

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

June 2011

### Prez Sez

I hope now that the weather has finally improved everyone has had opportunities to get out and fish their favorite waters. I know the Hex hatch has been sporadic at best, but there have been some bugs coming off. I enjoyed a fifteen fish the only night I have had out for the Hex, with the largest a little over 12 ½ inches on the Mekan. Thanks Don for being so gracious. I know of several people who have caught fish in the 20 inch category and one over 31 inches on some of the waters around, so congratulations to them. All of the water I have been on in the last month looks fantastic and there are a lot of fish, at least there must be if I am catching fish every time I have been out. So I hope you all get a chance, if you haven't already, to get out enjoy some good fishing.

The first board meeting/picnic of our summer series had a great turnout, the rain held off and we had 38 people enjoy the Kayak Fishing program, THANKS to all

*"We trade a comfortable room for a tent next to a remote stream to take advantage of the late evening hatch or early morning rise. We fish in the rain, often ignoring lightning, as we wave our 9-foot graphite fly rods for a few more casts. We endure peanut butter sandwiches or we watch our guide prepare a shorelunch when we know darn well he never washed his hands, but heck, we're too busy shooing away mosquitoes and deer flies or inhaling no-see-ums to meekly protest. We may forsake our daily hot shower, or perhaps bathing quickly in a cold lake or river, sometimes accidentally. The amazing thing is that we may pay \$300, \$500, or \$1000 a day for the "privilege," and we think this is fun, and, you know, it probably is!"*

**-Jim C. Chapralis ,from the Dedication to Fishing Passion: a lifelong affair with angling**

who could attend. A big THANK YOU goes out to David Seligman and Bob Haase for putting on the program, and to all who brought a kayak so those who wanted to could give it a try. And not to forget a HUGE THANKS goes out to Mike Schaefer for feeding everyone, not an easy task by yourself and everything was great. Please come out and enjoy our July board meeting/picnic. This will be on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30 p.m. out at our current work day site on the Mekan River, with dinner served after, along with a tour of work that has been done. Please watch the website with more info to follow.

There are a lot of interesting things to get involved in yet this summer. I know the River Keepers are in full swing, but you can always join them, and personally speaking work days have been a blast but more hands make the day enjoyable. Plus we are working on getting some people together to

do some river clean up of all the storm damage, trees in and across the rivers. There is some work to do on the Mekan and Pine Rivers, that I know of for sure, so watch for the date and time announcements, if you able to - the more the merrier. The best thing about working/monitoring on rivers you are not very informed about is that you can always find someone at the event who is versed on that particular water and pump them for info.

Tight lines

**Linn Beck**

### **CWTU Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 by President Beck.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report was distributed and approved. Treasurer Schaefer distributed audit report. (A copy of the Report as well as the Treasurer's Report are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.) The Treasurer requested that, in the interests of ensuring a complete and centralized inventory of Chapter property, any members having possession of or knowledge of Chapter property should contact him as soon as possible. Bob Haase reported from the regional meeting, per State Council directive, that funds previously held by the Central Region will now be held under the Chapter accounts as a separate line item.

The Board approved the allocation of \$500 to continue Trout Magazine subscriptions to area libraries and schools.

President Beck presented a report from the ad hoc committee on the School. The committee examined a number of options for the future of the School. The committee will continue to meet and to seek input from Chapter membership. School Director Dan Harmon III announced his desire to hand over the reins to new leadership. Please

contact President Linn Beck if you are interested in being a part of the transition team and new leadership. Dan will, of course, continue to be involved and provide assistance and guidance.

The Board offered and approved by acclamation, a resolution of gratitude to Dan Harmon III, for 34 years of inspiration, guidance, and direction in leading the annual Trout School.

President Beck reported that Bob Hunt, Alisdair and Jeff Wegand will continue to work on preparing and shepherding a proposal to create a Central Sands regional initiative modeled on the Driftless Region's TUDARE. Jeff Hastings has promised to assist. Sean Sullivan will continue to provide training and guidance to CWTU members as citizen involvement increasingly is required to supplement the DNR's limited resources. Jeff Wegand requested members to provide photos and videos for the CTWU website.

Guest Terry Trickle addressed the Board regarding the plans for a new CAFO along HWY 21 near the Adams/Waushara County line. He addressed water quality, air quality, property value, and water resource issues that should be of concern to TU members. Members were urged to attend a community meeting at the Adams Community Center on July 18 to ensure citizen input. More information is available at the website, [stoptheridgefieldcafo.org](http://stoptheridgefieldcafo.org).

Members were informed that Tom Poullette has undergone major surgery and is recovering nicely at home.

The new Blue Lines book was circulated and is available to members.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**David Seligman, Secretary**

### Kayak Fishing Clinic

As President Beck noted, there was an excellent turnout for the Chapter's Kayak Fishing Clinic on June 20 at Winneconne's Marble Park. Following the Board meeting and an outstanding picnic provided by Mike Schaefer, about three dozen attendees participated in a lecture-demonstration-seminar event which covered the pros and cons of fishing from a kayak, kayak safety, outfitting a kayak for fishing, transporting a kayak, and a variety of other matters relating to the joys of kayak fishing. Following an extensive Q and A session, several attendees took advantage of the opportunity to try out some of the diverse fishing kayaks provided by CWTU members. A number of books on the sport were made available as well. For more information about fishing from a kayak, you are encouraged to consult some of the websites on the sport. A few links will soon be provided through the CWTU website, as well. A big thanks is in order to Bob Haase, Linn Beck, Dan Harmon III, Mike Schaefer, John Tucker (and any others I may have missed) who brought along their fishing kayaks so that others might examine and/or try them out on the water.

David Seligman



Some of the Clinic attendees and members inspecting a few of the many fishing kayaks brought along by CWTU members.

### Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

#### Balance Sheet

Cash Basis As of May 31, 2011

May 31, 11
<b>ASSETS</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>
<b>Checking/Savings</b>
<b>Cash and Investments</b>
CD Citizens 1st 50% Nash 50% Ge 12,098.71
<b>Checking</b>
Master Fly Tying M & I 998.32
Operating Citizens First CU 11,455.75
Operating M & I 6,519.06
<b>Total Checking 18,973.13</b>
<b>Money Market Account</b>
Beck Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU 4,080.55
Nash Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU 6,757.10
<b>Total Money Market Account 10,837.65</b>
<b>Restricted Cash</b>
Mecan River Citizens 1st 11,043.65
<b>Total Restricted Cash 11,043.65</b>
<b>Savings</b>
Sopovich & Ozzie Citizens 1st 1,550.32
<b>Total Savings 1,550.32</b>
<b>Total Cash and Investments 54,503.46</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings 54,503.46</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>
River Keepers Grant Receivable 4,999.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets 4,999.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets 59,502.46</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>
<b>Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation</b>
Scholarship Funds 46,422.07
<b>Total Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation 46,422.07</b>
<b>Total Other Assets 46,422.07</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS 105,924.53</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>
Due To FVTU 415.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities 415.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities 415.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities 415.00</b>
<b>Equity</b>
<b>Perm. Restricted Net Assets</b>
Oshkosh Foundation Scholarship 46,422.07
<b>Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets 46,422.07</b>
<b>Temp. Restricted Net Assets 9,279.53</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets 34,415.98</b>
<b>Net Income 15,391.95</b>
<b>Total Equity 105,509.53</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY 105,924.53</b>

#### Profit & Loss

Cash Basis May 2011
May 11 Oct '10 - May 11
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>
<b>Income</b>
Revenue -243.32 24,767.80
<b>Total Income -243.32 24,767.80</b>
<b>Expense</b>
Bank Charges 43.39 376.24
Conference, Convention, Meeting 0.00 389.41
Donations & Grants 0.00 715.88

**Habitat Projects** 0.00 220.61  
**Insurance** 658.00 658.00  
**Memberships** 0.00 175.00  
**Newsletters** 0.00 1,618.00  
**Other** 389.60 495.60  
**Programs** 55.00 867.93  
**Website** 0.00 967.00  
**Workday** 687.01 2,892.18  
**Total Expense** 1,833.00 9,375.85  
**Net Ordinary Income** -2,076.32 15,391.95  
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**Mike Schaefer, Treasurer**

### **Audit Letter**

May 26, 2011

Board of Directors  
Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited

Ladies and gentlemen:

We have applied certain procedures to the financial records of Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited (CWTU) for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011.

#### **Specific procedures performed were as follows:**

Discussed chapter financial policies with Scott Grady, CWTU Treasurer.

Reviewed monthly Treasurers Reports for the months April, 2010 through March, 2011.

Agreed balances to M & I Bank and Citizens First Credit Union bank statements.

Reviewed check register for all checks written April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Examined invoices for selected checks written.

Examined all bank statements and bank reconciliations for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 and traced all deposits listed to a deposit slip.

Reviewed copies of State of Wisconsin, IRS and National Trout Unlimited filings.

**Conclusion:** Based on the procedures performed the April, 2010 through March, 2011 Treasurers Reports accurately reflect the CWTU cash balances as of those dates and the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual statement for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 accurately reflects CWTU actual and budgeted income and expenses for the period.

#### **Recommendations:**

##### **Recommendations made in previous reports and requiring further action are as follows:**

The chapter maintains bank accounts at M & I Bank and Citizens First Credit Union. To simplify banking and accounting it is recommended that the M & I Bank accounts be consolidated into the existing Citizens First Credit Union operating accounts.

Consolidation of these accounts should be completed by July 1, 2011.

A list of CWTU assets (computers, tools, banquet inventory) should be updated:

Partial lists of CWTU assets have been previously compiled and are in the Treasurer's possession. These lists should be updated to reflect any changes since the lists were originally compiled. Consideration should be given to posting the availability of these resources on the chapter website for utilization by all members. Future purchases should be inventoried when acquired. Consideration should also be given to updating the inventory annually.

A standard expense form should be developed and REQUIRED for all expenses being claimed for reimbursement. The form should be on the chapter website.

A standard expense form has been developed and is posted on the chapter website. It is strongly recommended that any request for expense payment is submitted on the expense form, be completed by the individual requesting the funds and be supported by invoices and/or receipts.


These recommendations address only those areas which warrant further consideration and do not take into account the many positive aspects of CWTU financial operations or the significant improvements made since my last report.

Respectfully submitted:  
Michael J Schaefers  
John Tucker


### **CWTU 2010-2011 Program Schedule**

*Be sure to check the CWTU Website [www.cwtu.org](http://www.cwtu.org) for dates and locations of Stream Workdays, information on CWTU activities, photos, blogs and other features.*


#### **Work Day Mekan River**

 Saturday, Jul 16 at 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

#### **CWTU Summer Picnic/Meeting**

 Monday, Jul 18 at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### **Work Day Mekan River**

 Saturday, Aug 20 at 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

#### **Work Day Mekan River**

Saturday, Sep 17 at 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

### **River Keepers Announcement**

1. One of our duties as River Keepers is to be advocates for the surface water in our area. The proposed Richfield CAFO is considered by many to be a threat to these waters.

Please think about attending the July 18 Hearing on this CAFO. Check out the link below for more information on the CAFO and the meeting.

<http://www.stoptherichfieldcafo.org/>

2. The below opportunity is open to you. I have attended many programs as a student and teacher at the Trees For Tomorrow Camp. Read this message from Kris Stepenuck

*Hi Volunteer Stream Monitors and friends,*

*I hope the monitoring season is going well for everyone. Thanks for committing to heading to your local stream to assess how it's doing this year. Be safe out there! The water is high especially in the central and northeastern parts of the state. If you can't safely wade in, please don't go. Your safety is most important in this program!*

*When you do get out to monitor, just a reminder that if you find dissolved oxygen (D.O.) levels at or below 3 mg/L, please redo the test. If you again find such a low level, please contact your local DNR biologist by phone to alert them of a potential problem in the stream. You can find your local DNR streams biologist's contact information on our program website (<http://watermonitoring.uwex.edu/ctymap/index.html>).*

*For those who may be interested, Laura Herman (Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program Coordinator) and I will be teaching a family level macroinvertebrate identification workshop at Trees for*

*Tomorrow in Eagle River on August 11 and 12. This two-day training is designed to take individuals (high school age and older) with some previous aquatic insect identification skills to the next step in their identification skills. The class includes indoor and outdoor hands-on activities to help refine your collection methods, and practice both your field identification as well as learn to use microscopes and a key to identify to family level. (In the volunteer stream monitoring program you generally identify one level higher than this, so this course will teach you how to identify, say, what kind of mayfly or dragonfly you caught, not just know that it is a mayfly or dragonfly). Plus, we will provide an introduction to a several water quality rating systems participants can use to determine the water quality in streams.*

***NOTE: There will be no July issue of the Brookie.***

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*To register, contact Carol Olson at Trees for Tomorrow (carol@treesfortomorrow.com, 715- 479-6456). There is a \$30 non-refundable registration fee. Lunch and morning/afternoon snacks are included in the cost of the training. Participants will also receive a copy of the Guide to Aquatic Invertebrates of the Upper Midwest by R.W. Bouchard, Jr. Lodging is also available for \$30/night (single room). This cost includes linens. If you have questions about this training, contact me. View the draft agenda (10 KB pdf) >>*

*Thanks everyone!  
Kris*

3. Please remember how important it is to our mission to monitor and post your results every month. Thank you all for your diligence in this area.

**John Gremmer**