

# BROOKIE NEWS



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

April/May 2011

### Prez Sez

As I start my term as president, I feel privileged to be taking over a chapter with such a decorated past. I hope we can add to those acclamations in the future.

I would like to give a brief introduction of myself. I have been a Trout Unlimited member since 1996, but never really got involved until about 6 years ago, when I ended up with a little extra time on my hands and decided to get involved. I felt that I really couldn't complain about the way things were going with trout fishing in general unless I was going to get involved and see where I could try to lend a hand. Things took off in hurry after going to my first board meeting and sitting and listening to the topics and discussions, I found that my opinion really did matter. After a couple of years a board position opened up and I was asked to join the board, after that getting involved in a committee seemed like a logical thing to do. The first committee I

### New CWTU LogoWear Design



was involved in was our water monitoring program and after the first year, Jim Humphrey decided to step down as our work day chair and I stepped in. I was next asked to be vice president to John Tucker, and lo and behold this is where I ended up. Kind of a whirlwind romance, but I wouldn't trade it for anything right now.

We are very lucky to have an active chapter, and John wasn't kidding in his farewell that some of the chapters are jealous of the people that have stepped up and filled all of our board positions and the committee chairs and co-chairs. I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our summer board meetings, which are more like a nice picnic. There will be some hot topics discussed, along with some programs that will be very informational. Also please keep in mind our Chapter banquet in October as we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year.

The last thing I would like to touch on is our new website at [cwtu.org](http://cwtu.org). If you haven't had a chance to check it out please do. It's a lot easier to access information and also is interactive with blogs and forums, and if you get a chance, check out our River Keepers for perhaps a chance to get into water monitoring, or the Work Day page and maybe come out and play in the stream with us. Tight Lines,

**Linn Beck, President**

## **CWTU Board Meeting, May 16, 2011**

Meeting was *called to order* by new president, Linn Beck at 6:20 p.m.

*Minutes* from the March Board meeting were approved as distributed.

*Treasurer's Report* was presented by Treasurer Mike Schaefer and approved as distributed. The treasurer reported that current funds include \$6000 in Embrace a Stream grant money.

*DNR/LTE monies/workday request*: Motion approved to transfer approximately \$11,000 in CWTU and Donnelly funds to the DNR/LTE account for continuing work on the Mekan River. Other possible sources of funding were considered. Motion approved to use \$850 from general funds for various equipment items for workdays. Report followed on successful Mekan River workday with Donnelly Chapter members participating. Stream shocking showed healthy trout populations.

*Programs*: Bob Smaglik and Dave Johnson are working on programs for the fall and welcome suggestions from the membership, especially for high turnout events such as we had for the Night of the Hex and Day of the Caddis programs. The June 20 Kayak Fishing Clinic is scheduled for Marble Park, Winneconne, following the June Board meeting and picnic hosted by Mike Schaefer. We do not yet have a site or host for the July meeting – volunteer hosts are solicited. The August meeting will be hosted by John and Laura Tucker. Details to follow.

*Fly Fishing School*: Dan Harmon reported that registrations for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly Fishing School were lagging. Discussion followed on possible ways to recruit more students, including possible modifications to the program, and other options. Final decision on whether to hold the school for this year was left to Dan Harmon. ***(THIS LATE NEWS: The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fly Fishing School has been cancelled. The***

***Board will review options for the future.)***

The Board praised Mr. Harmon for his outstanding leadership of the School program over the past 34 years.

*Website update*: The new website is up and running. Following the Board meeting, Bob Haase provided a live demonstration and review of the new and improved website.

*Old Business*: President Beck presented an update from the State Council Meeting. The CWTU CAFO Position Statement was discussed at the State Council. Following extensive discussion, it was referred to an *ad hoc* committee for further consideration. The Council continues to be concerned about Federal and State oversight of water resources. The 2012 State Council Banquet will be held February 4, at a new location: The Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Wausau. The Council decided to proceed with creating and marketing a Wisconsin Trout Unlimited vehicle license plate as a potential source of continuing income. The Council voted to support the Coon Creek Trout Fest; details in the next *Wisconsin Trout*.

*New Business*: Board discussed disposition of the Osborne-donated collection of books currently in storage. These will be professionally assessed for value and possible sale.

Meeting was *adjourned* at 7:30 p.m.

**David Seligman, Secretary**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **05/13/11 Balance Sheet**

**Cash Basis As of April 30, 2011**

**Apr 30, 11**

#### **ASSETS**

#### **Current Assets**

#### **Checking/Savings**

#### **Cash and Investments**

**CD Citizens 1st 50% Nash 50% Ge 12,083.93**

#### **Checking**

**Master Fly Tying M & I 998.32**

**Operating Citizens First CU 455.75**

**Operating M & I 8,617.94**

**Total Checking 10,072.01**

#### **Money Market Account**

**Beck Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU 4,078.99**

**Nash Fund MMA Citizens 1st CU 6,754.52**

**Total Money Market Account 10,833.51**

**Restricted Cash**  
**Mecan River Citizens 1st** 22,040.27  
**Total Restricted Cash** 22,040.27  
**Savings**  
**Sopovich & Ozzie Citizens 1st** 1,550.06  
**Total Savings** 1,550.06  
**Total Cash and Investments** 56,579.78  
**Total Checking/Savings** 56,579.78  
**Other Current Assets**  
**River Keepers Grant Receivable** 4,999.00  
**Total Other Current Assets** 4,999.00  
**Total Current Assets** 61,578.78  
**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** 108,000.85  
**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**  
**Liabilities**  
**Current Liabilities**  
**Other Current Liabilities**  
**Due To FVTU** 415.00  
**Total Other Current Liabilities** 415.00  
**Total Current Liabilities** 415.00  
**Total Liabilities** 415.00  
**Equity**  
**Perm. Restricted Net Assets**  
**Oshkosh Foundation Scholarship** 46,422.07  
**Total Perm. Restricted Net Assets** 46,422.07  
**Temp. Restricted Net Assets** 20,276.15  
**Unrestricted Net Assets** 23,419.36  
**Net Income** 17,468.27  
**Total Equity** 107,585.85  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 108,000.85

