’s Lake? Baltz sent information to Zazworsky information that the township will be taking care of planting along the Run and parking lot drainage.
- Letort Mouth Project – Gleim is ready to do the project once the details between the various landowners are finalized and approved.

6. Information and Education Committee, Garrett Kieffer:

- Trout in the Classroom (Daniels) – Daniels delivered used serviceable equipment to CVTU member Steve Shirmer who is a teacher at Susquenita School District and who is starting a new TIC program there this fall.

7. Activities Committee, Vacant:

- Planning and volunteers for the winter Fly Tying Classes will be starting soon. Location will be the Stuart Center in Carlisle. Looking for someone to take the lead in coordinating the class after this upcoming series of class in the winter.
- Can we try again to create a schedule of major/traditional/likely chapter events for 2024? We should get a list of events in 2024 gathered to make a tentative initial calendar of events and then add additional events/activities as they are announced as well as a “wanted” list – items where we need help with...etc.
- Service Partnership Program – Oct 14 meeting at the Mt Zion Crossroads Church in Carlisle with the RSVP to davidsbowerman@gmail.com or cvtu052@gmail.com by 1 Oct. If you know any service members, EMS, and first responders, please encourage them RSVP and attend.

8. Membership Meetings (Daniels) -

- September 20 – Mt Zion Crossroads Church in Carlisle – Jeff Hartranft – Dep Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands presenting Legacy Sediment and possible approaches to the Mountain Creek project
- October 18 – Mt Zion Crossroads Church in Carlisle – showing of the October 7th Mike Blackmore presentation/interview on Restoration of Streams in the UK
- November 15 – Mt Zion Crossroads Church in Carlisle – year in review and feedback to the membership as well as information on the Limestoner Tournament
- Daniels has a User Agreement Form for Mt. Zion Crossroads church for our fall meetings

9. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Current membership 607 (598 adult, 9 youth), a decrease of 13 since last month

Old Business:

10. Limestoner and Fishing Tournament – Pittman needs approval for a payment of \$800 to the Masonic Lodge for reserving the location for the Limestoner with a tentative date of Saturday, April 20, 2024. We will need to have an email vote on the payment as we did not have an official quorum regarding financial approvals over \$250 during the board meeting.

A motion to make the \$800 payment to the Masonic Lodge in order to reserve the site for the Limestoner was made via email on September 25 and the motion was passed with 13 yes votes and two board members not voting or present at the meeting. Pittman was given approval to make the reservation and payment to the Masonic Lodge.

11. Barnitz Riparian Buffer Update (Daniels) –

- Greenlee has ordered the wildflower seed mix materials and has arranged for ReForest to spray the sod and prepare the ground to receive the seed.
- Lines have been marked at Barnitz and the Church has been informed on what is planned for this fall.
- Daniels have ordered 125 plants through Chesapeake Bay Foundation's (CBF) K10 Program. Have not received delivery date information yet.
- Tentatively planning on Sept 24th and Oct 7th as potential planting dates. Will confirm as soon as information is received from CBF.
- John Leonard got a quote for signage to be put up at the Barnitz Project site. The quote from Rowes Print Shop is roughly \$700.

New Business:

12. Other Items (Daniels) –

- CVTU member Renie Trimmer has started a women's outdoor fellowship and activity group she is calling PA Reel Sisters. I think it is our chapter's interest to support and promote her organization in the spirit of collaboration and encouraging the diversity of our chapter's membership.
- Ongoing Intro to Fishing Course being taught by Jerry Loudon for the Carlisle Parks and Rec Dept at Stuart Community Center as one of our Education and Outreach initiatives.
- SRBC Grant Opportunity -The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is announcing a new grant program aimed at supporting local organizations dedicated to the health and wellness of our local watersheds. The Stream & Watershed Enhancement Grant program will provide funding for community-based environmental and water resource projects or events that improve, restore or protect our Basin's waterways. SRBC anticipates

awarding approximately \$150,000 in total grand funds, with an individual project cap of \$5,000. The application period opens on September 6th, 2023 and will close November 30th, 2023. Awards will be announced in January 2024.

13. Board Responsibilities – For next board meeting, we need to look at filling open chair positions for the activities committee and the membership committee. Also, we need to look at succession planning for President and Vice President positions going forward. Pittman suggested at the next board meeting that we run through the positions, term limits...etc.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday October 11, 2023 in person at Cal's Hope and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 9/17/2023