

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2023

Meeting called to order: 7:05 PM via in person at Cal's Hope in Mt. Holly Springs and via video teleconference

Members Present: John Zazworsky (P), Jeb Betar (T), Daryll Kuhn (S), Jonathan Daniels (VP), Zoe Metro, Gary Leone, Tom Baltz, Chad Greenlee, Ben Mummert, David Bowerman Robert Bergamaschi

Members Absent: Neil Sunday, Eric Naguski, Justin Pittman, Bonnie Golla

Officers Reports:

President, John Zazworsky:

1. October Board Meeting Minutes - Submitted by email on November 3, 2023

2. October Treasurer's Report - Submitted by email on November 3, 2023

3. Zion Church for Membership Meetings - Chapter's Small Games of Chance license expires on January 5, 2024. Zazworsky proposed that we continue with the Zion Church location for the membership meetings. The board had no objections. Betar asked Daniels if we can make a commitment for 6 months so he can write the church's address on the Small Games of Chance license renewal. Daniels said he would contact the church regarding extending the lease thru July with no meetings.

4. Miscellaneous Items (Zazworsky) - Zazworsky mentioned he attended south central TU meeting. York and Lancaster counties have a fundraising event that a couple local TU chapters are registered with and receive funding. Zazworsky mentioned that Cumberland County doesn't have a similar event that he is aware of but for members to keep that in mind if they come across something similar that CVTU could participate in for potential sources of income/donations. Zazworsky said the PA Sportsmen Policy legislative "cast & blast" will probably be sometime in the spring.

Zazworsky said that he received an email from TU regarding an outdoor/sportsman event sponsored by Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's. On March 16-17, 2024 Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's are hosting their Spring Fishing Classic Conservation Weekend event, and they have extended an invitation to Trout Unlimited chapters to attend as partnering conservation organizations. Chapters are invited to set up booth space at any of their local stores from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. over the weekend. If your chapter is interested in attending, please respond to Matthew Nelson, Bass

Pro Fishing and Marine Marketing Planner <Matthew.Nelson@cabelas.com> by Dec. 31 and include in your note the location of the store that sparks your interest.

Vice President, Jonathan Daniels: No additional report

Secretary, Daryll Kuhn: No additional report

Treasurer, Jeb Betar: No additional report

Committee Reports:

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

- Barnitz Church (Daniels) – Over 25 people have assisted in the riparian plantings, spreading mulch and watering the plantings. Greenlee said that 2 people attended the seed planting event. They spread the remainder of wood chip pile around the large trees onsite and then seeded the area with a wildflower/grass mixture. Mummert sprayed the sod in the area which helped with the riparian work. Daniels displayed the draft sign up for board review. A few more sponsors will be added to the sign before the sign is constructed. Betar will submit a final report to finalize the project, which will meet the last requirement of the South Mountain Partnership grant. Greenlee mentioned that there will be one more seeding event needed to finish that portion of the project.
- Brandtsville dam removal (Zazworsky) – Will have an update for the board next month.
- Letort Bonnybrook Cleanup (Zazworsky) – Is there a possibility to have a cleanup session along the Letort similar that we did by the parking area at Bonnybrook last year? Zazworsky will contact Sunday to see if any work can be done next month.
- Baltz mentioned that a group or committee should look at “the run” below Children’s Lake for seeding/plantings. He stated that nothing could be planted until spring because there are a couple of things regarding the parking lot that need fixed prior to any planting in that area. There is time to come up with a plan and discuss with the township prior to spring in order to have a plan created and ready to execute once the parking lot issues are resolved. Betar mentioned that there might be some funding left over from the Children’s Lake project that might be available for plantings/seeding.

5. Information and Education Committee, Vacant:

- Need someone to get smart on MailChimp to replace Kieffer. Communication postings would also include postings on Facebook and Instagram.
- Tightlines Newsletter will be coming out in Dec. if there is any content that you want included, please send any content to Robert Bergamaschi

6. Activities Committee (Justin Pittman):

- Fly Tying Class (Daniels) - Planning & volunteers for the winter classes will be starting soon. Classes will be held on Mondays at the Stuart Center in Carlisle from 7pm-9pm starting on January 22 thru March 11.
- Status of schedule of major/traditional/likely chapter events for 2024?
- Looking for some help 30-45 mins before general membership meetings regarding setup, refreshments

7. Membership Meetings (Jonathan Daniels):

- 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?

8. Membership Committee, Vacant:

- Current membership 574 (565 adult, 9 youth), decrease of 15 since last month.

Old Business:

9. Limestoner and Fishing Tournament (Pittman) – There was a meeting last week. The contract with the Masonic Building was signed. Next step is creating the brochure and advertising aspect of it. Date will be April 20, 2024. Zazworsky requested to have something available to the membership meeting on November 15, 2023.

New Business:

10. Audio/Visual Equipment – Daniels asked the board if he could pursue researching info on purchasing a more convenient microphone/amplifying speaker for use at our chapter meetings and events. He would like to have the option to offer speakers a lapel clip microphone too. Board recommended asking the River's camp board for information on the amplification unit they purchased, the cost and value, etc.

11. Keystone Coldwater Heritage Meeting (Daniels) – Scheduled for Feb 23 and 24, 2024. Looking to have a few CVTU members attend.

12. Succession Planning for Treasurer – looking for someone to shadow Betar since he is stepping down from Treasurer with his term ending 2025.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday December 13, 2023 in person at Cal's Hope and via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:16 PM

Submitted: Daryll Kuhn, 11/22/2023