

BROOKIE NEWS



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

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As we get ready to start the coming year I am reminded that CWTU is one of the most active chapters in Trout Unlimited. We have a lot of dedicated people taking time to protect and improve our cold water resources, along with providing an opportunity to learn more about or improve the art/sport of Trout fishing.

I would like to take a minute and start with the opportunities to learn more about the art or sport of Trout Fishing. Starting with the month of February, on Saturday February 25th we have Trout Fest. **Dave Johnson** and **Bob Smaglik** are putting together the program for the event. There will be 10 twenty minute sessions on various subjects going on during the day. I know there will be bamboo rod and net makers around offering the opportunity to learn a little more about their crafts. Another interesting thing will be the fly tiers and watching their different styles and different types of flies, along with our youth tying

table which always has room for one more child to have a fun time. The rummage sale tables are always full of usable items at very reasonable prices, and of course the raffle tables should be a great opportunity also. The work day and water monitoring programs will have info and signup sheets available. You also can check out the other vendors that will be around. Then in April **John Gremmer** will have his introduction to Fly Tying and Fly Fishing class which will be held at Winneconne High School, along with **Russ Bouck** and the casting clinic at Marble Park in Winneconne in April. **Dan Harmon** and his group will also have our Fly Fishing School with the new venue at the **Riverside Bible Camp**, in Waupaca County near Amherst, the first weekend in June. As a chapter we also will be doing various youth fly tying events around the area all summer, so watch for these events as they get posted. I hope that you take advantage of some great opportunities to try something new, or improve yourself in the world of trout fishing this year. Watch also for our programs that are presented after the board meetings. There will be some interesting topics coming up for the coming year.

As far as our cold water resources are concerned, the Work Day and River Keepers programs are second to none. This summer the work day crews will be working on the Mekan and the Chaffee. **Scott Bahn**, **Chris Northway**, and **Gary Herlache**, along with the volunteers and DNR personnel wrapped up a great 2011 with just over 1000 man hours for the five work days, with 5 new bank covers, brushing and the completion of about 2500' of stream. Our River Keepers, led by **Jim Murphy**, **John Gremmer** and **Rick Fahrenkrug** also had a banner year with a total of 19 teams consisting of 90 volunteers monitoring 23 streams, racking up over 2900 man hours of work. These teams measured water velocity and clarity,

took water temperatures and the dissolved oxygen, along with a macro-invertebrate sampling at the beginning and end of year to help determine the health of the waterways they were on. All this info is registered on the Water Action Volunteers website (WAV), so go on the website and you can check out your favorite water. If anyone is interested helping out with work days, or getting on a monitoring team check out the website and contact the people listed.

All in all 2012 should be another great event packed year for us. Please take advantage and enjoy all that is being offered and maybe get involved if you feel compelled to. It's a great way to meet some new people, and also find out about some new fishing waters, along with ways to fish them.

One final statement, **THANK YOU** to all of the committee chairs, committee members and all of you who volunteered your time to make 2011 the year that it was. CWTU couldn't have done it without you.

Linn Beck

**Board of Directors
Central Wisconsin Chapter
Trout Unlimited
Minutes of the meeting December 12,
2012**

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 by President Beck.

Minutes were approved as distributed. The Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed. Mr. Schaefer's noted that the Banquet accounts are now complete or nearly so and the Banquet netted about \$7000. Donations for logo wear have exceeded \$450. The P&L Budget was distributed and at present stands in balance, barring any unforeseen expenditures or receipts. *The annual budget was approved.* Mr. Schaefer's reported that Mr. Stewart is completing a \$10k Embrace-a-Stream grant

proposal that will require a \$5000 chapter match if approved.

Mr. Beck reported that Mr. Smaglik has resigned his position as VP, due to work commitments. He will remain as Programs Co-chair. *Mr. Gremmer has agreed to serve as interim chair.* Mr. Harmon moved that Mr. Gremmer be approved as interim chair with full authority of that office, but with no expectation that he ascend to the presidency. *Motion was approved.* Mr. Beck indicated that other Board positions will come vacant in March and the Executive Committee will need to meet to consider filling vacancies and also to examine the By-law mandate for commitment by Board members to attend a certain minimum number of Board meetings. There was some discussion of alternative methods of "attending" meetings, including, e., Skype.

