

**OIL CREEK CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors and Membership Meeting**  
**December 16, 2009/ King's Family Restaurant, Franklin, PA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:25 PM - Gary Ross, President. This is the first meeting chaired by our new president.

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

**Directors:** Linda Wilson, Wayne Wilson, Tom Young.

**Members/guests:** Regis Senko, Suzanne Senko, Suzan Senko, Elaine Young.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD and MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

\* MOTION to approve November meeting minutes: By Linda Wilson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Young. Vote – Approved.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**President's Report:** Gary Ross, our new President talked about upcoming plans for the chapter and possible ways to increase membership and attendance. Our web site will continue with the current provider to the end of the year. We will then change over to the new web site. We are planning an edition of the newsletter, hopefully for January. We could include information about the web site, newsletter, 2010 Banquet, and programs.

**Treasurer's Report** -- Dan Rockwell: Beginning balance: \$15,365.15; Total deposits: : \$35.00; Total expenses: \$545.00; Ending Balance: \$14,855.15. Since November meeting, paid \$285.00 to Trout Unlimited for Library Magazine Subscriptions; \$35.00 Deposit for Joe Lehosky dues; and \$225.00 to Daniel L. Rockwell for Gift Cards for the Christmas Party.

\*MOTION to approve officers' reports: By Tom Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Wilson. Vote – Approved.

**PROJECT REPORTS**

**Newsletter** – Gary will contact Lisette about getting a newsletter out. The first issue will be simple.

**Banquet 2010** —Tom Young: Gary and Tom wrote and updated a solicitation letter, copies of which were distributed to members present.

**Web site – [www.oilcreektu.org](http://www.oilcreektu.org)** – Gary was able to contact the old website provider and we will be able to switch over to the new provider shortly.

**Membership Development** – John Wood: No report.

**Education** – Ron DeWoody, Ed Atts: No activity from this committee at this time.

**Venango Co. Youth Field Day** – Regis Senko: There was a discussion about Youth Field Day. A date for 2010 has not been set yet.

**Oil Creek State Park Projects/Friends of the Park** – Bill L. Huber: No report.

**South Sandy Creek Restoration Project** – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: I will not be able to come to the December Mtg. I will be in Pittsburgh. Nothing to report on South Sandy

**Trout in the Classroom** – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: As far as Trout in the Classroom goes, everyone got their eggs and so far so good. I have talked to Pete Lindey and Linda Risig of Victory Elementary and their trout have hatch and are begining the swim up stage. I haven't heard form Titusville or Oil City.

UPDATE - Mrs. Ritsig needs to buy some more materials and equipment for her T.I.T.C. program. I told her I would ask the Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited if it was okay with them if she went ahead and purchased the materials/equipment if they would reimburse her? The school would purchase what was needed then send the receipts to T.U. and you will send them a check if that is okay? I am not sure how much we are talking about but from what she describe to me it probably won't be more than \$100.00 - \$200.00. Let me know what you decide.

DISCUSSION - It was noted that sufficient money has been allocated fot the year. Everyone agreed Ms. Ritsig should purchase the items, based on the estimated amount of money needed. However, we would like an itemized list of what she buys.

**Report from Venango Conservation District** – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: I would like to begin work on the permit for the habitat improvement project on little Sandy Creek by the tressel after the New Year. I will be contacting Cecil to work on getting landowner permission.

Lance

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

UPDATE: Just a little folow up to the Little Sandy Creek Project. I think it would be a good idea for us to have a mtg. after the first of the year on this project with all parties invovled. It might not be a bad idea for the chapter to have one or two people to serve on a project committee for this. It also might not be a bad idea for this person or persons to

be authorized to make decisions on behalf of the group in the event that time becomes an issue. Also this project will not likely happen until summer when the chapter does not meet.

FURTHER UPDATE: Lance is trying to organize a meeting of interested parties to convene before our next meeting January 20. Vaughn MacGregor will let Gary Ross know when the meeting takes place so we can have someone attend.

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

**Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission** -- Mark Kerr/ Erik Shellgren: No report this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS** Tom Young noted that the Sandy Creek Conservancy is planning improvements on Conservancy land. They may be requesting assistance.

**New Business from the Floor:** Tonight we had 2 drawings at the Christmas Party for gas cards for anyone who had at least 10 activities they participated in during the year. It was suggested that we do this each year and keep records of members' participation in activities. Activities would include such things as attendance at meetings, work on the Banquet, trout stocking, projects, the annual budget meeting, and Youth Field Day.

\*MOTION - Each meeting we will review activities participated in by members. An Activity Participation List will be added to the meeting agenda and records kept by the secretary for attendance and participation: By Tom Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Rockwell. Vote – Approved.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Good of the Order from the Floor:** None

**Tonight's Program:** Tonight's program was the annual Christmas Party. A good time was had by all.

Motion to adjourn: By Tom Young; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Rockwell. Vote – Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM