

BROOKIE NEWS



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

March 2011

Prez Sez

Well, the time has come. It is the end of my two year term as President. The Chapter is now in the capable hands of Linn Beck. I was a relative newcomer to the chapter when I took this position, and was completely surprised when offered the opportunity. I accepted with some reservations. As it turns out, this has been a very positive learning experience that I will always treasure. As I pass the job on to Linn, I would like to leave you with a brief Chapter status, sort of a state of the Union. Financially we are in very good shape, as may be seen in the Treasurer's report later in this Brookie. There is another grant (thanks to Alistair) from Embrace-A-Stream for \$6,000 that will not be booked until the end of April. Grants, the Banquet, and TroutFest have all helped the bottom line. I have heard that we are the envy of many State Chapters. All Officer and Board positions are filled with very capable members. Every Officer is new to his position, and we have two "first

CWTU Logo Wear

Newly designed CWTU logo wear will soon be available. Items will include the traditional two-tone caps, both all cotton and quick-drying fishing shirts, fleece vests, and polo shirts. Images, prices, and order forms will be posted to the Chapter website as soon as they are available.

time" Board members. Please welcome Dave Johnson and Jeff Wegand to the Board. Their willingness to help is greatly appreciated. Also greatly appreciated is the job that Scott Grady has done as Treasurer. He gets a well deserved rest now as Mike Schaefer takes on the job.

A solid Committee structure as well as annual planning and reporting processes are in place. Annual plans and reports are kept on file indefinitely by the Chapter Secretary. Membership is still above 300, but down from a year ago. As membership Chairman, this is something I will now focus on with more intensity. The economy is probably part of the problem, but cannot be an excuse. Overall, our Chapter status seems to me to be excellent. State Council must feel the same since the Chapter was recently awarded the Silver Trout, which is the highest Chapter Award.

I look forward to the future working on membership, Project Healing Waters, stream work, water monitoring, Banquet, and of course fishing. I will stay busy.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve the Chapter, and thank you for treating me so well.

John Tucker

March 21 Board Meeting and Annual Elections

The meeting at the Fin N Feather in Winneconne WI was called to order at 6:30 PM by President John Tucker with a quorum of the Board present.

On Motion, second and vote the Minutes of the January 31, 2011 meeting, as published in the Brookie News were approved.

On Motion, second and vote the January and February 2011 Treasurers Reports were approved.

The following slate of Officers and Directors was presented by the nominating committee for the term commencing April 1 2011:

Officers:

President: Linn Beck

Vice President: Bob Smaglik

Treasurer: Mike Schaefer

Secretary: David Seligman

Past President: John Tucker

Board of Directors:

(Term ending 2012)

Chris Northway

Bob Haase

Laura Tucker

Alistair Stewart

(Term ending 2013)

Bob Hunt

Gary Herlache

Dan Harmon III

Russ Bouck

(Term ending 2014)

Bob Stelzer

Jim Murphy

David Johnson

Jeff Wegand

On motion, second and vote the entire slate was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mike Schaefer, Secretary

More Honors for CWTU and it's River Keepers!

The CWTU River Keepers were recently awarded the 2011 Stream Monitoring Award, in the category of group effort, by the UW-Extension and The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This is in recognition of our exemplary effort. In volunteer stream monitoring In Wisconsin. Thanks to all who helped make this happen. Nice work people!



CWTU Members to Participate in Panel Discussion on GreenLake Tribes

A public discussion – “Healthy Water for Wildlife and Recreation: Green Lake’s Tributaries Dakin and Silver Creeks” – will feature a panel of local experts including members of CWTU and representatives from the areas of wildlife recreation, environmentalism, and governmental oversight.

The League of Women Voters of the Ripon Area will host the event, held in the Silver Creek Room of the Ripon Public Library.

The LWV offers two choices to attend: 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14; or at noon on Tuesday, April 19.

The LWV is a nonpartisan organization of men and women that encourages informed and active participation in all levels of government. LWV does not support or oppose candidates for public office nor take a stand for or against any political party. Membership information is available by visiting riponarea.wi.lwvnet.org or by calling LWV-Ripon President Diane Beres at (920) 748-5874

Treasurer's Report

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited		Feb 28, 11
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/savings		
Cash and Investments		
CU Citizens 1st 50% Nash 50% Ge		12,054.90
Checking		2,247.10
Master Fly Tying M & I		455.75
Operating Citizens First CU		8,310.44
Operating M & I		
Total Checking		11,013.29
Money Market Account		
Stock Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU		4,075.92
Nash Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU		6,749.44
Total Money Market Account		10,825.36
Restricted Cash		
Black River Citizens 1st		22,032.91
Total Restricted Cash		22,032.91
Savings		
Supovich & Ozzie Citizens 1st		1,549.55
Total Savings		1,549.55
Total Cash and Investments		57,476.01
Total Checking/Savings		57,476.01
Other Current Assets		
River Keepers Grant Receivable		3,111.61
Total Other Current Assets		3,111.61
Total Current Assets		60,587.62
Other Assets		
Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation		
Scholarship Funds		42,507.86
Total Funds Held Oshkosh Foundation		42,507.86
Total Other Assets		42,507.86
TOTAL ASSETS		103,095.48
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Perm. Restricted Net Assets		
Oshkosh Foundation Scholarship		42,507.86
Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets		42,507.86
Temp. Restricted Net Assets		
		22,032.91
Unrestricted Net Assets		21,552.60
Net Income		16,992.11
Total Equity		103,095.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		103,095.48

Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited		
Profit & Loss YTD Comparison		
February 2011		
	Feb 11	Oct '10 - Feb 11
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Revenue		
Contributions		
	0.00	1,500.00
Events		
Banquet		
Banquet Expense		
Door Prizes, Raffle	0.00	-3,880.34
Food and Fish Rent	0.00	-3,883.30
Total Banquet Expense		-7,763.54
Banquet Income	0.00	14,788.00
Total Banquet	0.00	7,104.46
Master's Fly Tying	0.00	840.00
Troudfest	1,666.53	1,666.53
Total Events	1,666.53	9,610.99
Grants Received		
Grant	0.00	9,000.00
Total Grants Received	0.00	9,000.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	20.66	122.86
Total Revenue	1,687.19	20,233.85
Total Income	1,687.19	20,233.85
Expense		
Bank Charges		
	22.73	287.39
Confessio, Convention, Meeting	0.00	389.41
Donations & Grants		
Library Books	0.00	500.00
Project Healing Waters	0.00	40.80
Total Donations & Grants	0.00	549.80
Habitat Projects		
River Keepers Grant Expected		
	0.00	-2,291.47
Riverkeepers		
Annual Meeting	0.00	509.08
Equipment	54.00	1,636.39
Travel	0.00	290.00
Total Riverkeepers	54.00	2,345.47
Total Habitat Projects	54.00	54.00
Memberships		
Newsletters	0.00	17.50
Postage	176.00	792.00
Printing	97.50	434.00
Total Newsletters	273.50	1,196.00
Other	0.00	106.00
Programs	411.85	729.41
Workshop	0.00	41.15
Total Expense	772.00	3,341.74
Net Ordinary Income	915.11	16,892.11
Net Income	915.11	16,892.11

CWTU River Keepers Announcement

Our first meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 pm, at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne. This is a most important meeting and it is essential that all River Keepers attend---old and new. The meeting will last around an hour and during this time we'll get organized for 2011. (See agenda below.)

Our second meeting will be for training the new River Keepers and it will be held on Saturday, April 30, 10:00 am until noon, at Riverside Park in Waupaca(same as last year). The rain date for this training will be the next day, May 1, in the same place from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm. All River Keepers are encouraged to attend and help train new River Keepers.

Note: In case there is a question of a postponement---check the www.cwtu.org homepage or the River Keeper Wiki (<http://cwriverkeepers.wikispaces.com/>). We will post any changes there. We will not

be calling people--although if you have questions you can call me.

Please think about who you could involve in this activity and bring them to the meeting. The more the merrier!

Please contact me if you have any questions about this message.

John Gremmer

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 many other features. The *new and improved* website should be up and running live shortly. You can check it out in Beta at <http://:cwtu.webs.com/>.

April 18, 2011 CWTU's Annual Casting Clinic: Marble Park, Winneconne, 6:00pm., CWTU's Annual Casting Clinic. More detailed info to follow. Contact **Russ Bouck** for more information. This event is free and the public is invited to attend.

May 17, 2011 Meeting and Program: Fin 'n' Feather, Winneconne, Business Meeting 6:15-7:15pm, Program 7:30-8:30pm. Program this night will be "CWTU's Workdays – Making a difference for the future". More detailed info to follow. The program is free and the public is welcome to attend.

June TBA A program for those interested in learning about fishing from a kayak is in the planning stages for June either in conjunction with the June 18 workday or the June 20 Board meeting. Stay tuned for details.

Incoming President's Message

I am honored and excited for the chance to be the president of CWTU.

Honored, as we are going into our 40th year, there have been a lot of great things accomplished by the chapter. Our Flyfishing School, the Casting Clinic, Stream Work Days, the River Keepers program that is already very recognized and respected for their accomplishments, the rich past the chapter has enjoyed like being the only chapter to pull off a National Council Meeting by themselves, past members serving on the state council and our Silver Trout award last year.

Excited, let me tell you. I am really looking forward to all the new and exciting ideas that will be happening in the next year and near future. There are many talented and wonderful members putting a lot of effort into making our chapter even better. I hope that everyone will get a chance to get involved or at least experience some of the opportunities, please try to take full advantage of all that is going on.

Linn Beck