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

September 2011

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By the time this comes to print, the 2011 Trout fishing season will have unfortunately come to a close. If all of you are like me I know that all the great plans to get out and fish more often, or fish more waters than the previous year may not have come to light, but there is always next year. This summer was very successful from a chapter point of view though. We had a banner year with the River Keepers monitoring program, just check out the Water Action Volunteers website (WAV) to check out the sites and data. You can find a link to this on the River Keepers WIKI. The Work Day crew also ended up with a very nice year. With the help of the DNR and several TU chapters including SEWTU, Elliot Donnelley, and the North Woods chapters, over 2000' of stream were improved including 5 new bank covers to provide overhead cover for fish, and brushing to help improve the flow of the river.

I would like to tell you about an opportunity that I was able to take advantage of. Bob Haase and David Seligman called in January and told me they had an opening to go out west to Wyoming and Montana for some Trout fishing. Since I had never been out west and was lucky enough to hear the stories from past years, I jumped at the chance. So for those of you who haven't had the opportunity to go west, if you get a chance I highly recommend you take it. Not only was the scenery fantastic, the fishing was also pretty good. We ran into moose, ule deer, white tail deer, antelope, wild sheep, and elk, and had the opportunity for the chance to fish for Brown, Rainbow, Brook, Cutthroat, Bull, and West Slope Cutthroat trout. What an experience!! This was a trip I never thought I could afford to do, but with the correct planning it was very affordable. As a matter of fact the program after our November 14th board meeting we will have Bob Haase and David Seligman telling everyone how they can plan a trip like this. One more thing, if you happen to know David and run into him, ask David about how to synchronize your digital cameras to transmit a picture from one camera to another, he will tell you how he did it one evening at dinner.

In closing, I would like to invite everyone to our only fund raiser of the year. This would be our Banquet on Saturday, October 15th at the WWII Memorial building in Wautoma. The evening will start at 5:00pm with the doors opening for cocktails, and dinner being served at 6:15pm. We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary as a chapter with a lot of great prizes and a very special evening planned. Hope to see you all there.

Linn Beck

**Minutes of the CWTU Board Meeting,
September 19, 2011
Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI**

Meeting was *called to order* by President Beck at 6:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the August Board Meeting were *approved as distributed*.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Following some discussion of the remaining Mekan River funds, *the Treasurer's Report was approved*.

Ms. Tucker presented an update on preparations for the Annual Conservation Banquet, which this year will feature Chapter 40th Anniversary recognitions. Recognition of the four living "founding fathers" will take place. Mr. Yoder has been contracted as the auctioneer. Many great items (more on the way) are in store for auction, silent auction, and raffle prizes. Door prizes and sponsor packages have been arranged. Twelve dozen 40th Anniversary logo caps and two dozen 40th Anniversary logo Columbia fishing shirts are on order and expected delivery is October 3. This year a participant survey will be provided. Banquet posters are available for display. *No action required*.

President Beck discussed changes and additions to the proposed CAFO statement from the Chapter that will be presented at the State Council meeting for approval on September 24. *No action required*.

Mr. Haase presented a draft update of the Chapter By-laws in accordance with the new template from National. Comments are solicited. The draft, along with the current By-laws will be posted on the website for review, and *the new version will be presented for action at the March Annual Meeting*.

Mr. Haase presented a report on the current sorry state of affairs wherein the Governor and the Legislature has all but eviscerated the role of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. The Governor now has the power to exercise prior veto on any proposed administrative rules without review by the legislature or the WCC, and any citizen may force an economic impact review by the DNR on any proposed administrative rule simply by objecting. *No action required, none possible at this time*.

Old Business: Mr. Beck referred to an article in the Waushara *Argus* on the Chapter's stream restoration work. He will seek permission from the publisher to scan the article to be placed on the Chapter website.

New Business: Mr. Murphy reminded members of an additional macroinvertebrates workshop to be presented by Kris Stepanuk in Waukesha on Oct. 6-7, and noted that it is an outstanding opportunity to gain greater knowledge of stream invertebrates. He anticipates an additional workshop to be presented later in the year for the Chapter. Mr. Beck noted the Beaver Management workshop on September 22, in Oshkosh.

