

BROOKIE NEWS



Newsletter of The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CWTU)

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July 2009

Save the Date

CWTU's Annual Conservation Banquet, Thursday, October 15, at LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh.

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A Call For Volunteers – At the July 20 meeting, the CWTU Board approved a proposal to begin a Project Healing Waters program with the Appleton VA Clinic. Fox Valley TU has been invited to join us in this effort. For those unfamiliar with Project Healing Waters, it was founded in 2005 at Walter Reed Army Hospital by a corps of dedicated volunteers from local Trout Unlimited and Federation of Fly Fishers chapters. It was incorporated in 2007 as the 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc. (PHWFFI). More information is available at their web site www.projecthealingwaters.org.

This organization is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. TU and FFF organizations provide the basic fly fishing,

fly tying, and fly casting instructions for the wounded personnel ranging from beginners to those with prior fly fishing experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. There are approximately 50 active programs across the country, with the new South East Wisconsin TU program in Milwaukee being the closest. Initially our focus will be on the Mental Health unit at the Appleton VA Clinic with expectations that the program will expand to include the rest of the Clinic. We are now ready to begin preparing the curriculum for two 90 minute late afternoon classes per month. We are also preparing a kick-off presentation for the Clinic and volunteers. We are fortunate to have eleven members volunteer, at the board meeting, to help with the various aspects of this on-going program. I also know there are many talented people through the chapter who have the fly tying and casting skills necessary to make this program a success without overtaxing any of our already hard working volunteers. Our classes will be small (about 6 vets per session) in the early stages, so we will only need 3 or 4 volunteers for any 90 minute class. Based on discussions with other program leaders in the Midwest, participation will grow as the veterans discuss their positive experiences. Then I hope our only limitation will be classroom facilities and not lack of volunteers.

In closing, I ask you to please volunteer a small amount of your time to help the brave people who keep us safe. It would be wonderful to have a substantial list of people who can rotate between

sessions. Please contact me at 920-725-8219 or jtucker1@new.rr.com and get your name on the list of volunteers with your preference of helping with Fly Tying, or Fly Casting (or both).

John Tucker

News Flash

Fitchburg (AP) – A state worker has discovered a mastadon tooth in a Grant County stream. Cale Severson was working on a trout habitat improvement project earlier this month when he snagged the 8 1/2 inch tooth [Rumor has it, he was casting a #10 emu bugger with a pink collar.]

Coming Events

August 17, Picnic and Board Meeting hosted by Bob Smaglik, Leon Town Hall, Pine River. Picnic at 5:15. Meeting follows. A wonderful opportunity for good fellowship, good food, and good (?) fishing stories! If you haven't been able to attend CWTU monthly Board meetings and would like to get to know some of your fellow members and hear about the current Chapter projects, the summer picnic/meetings are a great time to join the fun and frolic.

July 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by JT at 6:30
2. Minutes of June Board meeting were approved
3. Treasurer's Report approved. Scott was not in attendance but did prepare a report before leaving town
4. Audit recommendations: The inventory of CWTU assets is moving slowly. John Tucker will work with Tom Poullette to

track things down and inventory at each storage location.

5. The Board members approved proceeding with the Project Healing Waters Program with a vote of 11 in favor. There were also 11 people at the board meeting who said they would be willing to volunteer their time. We will use the Brookie to request additional volunteers from throughout the chapter membership. The first classes (fly tying, fly casting) are likely to have no more than 6 student vets with 3 or 4 TU volunteers. That is all the VA class room can hold, and that is enough to get off the ground. Tucker will complete the Memorandum of Agreement with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc and request they send class supplies. We anticipate having 2 classes per month in the afternoons (perhaps 4:00 to 5:30 pm).

6. Banquet planning.....you do this one

7. New projector: Dealer is still trying to make a decision. We will not wait any longer. Approval was given to spend the money and get a good projector before the fall. (I think this is what we said)

8. John Gremmer listed the programs for the coming year. I don't remember them all. Ask him to send an email.

9. Shawn Sullivan's request for us to purchase a trailer to be shared by CWTU and DNR was favorably received. Jim Humphrey will get more details from Shawn to support the estimated cost of \$2,500 - \$3,000, and bring that information to the August Board Meeting in Pine River.

10. Jim Humphrey's request for a donation of \$250 to Rawhide was approved.

11. Bob Haase will prepare the grant request for matching contributions from the Trout & Salmon Foundation by the August 1 deadline. This is dependent on the Elliot Donnelley chapter voting to join us in this grant request for Mecan River restoration. CWTU would contribute \$2,500, ED would contribute \$2,500, and the foundation would match with \$5,000.

12. Chapter history for National TU meeting: Tucker will work with Tom Poullette.

13. Old Business: None

14. New Business: Jim Humphrey announced that

this would be his last year managing our Stream Work Days. We are now challenged to find a replacement for this important position. Bob Hunt said that the Waupaca River project in downtown Waupaca has run into many hurdles (?) and has been delayed to June/July of next year

15. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm
John Tucker

Total Funds \$38,813.08

Scott Grady, Treasurer

**Treasurer Report
June 30, 2009**

Savings Account	\$26.08
Checking Account	\$9,307.76
Money Market Accounts	\$15,302.17
Beck Fund	\$2,195.80
Nash Fund	\$13,106.37
CD (50%Nash Fund/50%General Fund)	\$11,652.65
Sopkovich Fund	\$2,524.42
Cash on Hand (school)	\$0

Annual Banquet

The Chapter's annual conservation banquet will be held on Thursday, October 15, at LaSure's Banquet Hall in Oshkosh. Members are encouraged to attend and to bring guests. Everyone attending will receive a door prize and, we promise, a fine meal and good company. This event is the chapter's primary source of funding for most of our stream restoration and improvement projects and is vital to our mission of preserving and protecting Wisconsin's cold-water resources. At this time, the Banquet Committee is soliciting your assistance in acquiring and donating items for our raffles and auctions. Please contact Banquet Chair, David Seligman, or Banquet Committee members Bob Haase, Bob Smaglik, Linn Beck, Chris Northway, Scott Grady, or Al Lee with questions and donations.

David Seligman