

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

November 2011

### Prez Sez

As I sit here writing this segment for the Brookie, my mind keeps wandering back to the great summer that was, and daydreaming about everything I hope to do next summer. This is a little early as we haven't even gotten to the meat of winter, heck we aren't out of fall yet. But like they say it's never too early to plan.

I guess what started all this off was the requests for Christmas gift lists from everyone already. So naturally I had to get out the Cabela's, Simms, Rouge Angler and every other fishing supply magazine I could find and start paging through and making my wish list. Let me tell you there aren't enough hours in the day to make a decision on these things, I guess I should have started in June. But I'm sure I will be able to come up with something. If not socks and underwear will have to do and with so much to chose from it would be my own fault if I can't come up with something.

On a more serious note, there are a lot of issues for all of us to pay attention to. We still have the CAFO issues, the taconite mine issue of northern Wisconsin and of course all the things happening to our government agencies. So please get involved where you want or are able to. We will try and keep you informed as things progress, and I apologize if this intrudes on some of you, but it's better to let you make the decision about things instead of us. Thanks for your patience.

Now for the fun things again, winter isn't really all that bad. I know the local libraries have added some interesting new fly fishing and fishing books to their inventory, so check them out if you get a chance. Then we will be having the Masters Fly tying class starting again the first week of January. As far I know the class was full with a waiting list, but contact Ira Giese if you are interested. Then on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> we have Troutfest scheduled with a lot of great activities and mini seminars going on all day at the Fin-N-Feather in Winneconne. Please watch for line up announcements for the seminars in future communications and on the website. Also please check out the board meeting and program on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fin-N-Feather in

Winneconne, board meeting is at 6:15 pm and the program will start at 7:30 pm. We will be returning back to our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month meeting days after the holidays.

In closing I hope that everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season.

Linn Beck

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### **November Board Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2011

Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI

*Meeting* called to order by Chairman Beck at 6:20 p.m.

*Minutes* of the September Board Meeting were approved by voice vote.

The *Treasurer's Report* was approved as distributed.

*Reports of the Standing Committees* were presented. The Banquet Committee reported a successful event with good attendance and good net revenues. Chair Laura Tucker thanked committee members for their good work. Discussion followed noting good food and general satisfaction with the facility. Questions were considered about whether to look for other venues in order to move the event around to other areas within the CWTU area. Seligman will check into pricing and availability at Royal Ridges in Ripon. Generally costs and attendance minimums for a Saturday event are too high for us at most places.

The Membership Committee reported that there has been no major push for new members other than to make forms available at Chapter events. Current membership is around 300, down somewhat from recent highs. We need to redouble efforts including reaching out to lapsed members and considering incentives for joining the chapter.

Communications Committee reported continuing regular publication of the *Brookie* and the new redesign and

webhosting of the website. The *Brookie* will continue its current 11 monthly issue publication schedule (a single issue in July/August). The editor plans to solicit articles on topics of interest to members from those who have some special expertise or interest in such topics. There have been some problems with some of the links on the webpage. Mr. Haase will look into it. There was discussion of a number of ideas for jazzing up the site. Some Board members would like to find a way to effectively download member email lists from the national site. This will be pursued. The Finance Committee reported that an annual budget has been prepared and will be presented at the next meeting. Alistair Stewart is working on a new grant proposal. Program Committee reported on the new location for the Trout School. John Gremmer's introductory fly tying class and Ira Giese's Masters Class will continue this year. The introductory class is set for Aril at Winneconne. Mr. Gremmer invited members to "apprentice" running the program, eventually to take it over. H.S. Mr. Bouck suggested that one session might be combined with the Casting Clinic at Marble Park in Winneconne, tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 17, and perhaps even to include the Kayak Fishing Clinic. The Masters Class is full and there is a waiting list. There are 15-20 spaces available for the intro class. Project Healing Waters is currently on hiatus, but will resume once some staff positions are filled at the VA.