Mr. Beck noted that the Peshtigo region does not want a DNR work crew next summer as originally planned. We have the opportunity to have a crew in the Central Region, if enough money can be raised. Mr. Beck discussed a number of funding and fund raising opportunities in that regard, including the possibility, under discussion at the State level, of using Americorps workers.

Mr. Beck noted that there is an upcoming segment of Outdoor Wisconsin that will feature the Mekan River stream improvement work; date to be announced.

Mr. Beck displayed the new 40th Anniversary logo fly boxes and solicited donations of flies to fill the boxes for auction or raffle at the Banquet. A couple of dozen flies for each box would be appreciated. They can be sent to Ms. Tucker.

Mr. Beck noted that *Committee Annual Reports are due from committee chairs by the November meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. followed by an outstanding program from noted local author, Ross Mueller.

Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary

River Keepers

River Keepers, like all volunteer organizations depend on the commitment of each member. More than 85 River Keepers have made that commitment. Collectively, as of September 12th they have made 76 visits to the streams in our six county region this year.

Their data has been responsibly collected and most teams have reported on a timely basis. If you are reading this article, you hopefully, realize how important the work of

determining the health of local streams has become.

As our DNR shrinks and their testing of cold-water resources becomes increasingly limited, the work of River Keepers becomes more and more important. As CAFO's increase in size and number, the work of River Keepers becomes more and more important. As my generation reaches the end of life's conveyor belt and we look at the future of our grandchildren the work of River Keepers becomes more and more important.

If you are currently a River Keeper pat yourself on the back for a job well done. If you have not yet joined the group please consider doing so. There are so many streams and so little time. This season is drawing to an end but hopefully with more members we can monitor more streams and add to the ongoing database in our area.

Jim Murphy

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited 09/18/11 Balance Sheet

Cash Basis As of August 31, 2011

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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Cash and Investments

CD Citizens 1st 50% Nash 50% Ge 12,142.67

Checking

Master Fly Tying M & I 941.32

Operating Citizens First CU 455.75

Operating M & I 6,766.87

Total Checking 8,163.94

Money Market Account

Beck Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU 4,084.49

Nash Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU 6,763.62

Total Money Market Account 10,848.11

Restricted Cash

Central Sands Citizens 1st 500.10

Mekan River Citizens 1st 12,936.19

Total Restricted Cash 13,436.29

Savings

Sopovich & Ozzie Citizens 1st 1,551.09

Total Savings 1,551.09

Total Cash and Investments 46,142.10

Total Checking/Savings 46,142.10

Total Current Assets 46,142.10

Other Assets

Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation

Scholarship Funds 46,422.07

Total Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation 46,422.07
Total Other Assets 46,422.07
TOTAL ASSETS 92,564.17
LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Equity
Perm. Restricted Net Assets
Oshkosh Foundation Scholarship 46,422.07
Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets 46,422.07
Temp. Restricted Net Assets 13,436.29
Unrestricted Net Assets 30,259.22
Net Income 2,446.59
Total Equity 92,564.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 92,564.17

CWTU 2010-2011 Program Schedule

*Be sure to check the CWTU Website
www.cwtu.org for dates and locations of
Stream Workdays, information on CWTU
activities, photos, blogs and other features.*

Annual Conservation Banquet, Saturday, October 15. WWII Memorial, Wautoma, WI. This is the Chapter's principal fund raising event for the year, with fine food and drink, good company, and outstanding raffle and auction items, including a fishing kayak, GPSs, underwater cameras, chain saw, art items, and door prizes for all. This year we will recognize the Chapter's "founding fathers." Come, bring a friend, and enjoy. Contact Laura Tucker for details and tickets.

Regular Business Meeting, Monday, November 14. Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI. Program to follow will feature Bob Haase and David Seligman: "Western Trout Fishing on a Budget," a slide show and presentation on recent trips to Wyoming and Montana blue ribbon fly fishing destinations and how to plan and enjoy these "dream" trips without breaking the bank.

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