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

July/August 2011

Prez Sez

Hello all, by now everyone should be just about tired of 90+ temps and 93% humidity. So let's talk about something we are all interested in - trout fishing. Hopefully some or most of you had a chance to get into the extended Hex season this summer. I have heard reports of a large hatch on July 18th on the White River, no fish report but the way the weather was I believe it helped for such a late hatch. So I guess we shouldn't complain too long about it as I'm sure it offered a few more opportunities that we would normally not get for this event. There were even a few hex spinners sighted this week!!

I know all the committees have been busy with their water monitoring and work day agendas, and again a BIG THANKS goes out to all participating in those two programs. Without you it would really be hard to accomplish our goals for the summer. I would like to thank Scott Bahn for stepping up and taking the Work Day Chair and

I heard the old, old men say,
"Everything alters,
And one by one we drop away."
They had hands like claws, and their knees
Were twisted like the old thorn-trees
By the waters.
I heard the old, old men say, "All that's
beautiful drifts away
Like the waters."

--W.B. Yeats, "The Old Men Admiring
Themselves in the Water"

freeing up some time for me, and also the rest of the work day committee Chris Northway and Gary Herlache, for stepping up. Please if you get a chance come out to the last scheduled work day on Saturday September 17th and thank Scott in person for taking on this important position.

As we start to wind down to the end of the fishing season, I hope those of you who avoided the warm, sticky weather get a beautiful fall for getting your fishing in. And while we start talking about fall, please keep the date of Saturday October 15th open for our annual fall banquet. This year we are celebrating our 40th year, and I know there are a lot interesting things that will be going on that night and as always a lot of great door prizes and prize packages. Please watch the website and the mail for more updates. Any questions or possible prizes please contact Laura Tucker. Hope to see you there.

Linn Beck

**CWTU Board Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2011**

**Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
Board Meeting, July 16, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by President Linn Beck at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes of the June Board Meeting were approved by voice vote.

Action on the Treasurer's Report was tabled until the August meeting.

Action was requested on the collection of movies and slides from Ozzie, currently in storage. Mr. Haase indicated willingness to review the materials for historical value. Mr. Harmon will review the materials to determine what is worth keeping. The projectors are considered to be of little value and should be given to someone who can use them for parts. No formal action by the Board was required.

President Beck presented a number of plaques and awards that need to be updated and made current. The Board agreed that the plaques are of significant value to the historical record of the Chapter. Those that can be updated will be; all will be made available for presentation at the Banquet and Troutfest in recognition of our forthcoming 40th anniversary. No formal action was required.

The Board supported efforts to keep the Chapter website up to date in a timely fashion. A number of members have been trained in website maintenance. Members are encouraged to submit photos, blogs, and other material of interest to any of the site administrators. These are listed on the site. All members are encouraged to visit the site on a regular basis for information regarding upcoming events and other matters of interest. No action required.

Board members were informed of an upcoming meeting in Adams County regarding the siting of a new CAFO.

Concerns were raised regarding ground water depletion and air and water quality degradation. Members were encouraged to attend the meeting and voice their concerns. Additional discussion will take place at the August Board meeting regarding the outcomes of public hearings and permitting for the CAFO.

Under New Business: Mr. Engle raised concerns about several environmental threats to the White River watershed, including the Wautoma area fertilizer plant, and runoff from the Riverview, Parkside, and High School campuses. This item will be added to the agenda for the August Board meeting with a recommendation for further action. Mr. Seligman was instructed to look into obtaining 40th Anniversary Commemorative Items including, perhaps, caps, shirts, and fly boxes. Mr. Beck indicated that initial efforts to secure decals for the work trailer proved prohibitively expensive; he will continue to pursue the matter. The Board expressed its pleasure at the forthcoming recognition, on September 29, of Elward Engle for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Seligman,
Secretary

Meeting *called to order* by President Beck at 6:40 p.m. at the Saxeville home of John and Laura Tucker. An accolade was given to Laura and John for hosting the meeting and for putting on a spectacular feed. Minutes of the July meeting were *approved* as distributed.

The treasurer's report was *approved* as distributed. Treasurer Schaefer urged members to use the expense reporting form

(at the cwtu website) for reimbursement requests.

President Beck and Mr. Haase presented an update on the Copper Creek high capacity well project and our concerns about the effects on the area aquifers. They continued their report with an update on the Central Sands Dairy (CAFO) project and threats to area waters due to water withdrawal and manure spreading in the permeable soils area.

Mr. Bouck moved that the chapter allocate \$200 for the Copper Creek opposition and \$400 for the Friends of the Central Sands, the latter conditional upon the State Council's approval of the CWTU draft position on CAFOs. The motion was **approved**.

Mr. Bouck then moved that the Chapter purchase two thermistors to establish baseline readings on Fordham Creek and the Little Roche a Cri, and provide support and training to Aldo Leopold Chapter members to monitor area waters. Motion was **approved**. Beck will contact the Chapter to move this forward.