The Watershed Committee referred Board members to the River Keepers Annual Report (copies available on request). John, Jim, and Rick are doing a great job. More funding may be needed for equipment and supplies, especially as the number of teams and sites is increasing. There is no new report from the Watchdogs. Workdays

group will be meeting soon to determine parameters for 2012 workdays and sites. *LTE Request.* The Chapter is requested to match the \$2000 contributions committed by other chapters along with the hoped for grant to fund LTEs with the DNR for the coming year. Work continues on seeking Americorps involvement for 2013. ***Mr. Haase moved that the funds be allocated. Motion carried.*** After discussion of the proper funding source, ***Mr. Seligman moved that the funds be taken from the Nash Williams Fund. The motion was approved.*** *Waupaca Project Update.* Handicap access platforms are being constructed and will be placed next spring. The kiosk will be installed at the end of April. CWTU is in charge of the approximately \$500 Central Region Funds account. ***Mr. Haase moved that \$200 be released from the Chapter funds into the Central Region line item. Motion was approved.***

The By-laws revision presented by Mr. Haase was presented. ***Mr. Tucker moved approval. Motion carried.***

There was no *Old Business*.

*New Business.* Mr. Haase reported that Dutch's Trading Post in Fond du Lac has been sold, and will be continuing and upgrading its fly fishing department.

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:35,* followed by a program presented by Messrs. Seligman and Haase on "Western Trout Fishing on a Budget."

Respectfully submitted,  
David Seligman, Secretary

### **A Tribute**

And then the time came to hang up the "D-net" and the turbidity tube, and all the other trappings associated with actively monitoring our cold-water resources. And, this year a few did it with dignity. But, not until after they pioneered CWTU's water monitoring program and faithfully collected and reported data since the early days of

chapter involvement. Not until after they spent hours in the stream from early spring until late autumn, in rain and sun and perhaps even sleet and snow. And not until long after their knees began to creak and their backs began to ache did Rand, Jerry, Bill and Bud decide that the time had come to spend their remaining time on the stream luring those tricky trout to the fly. Catching the same trout they spent years trying to protect and then releasing them to catch again. But the time came, and the time was now.

They will be missed. But, there accomplishments will be long remembered and the data they collected will be reviewed for years to come. So the next time you see Rand Vander Schaaf, Jerry Smet, Bill Seefelt and Bud Meyer Thank Them For A Job Well Done and wish them well. Eventually, even though we may still have the passion, the time will come when we too will wish to spend our days on the stream just catching fish. And..., remembering that our contribution to the River Keepers kept trout streams alive.

Thanks Guys,

**The River Keeper Admin. Team  
...And All That Love Our Streams**

### **Request for Articles of Interest to the General Membership**

In order to increase the interest in and readership of the Brookie News, the editor is gently requesting that any member (or friend of a member) of the Chapter consider submitting a brief article on a topic which might be of interest to the membership. Such articles might address recent fishing trips – successes and challenges, streamside flora and fauna, new tying techniques and or tips, reports on area streams that might not be well known to members, reports on stream improvement work, photographs, etc.

If gentle requests fail to produce the desired work, the editor may be compelled to put the arm on some folks he suspects of having such knowledge, in order to generate some text.

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### **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

#### **Board Meeting and Program**

Monday, Dec 12 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM Movie Night featuring historic and contemporary trout fishing DVD's. Takes place directly after board meeting.

#### **Board Meeting and Program**

Monday, Jan 16 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM Night of Terrestrial Program. More information to follow.

#### **TroutFest '12**

Saturday, Feb 25 at 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### **Board Meeting and Program**

Monday, Mar 19 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM  
More information to follow.

**Annual Casting Clinic and Kayak Fishing Clinic.** Marble Park, Winneconne. More information to follow.

### **State Council Meeting and Banquet**

Banquet tickets for the February State Council Banquet (note: in Wausau this year) may be purchased by contacting Mr. Kim McCarthy at [\(920\) 434-3659](tel:9204343659), or by email at [KMCCARTHY2@new.rr.com](mailto:KMCCARTHY2@new.rr.com). \*\*Those purchasing tickets prior to December 15, 2011 will receive a bonus of 10 free raffle tickets to be used at the banquet.\*\* Tickets will also be available at the December Chapter meeting from President Beck.

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