**05/13/11 Profit & Loss**

**Cash Basis April 2011**

**Apr 11**  
**Ordinary Income/Expense**  
**Income**  
**Revenue**  
**Events**  
**Masters Fly Tying** -842.08  
**Total Events** -842.08  
**Fly Fishing School**  
**Fly Fishing School Expenses**  
**Advertising** -264.00  
**Total Fly Fishing School Expenses** -264.00  
**Total Fly Fishing School** -264.00  
**Interest-Savings, Short-term CD** 22.17  
**Total Revenue** -1,083.91  
**Total Income** -1,083.91  
**Expense**  
**Bank Charges** 32.73  
**Habitat Projects**  
**River Keepers Grant Expected** -1,653.39  
**Riverkeepers**  
**Equipment** 1,874.00  
**Total Riverkeepers** 1,874.00  
**Total Habitat Projects** 220.61  
**Newsletters**  
**Printing** 186.00  
**Total Newsletters** 186.00  
**Programs** 76.52  
**Workday** 2,164.02  
**Total Expense** 2,679.88  
**Net Ordinary Income** -3,763.79  
**Net Income** -3,763.79

**Mike Schaefer, Treasurer**

**River Keepers May Training Session**

CWTU's River Keepers held a water monitoring training session at Riverside Park in Waupaca on Sunday, May 15 from 2:00 pm till 4:00. Many new River Keepers got a chance to learn how to sample and record temperature, stream flow, water clarity, dissolved oxygen, pH, biotic index, and habitat quality. New people were assigned to old teams, or started new teams. At this time River Keepers have 17 water monitoring kits checked out and we are monitoring at least 20 sites in central Wisconsin. Over 100 people are actively involved in our efforts. These people are watchdogs and advocates for these streams. Thanks go to Jim Murphy, Rick Fahrenkrug, Lynn Druecke, Phil Peterson, and Chris Northway for providing hands-on instruction. Thanks also to all the new people who have stepped forward to get involved. Many people said that, "the best part of the day was seeing all the new people get involved with our efforts at gathering data and protecting our precious waters.

**John Gremmer, CWTU River Keeper**



CWTU Board Member, Chris Northway, shows his new River Keeper Water Monitoring Team members how to do a habitat assessment at the River Keepers, May training session.

**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.*

**June 20, Board Meeting, Picnic, and Kayak Fishing Clinic:** At Arthur Marble Park in Winneconne, Clinic immediately following the June Board meeting and

picnic, with food provided by Mike Schaefer and friends. Kayak Fishing Clinic program to include both on shore and on-the-water instruction for fishing from a kayak with instruction by experienced CWTU kayak fishers. The program should last about an hour. Those wishing to learn about fishing from a kayak are urged to attend. Please bring waders (unless you plan to get wet). Feel free to bring a rod or use one provided by the instructors - catch a few bluegills and have some fun!

### **A Tribute to Elward Engle**

*Recently I was asked by a member of the Gathering Waters Conservancy to write a letter of nomination for Elward Engle to receive the Jordahl Lifetime achievement Award. After completing the nomination letter, I started thinking about all the great people that have been associated with our chapter. I started counting people in my head---once I got past twelve, I stopped---it goes on and on. I am submitting this letter to The Brookie News so that newer members of the chapter can learn about one of these great CWTU people.*

Dear Gathering Waters Conservancy:  
I first met Elward Engle over forty years ago, when, as a summer field biology teacher, I brought a class of high school students to Wautoma to hear a talk, by a DNR official, on the environment. Elward was the presenter, and listening to Elward that day, I was struck by the sincerity and passion with which he presented the “land ethic concept”. During the next forty years I learned that working to protect and conserve soil, natural communities, and ground and surface water was a way of life for Elward. Elward has worked for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for approximately forty years. He started out as a project planner (mostly streams) for counties in central Wisconsin. Later he moved into the area of land acquisition for

the DNR. Elward built trusting relationships with farmers and land owners along our rivers, streams, lakes, and natural areas. He influenced these people to buy into the “land ethic concept” and over time, sell their land to the state. Elward’s legacy of public land acquisitions, will not only conserve these natural areas, but will provide outdoor experiences for hunters, fishers, and nature lovers for generations to come. Elward has an unparalleled love of the natural world and a willingness to share it with others. He has led countless wild flower walks with groups from around the state. He has taught numerous school groups from elementary to college level. He loves to take people fishing and introduce them to the seductive nature of our trout streams. Year after year, I have seen Elward lead our Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited volunteer workday crews as they go about rehabilitating streams. Elward always starts off these sessions with a talk about the value and uniqueness of the stream we are working on, then he proceeds to fire up a chainsaw and get in the water and lead by example. I think a lot of people come to these workdays just to hear Elward and to work alongside him---I know it is part of my motivation. The founding father of our chapter of Trout Unlimited, Tom Poullette, Waupaca, says that “Elward is the most honest, hard working, conscientious, individual you will ever meet. In our area it would be hard to find someone who disagrees with this statement. Because of his lifelong devotion to our natural world, his continuing efforts at educating the public, and his outstanding achievements at acquiring public lands, it is my extreme pleasure and honor to recommend Elward Engle for the Harold “Bud” Jordahl Lifetime Achievement Award that is presented by the Gathering Waters Conservancy.

John Gremmer