

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER, TROUT UNLIMITED
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2009
Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI

Meeting called to order by Vice President Linn Beck at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes of the February and March Board meetings were approved as distributed. Minutes of the April meeting were held over until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report was distributed by Scott Grady and accepted by the Board. Discussion followed regarding the status of grants from the Trout and Salmon Foundation and from the Elliott Donnelly Chapter, to be matched by CWTU for a total of \$10,000 to be spent on the Lawrence Creek Project. The Trout and Salmon Foundation grant has been received and should be acknowledged by Bob Haase who is acting as grant administrator. As of this date, the Treasurer reports that he has not yet received a check from the Donnelly Chapter. Thus far, only \$1100 is recorded as having been expended on the project, this for gravel and rock. Past President Dick Kraus will follow up with Bob Haase on this and report back at the next meeting.

Audit Report follow-up will be carried over until the June meeting. Some recommendations have been implemented; others are in process.

Speakers Bureau. Dan Harmon reported that the Chapter's Speakers Bureau needs a bit of updating and tweaking, but does exist and has been active in the past.

By-laws. Dan Harmon reported that President Tucker now has copies of the By-laws, Revisions, and Table of Organization (2006). The two of them will be working on presenting them for approval at the next meeting.

Summer meetings. June at Tucker's Pine River Cottage in Saxeville, possibly followed by hex fishing for those so inclined. July will be hosted by Gremmer, Moran, and Sienkiewicz at Scott Park, new pavilion, in Omro. August will be hosted by Bob Smaglik, location TBA.

Banquet Planning. 2009 Banquet is scheduled for October 15, at LaSure's Banquet Hall in Oshkosh. Several members expressed concerns about the quality of the food at the 2008 Banquet. Seligman will follow-up with LaSure's to ensure quality improvement. Poullette will investigate the War Memorial in Wautoma (catering by Moose Inn) for possible 2010 site. Seligman indicated a need for replacements for the Colligans to run the raffles, cupcake raffle, and jewelry raffle. Also need someone to work on procurement of door prizes, raffle prizes, auction items, etc. Seligman will contact auctioneer.

Recruitment. There was a lengthy discussion of tactics and strategies for recruitment of new members and engagement of existing members. Suggestions included placing markers at stream access points on streams where the chapter has done habitat

improvement; late afternoon workdays with picnic suppers; an appreciation event for members; a membership survey on what members get from their membership and what they would like to see the chapter doing (“How can we serve you better?”); etc. Discussion will continue at the June meeting.

TU National Meeting will be held in Traverse City, MI on August 17-23. Tucker and Poullette likely will attend. Beck and Tucker will talk with Duke Welter about nature and format of possible chapter history displays. CWTU has a good deal of possible items to showcase.

Project Healing Waters. Beck provided an update and discussion followed regarding the nature and scope of chapter involvement. Tucker continues discussions with Mark Peerenboom of Fox Valley Chapter regarding possible joint collaborative effort, since it would require 25-30 committed members to make it work. Members expressed strong support for the concept but concerns about whether it would be sustainable given existing numbers of hats already being worn by active chapter members (thus highlighting once more the need to increase activity by others of the 300+ chapter membership). Also some question regarding centrality of the Project to the chapter’s mission. Discussion will continue at the June meeting.

Mayfly Biology. Reminder of FVTU.s program by Dr. Brigid O’Donnell at FVTU’s meeting.

Prairie Fest on the UW Fond du Lac grounds. See UWFDL website, http://www.fonddulac.uwc.edu/arboretum/prairie_fest.htm for more information. Chapter will determine at the June meeting whether or not to have a booth or display.

Respectfully submitted,

David Seligman
Acting Secretary