Mr. Engle reported on a meeting of groups concerned with recent proposed developments that threaten area waters and streams. An alliance is being established among various groups opposing the Richfield Dairy CAFO and supporting various lawsuits to that end. Mr. Engle also reported on the success, following efforts beginning in 1963, to purchase the last remaining desired section of property in the Soules Creek watershed. Mr. Engle also indicated that there are 80 acres of desirable land available for purchase on Big Spring. He also reported on an opportunity to purchase property adjacent to the White River and indicated the need for support from TU that would be beneficial in to moving the project up in the priorities list. Mr. Poulette suggested using some Nash Williams funds for that purpose, and Mr.

Haase mentioned that there are State Council funds designated for this kind of effort. The members voiced strong support for these efforts. Mr. Engle and President Beck will approach State Council President Kim McCarthy on this matter. Further action will be considered at the September meeting.

The State Council meeting and annual Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn in Wausau on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Motion was **approved** for CWTU to again make its donation in the form of fly boxes provided to all chapters and assembled by Mr. Haase for auction at the Banquet, a highly successful fund raising item last year. Ms. Tucker reported that the CWTU Banquet will be held at the WWII Memorial in Wautoma. A turkey dinner and home-made pie and ice cream will be catered. Mr. Yoder will again serve as auctioneer. The Banquet Committee will meet at Scott Grady's shop on Monday, August 22. Scott is preparing a 40th anniversary display, and members are requested to provide materials, including write-ups on the founding members. Mr. Seligman is working on providing 40th Anniversary commemorative fishing shirts and/or other commemorative items. Mr. Beck will look into obtaining a good speaker for the event.

New Business: Mr. Murphy urged members to take and post the new Invasive Species warning signs at fishing access points on area streams. Mr. Beck and Mr. Harmon reported on developments for the Trout School. A new location and new pricing are in the offing. More details will follow. Mr. Murphy reported that Kris Stepenuck will be offering another session of the entomology course, and urged River Keepers members to participate. Mr. Seligman hawked the new logo CWTU caps. Mr. Sullivan reported that 2700 feet of improvements are completed on the Little Wolf, extensive brushing has been completed on the Chaffee

Creek and new work will be done on the Waupaca River. Mr. Beck reported on the possibility that Americorps workers might be available to do the LTE work in cooperation with the DNR. More information will be forthcoming at the September meeting. There will be another workday on the Mekan River on Saturday, August 20. Scott Bahn will be the new workday coordinator.

The meeting was *adjourned* at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Seligman, Secretary

River Keepers

So What's Buggin You ???

So, River Keeper now you're doing your Bio Index of Macroinvertebrates and you are wondering what the heck that six legged little creature is. Must be a Mayfly 'cause it has two long extended tails and is the size of many Mayfly nymphs. Well maybe it is and maybe it ain't. Could very well be a member of the Stonefly Family. Stonefly you say, does it really matter? Bet yer boots! Stoneflies are only found in very clean water while some Mayflies tolerate fairly high levels of contamination. And, is there really any difference in the Caddis Larvae you find? So what if they are free swimmers, tent builders or net builders? Ah could be a big difference in the quality of water. Once again not all Caddisflies are the same. Many tolerate much more pollution than others. Well, these are only some of the many things Joe Price, Rick Fahrenkrug and I learned at a recent Macroinvertebrate Workshop conducted by Kris Stepunuk and some of "Buggy Friends" at Trees For Tomorrow recently.

So how can you learn more? Kris has volunteered to present a seminar next spring at one of our preseason River Keeper Workshops. Hey, if you are at all interested

the three or four-hour workshop she offers will be well worth your time and make Water Monitoring A Lot More Fun. More later.

Jim Murphy

Co-Coordinator CWTU River Keepers

Treasurer's Report

08/17/11 Balance Sheet

Cash Basis As of July 31, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Cash and Investments 46,925.17 45,753.23

Total Checking/Savings 46,925.17 45,753.23

Other Current Assets

River Keepers Grant Receivable 0.00 4,999.00

Total Other Current Assets 0.00 4,999.00

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Other Assets

Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation 46,422.07 46,422.07

Total Other Assets 46,422.07 46,422.07

TOTAL ASSETS 93,347.24 97,174.30

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

Due To FVTU 0.00 415.00

Total Other Current Liabilities 0.00 415.00

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Equity

Perm. Restricted Net Assets 46,422.07 46,422.07

Temp. Restricted Net Assets 13,434.01 15,931.40

Unrestricted Net Assets 30,261.50 27,764.11

Net Income 3,229.66 6,641.72

Total Equity 93,347.24 96,759.30


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Mike Schaefer, Treasurer

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.

 *Final Workday of the Season, Mekan River Saturday, Sep 17 at 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM* See website for directions to the site.

Monday, September 19, Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne. Board Meeting and Program: Ross Mueller.

Please join us Monday, Saturday 19th at 7:30 pm at the Fin n' Feather in Winneconne for a presentation by Ross Mueller on the

opportunities that can be found during this late season of trout fishing. Ross does an outstanding job of discussing and teaching how we can hook up with more fish in our local rivers during this time of year. Locations, techniques and best flies to use will all be covered. It will be a fantastic evening of trout talk and you will definitely come out with some tremendous new ways to improve your success on the stream. This program is free. Invite a friend to join you. CWTU board meeting takes place at 6:15 pm right beforehand and anyone who wishes to sit in is invited to do so.

New CWTU Clothing Logo

Caps are here. Fishing shirts, vests, and polo shirts will be available soon. Contact David Seligman. seligmand@gmail.com

