

OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
February 17, 2010/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:49 PM - Gary Ross, President.

ROLL CALL: **Officers:** President Gary Ross, Vice President Don Wilson, Treasurer Dan Rockwell, Secretary Vaughn MacGregor.

Directors: Ron DeWoody, William L. Huber, Linda Wilson, Tom Young.

Members/guests: Ed Atts, Lance Bowes, Bill Huber, Mark Kerr WCO, Regis Senko, Linda Steiner, Bob Steiner. **Guest:** Melissa Mann.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING

* MOTION to approve January meeting minutes: By William L. Huber;
2nd Don Wilson. Vote – Approved.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION LIST: (This is a new heading for any members who participated in chapter activities in the last month.) Everyone who attended last night was credited with participation in an activity. We also had members involved in getting items for the Banquet.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report: The display case that houses OCTU awards (Gold & Silver Trout awards etc) was moved from the Steiner residence to the Lodge at 2 mile park. We can place copies of our newsletter on this cabinet as its on display there. May draw some interest for OCTU.

Eric Armburger is a member of a group that has been doing conservation work on Deer Creek in Mercer County. The project is looking for a TU Chapter to be affiliated with. We will contact him.

We received a letter and news release from the Penn's Woods Chapter regarding the chapter's 15th annual Cabin Fever Trout Fishing Show on March 7. Anyone interested in attending can receive more information by calling Doug at 412 370 4424 or Walter at 412 999 8292.

Treasurer's Report -- Dan Rockwell: Beginning balance: \$14,200.80; Total deposits: : \$200.00; Total expenses: \$956.53; Ending Balance: \$13,444.17. Since January meeting, paid \$17.50 to Trout Unlimited for Mark Kerr membership; \$17.50 to Trout Unlimited for Venango County Conservation District membership; \$300.00 to Bill Lynam for Donation for Venango Co. Youth Field Day; \$240.65 to 84 Lumber for Wood

for Stream Survey Signs; \$329.98 to Tom Young for 2010 Banquet Items; \$207.00 to Cortland Lure Co. for 2010 Banquet Items; \$60.00 to Kettle Creek Lodge for Meals for 2010 Banquet Package; and deposited \$200.00 from John Estok for a Banquet Donation.

*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Bob Steiner; 2nd Tom Young.
Vote – Approved.

PROJECT REPORTS

Newsletter – The Newsletter was mailed out last week.

Banquet 2010—Tom Young: The Banquet is progressing nicely. Tickets are being printed. We have a lot of items. Early Bird Deadline is March 10. Everyone should get all information to Tom before March 17 so it can be printed on the program. Tom suggested we put together a packet to hand out at the Banquet which would include information about our website, the chapter history, and a membership application.

Web site – www.oilcreektu.org – Updates to the website have been completed

Membership Development – Tom Young is now the membership development chairman.

Education – Ron DeWoody, Ed Atts: Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp to be held June 20 to 25. Applicants must have a birthdate between June 26,1993 and June 19, 1996. OCTU will pay the tuition for this camp minus \$25 which will be paid to the student upon completion of the program. Transportation to and from the camp will be the family's responsibility.

More information can be found at www.riverscamp.com

If any member knows of a young person who would be interested call this to their attention or have them contact me at 814-425-3622.

Students who have attended this in the past say it is a very rewarding experience.

Applications need to be received by March 15,2010.

Ed also noted that McKeever Environmental Center has no fly fishing programs planned for this year.

Venango Co. Youth Field Day – Regis Senko: The date is June 19. We really

need 6 volunteers to handle the fly tying instruction. We have four so far.

Trout Stocking – Tom Young/Bill Huber: Ed Colvert will be bringing trout for stocking Oil Creek and Little Sandy on March 20th.

Oil Creek State Park Projects/Friends of the Park – Bill L. Huber: Bill hasn't heard anything new recently.

South Sandy Creek Restoration Project – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: Nothing new to report.

Trout in the Classroom – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: Lance has Laurie Piercy's application. The Venango Conservation District will sponsor her. Lance needs a letter from us for an in-kind match. Gary will do the letter. Also Meadville Middle School; Gary will get their application signed.

Report from Venango Conservation District – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: The County's plan is being updated per schedule. Stream stabilization projects are planned.

Report from PATU Environmental Committee – Vaughn MacGregor: Nothing to report.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission -- Mark Kerr/ Erik Shellgren: **Mark Kerr** - The final stocking list is out. Bridge work will change the stocking route temporarily.

OLD BUSINESS None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

New Business from the Floor: Tom Young made note of the following: The "Second Annual" Allegheny Valley Trails Association (AVTA) Fundraiser will be held Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the Knights of Columbus Hall (K of C) located at 1436 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA. AVTA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that currently manages and oversees 50+ miles of paved, non-motorized recreational trails in the Franklin area.

*MOTION We will donate some items to the AVTA for their fund raiser: By Bob Steiner; 2nd William L. Huber. Vote – Approved.

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Tonight's Program: Our guest tonight, Melissa Mann of the Oil Region Alliance presented a film on local independent oil producers, starring our own Bill Huber, Sr.. It was very informative.

"Thanks for Being Present; You Win" Drawing (\$25 gas card): Name drawn:
Linda Wilson

Motion to adjourn: By Tom Young; 2nd Dan Rockwell. Vote – Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM