

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:00 PM via in person at Cal's Hope in Mt. Holly Springs and via video teleconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Justin Pittman (VP), Jeb Betar (T), Daryll Kuhn (S), Jonathan Daniels, Zoe Metro, Gary Leone, Bonnie Golla, Tom Baltz, Neil Sunday, Eric Naguski, Chad Greenlee, Ben Mummert, David Bowerman

Members Absent: Robert Bergamaschi

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. **September Board Meeting Minutes** - Submitted by email on September 17, 2023
2. **September Treasurer's Report** - Submitted by email on October 10, 2023
3. **Executive Committee & Committee Chairs** - discussions/decisions at close of meeting

Vice President, Justin Pittman: No additional report

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: Received a letter from Yellow Breeches Anglers regarding their show on March 16, 2024. Table space is \$35. Naguski made a motion to pay and reserve a table as we have in the past. Board unanimously approved the motion. Betar will send payment and make the reservation.

Committee Reports:

4. **Stream Access and Conservation Committee (Neil Sunday):**

- Letort spawning bed raking/weeding – Three work parties completed and raking/weeding was performed from Bonnybrook bridge to Foxcrest. A total of 44 manhours of raking/weeding over the course of the three days. No more work is planned because spawning will occur anytime now.
- Barnitz Church (Daniels) - planting event Saturday Oct 7 at Barnitz was a great success: 12 volunteers, including 3 students from Dickinson College's new fishing club, Susan Wilder of

the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club, & 2 Barnitz Church congregation members, planted 96 trees & shrubs (covering about 2/3 of the slated buffer area). ReFlorest completed the spraying to kill the sod last week. Local tree service is coming to dump a load or 2 of chippings this week, which we can use to mulch around seedling trees & shrubs. Work dates scheduled for Sunday Oct 15 at 1-3 PM, Wednesday Oct 18 12-3 PM, Sunday Oct 29 1-3 PM & Friday Nov 3 10 AM-2 PM. Betar mentioned that the \$1,200 that the South Mountain Partnership is being held until the completion of the project. Once the signage is installed and the cost of the seed/plantings is done, the rest of the funds should be released.

- Brandtsville dam removal (Zazworsky) - Contacted Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy from American Rivers. Summary: American Rivers supports the project; she'll release a Request for Proposal for design & permitting professional services in October, with a pre-proposal site visit in early November; CVTU's most likely involvement will be project fundraising; she's not sure what that looks like at this point, but it will become more clear as her work progresses; she'll be in touch when the RFP starts coming together later this month; she's connected w/Hunter Slear (Lori Glace replacement at Cumberland Co. Conservation District).

5. Information and Education Committee, Vacant:

- Need someone to get smart on MailChimp to replace Kieffer; Pittman will take care of October's communications but we'll send out an email communication to the general membership asking for a volunteer to fill the position. Communication postings would also include postings on Facebook and Instagram.

6. Activities Committee (Justin Pittman):

- Fly Tying Class (Daniels) - Planning & volunteers for the winter classes will be starting soon. Location will be the Stuart Center in Carlisle. Looking for someone to shadow Daniels through planning this year, then take the lead next winter.
- Status of schedule of major/traditional/likely chapter events for 2024? Zazworsky has created a draft schedule and plans to bring it to the next board meeting.
- 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. Bowerman said that Hershey has a service program and has invited CVTU at Hershey for a Nov. 10 Veterans Day event.
- Daniels mentioned that he is coordinating with King's Gap regarding a CVTU setup during the Christmas tours of the mansion in the mid December timeframe.
- Pittman volunteered to chair the activities committee for the year.

7. Membership Meetings (Jonathan Daniels):

- October 18 - Mt Zion Crossroads Church in Mt Holly Springs – showing of Mike Blackmore presentation on Restoration of Streams in the UK;

- November 15 – Mt Zion Crossroads Church in Mt Holly Springs – annual financial report & upcoming projects to members (numbers from Betar, Zazworsky will speak); any other suggestions? need board member to organize snacks & drinks
- Mt. Zion Crossroads Church – paid \$225 (\$75/meeting) for Sep/Oct/Nov meetings; feedback on venue? continue in Jan & after?
- Daniels has a User Agreement Form for Mt. Zion Crossroads church for our fall meetings

8. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Current membership 589 (580 adult, 9 youth), decrease of 18 since last month.

Old Business:

9. Limestoner and Fishing Tournament (Pittman) – Would like to have a meeting on Oct 25 at 7pm held at Cal's Hope in Mt. Holly Springs. Tentative date is April 20, 2024. Secured commitments/donations from most major retailers/vendors. Planning on bringing a few options of caterers to the committee to vote on regarding the dinner. There should be a few financial topics to vote on at the November Board meeting.

New Business:

10. TU National Request for Fly Tyers (Zazworsky) – PA Sportsmen Policy workgroup is going ahead w/their legislative "cast & blast" at Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers on October 17. With apologies for short notice request, anyone available to demo fly tying & network w/state legislators?

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday November 8, 2023 in person at Cal's Hope and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 11/3/2023