River Keepers is seeking additional leadership as Mr. Murphy is stepping back from some of his duties because of other time commitments. In the interim, *Mr. Gremmer and Mr. Fahrenkrug will be picking up some of those duties.* Mr.

Gremmer encouraged members to consider joining the River Keepers leadership team. There is a vacancy in the Education Committee chair. *Mr. Johnson has agreed to serve as Chair of Education.* The Board thanked Mr. Murphy for his distinguished service and applauded Mr. Johnson's willingness to take on the new committee duties. Committee chairs and membership lists will be posted on the website.

The State Council Banquet will be held in Wausau on February 4. Doors open at 5. Dinner at 6:30. As in the past, Chapters are asked to donate at least \$500 in goods and/or services. Once again, Mr. Haase has taken the initiative of getting each chapter to fill and donate a fly box, this year an engraved wooden box, filled with member-tied flies. He seeks twelve tiers from CWTU to fill the twelve rows in the box. Mr. Haase is a

member of the Banquet Committee, and asks on behalf of the State Council for artists, photographers, etc. to donate items and/or to create items on site. *No action needed.*

Friends of Central Sands: Last year, the Chapter received a gift of \$500 from a disbanding group headed by Don Vorpahl. We have received a request to donate this money to the Friends of the Central Sands group, opposing the development of the Richfield Dairy CAFO, toward legal expenses. The Board decided to determine Mr. Vorpahl's intentions regarding the use of the funds, before taking any action.

Old Business: The Trout School initial brochures are ready. Dates are June 2 and 3, 2012. Final brochures will be available by next meeting. The Trout School has a new location at the Riverside Bible Camp near Amherst, WI, a new price of \$195, and a new, two-day schedule.

New Business: Tim's Alignment thanked the Chapter for the Banquet Award. Bob Hunt will be elected to the Conservation Hall of Fame in April. The Board discussed ideas for engaging in a membership campaign. Mr. Seligman volunteered to join Mr. Tucker and Ms. Tucker on the Membership Committee which will be considering ways in which to generate new membership. Mr. Beck indicated a need to find additional sources of funding for Chapter activities. A number of ideas were discussed. The Executive Committee will need to continue to pursue ideas. Next meeting program: The Night of the Terrestrials. Tiers are needed. Mr. Schaefer asked Board approval to discontinue the credit card machine due to too high a fee to returns ratio. The Board agreed, and Mr. Schaefer will terminate the agreement. He will look into alternative was to allow credit card purchases, including the Intuit smart phone app. A movie night

program ("Night of the Hex") to follow the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary**

FLY TYER ALERT!

Join Bob Haase as he puts on a "Bob's Tips and Techniques" seminar with over 100 useful ideas and insights for fly tiers, at the Fin & Feather in Winneconne on Saturday, Jan. 21. We will start at 9 am and plan to break up around 3 pm. After a break for lunch, we will open the program to anyone who has a tip or technique that they would like to share. It should be a fun day of tying, for only \$15. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to Youth Fly Tying. To sign up, call Ira Giese at 920-229-5133.

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, Jan 16 at 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM Night of Terrestrial Program.

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.

CWTU Logo Wear

Some CWTU logo wear is now available for a reasonable donation to the Chapter. Quantities are limited for the fishing shirts, so order soon if you'd like to have or give one as a gift. The 40th anniversary design on shirts and caps is only available during 2011-2012.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Suggested Donation</i>
CWTU "Brookie" baseball style caps	\$15
CWTU "40 th Anniversary" baseball style caps	\$17
CWTU "40 th Anniversary Columbia Bonehead Fishing Shirts	\$60
	Size M (one available)
	Size L (six available)
	Size XL (one available)

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