

Meeting Minutes

Trout Unlimited, Green Bay Chapter

January 21, 2016



Venue: Townline Bar and Grill, 2544 Lineville Rd, Suamico
6:00pm - Green Bay Trout Unlimited Chapter Business Meeting

1 – Call to Order 6:19 pm

2 – **Do we have a Quorum?** Yes. Excused: Staush G, Randy

3 – **Approval of Prior Minutes** (12/17)

Moved by Matt Norem, 2nd by Doug Seidl. Minutes approved.

4 – Officer Reports

Treasurer:

Total on Hand \$11,011.35 **Checking** \$5,973.75 **Money Market** \$5,037.60

Doug Seidl moved to approve the report, Paul Kruse seconded. Minutes approved.

Note: Awards Dinner refunds through Paypal were not for the full amount paid in because Paypal charges a small fee per transaction. The amount is less than any other major credit card processor while still giving recourse to card users.

Gaming License for the banquet - Both licenses will be renewed (\$25 each): A (presale of tickets) and B (sale of tickets at the event)

5 – Committee / Subcommittee Reports

Work Projects - Lee Meyers

- Lee Meyers will plan this summer's projects and a committee will lead the actual projects:
- Committee:

Pat Hill Paul Kruse Mike Renish

Jeff House Doug Seidl (Lee Meyers)

- Jeff House indicated that our insurance is up to date.

Education

- Dave –
 - Pulaski summer school opportunity: 3 1-week sessions of summer school in Pulaski. A teacher will be in the classroom. Looking for volunteers to help the students.
 - Youth camps will be taking registrations soon. Current costs of camps that we have sponsored students to previously:

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(Education)

Sand Lake \$100

State TU \$100

Trees for Tomorrow \$175

If it is determined that there is more need that funds have been allocated for, the board will review actual budget amounts and determine if more money can be allocated to this. Given the increase in the costs of the camps, families will be expected to pay something - maybe 10%.

● Mike –

- Cabela's community outreach event 1/16 & 17 was a success. Thank you to Nicole Hanley at Cabela's for her gracious support. Next opportunity is March.

● Adrian –

- Requested product donations from LL Bean for education, fundraising, door prizes, etc.
- Jack Koivisto received quotes for a new sign at the Trout Education Trail, approx. \$200
 - o Will address this after the banquet when we have a better idea of the money available.
 - o Dave's budget might be pressed currently if the expense comes out of Education
 - o Need to review what to put on the sign (phone numbers, URL's should come off)

Technology – Mike Renish (with website help from Randy Rake and Adrian Meseberg)

- Website -- running well! Excellent stats from Google Analytics
- Facebook -- also increasing over last year
- Paul Kruse, Randy Rake and Mike Renish are the main content authors. Their thoughtful contributions are appreciated.

Legislative - Staush Gruszynski

As of 1/19/2016 :

- 1. Groundwater Bill: TU cosponsored a letter with DU that laid out four points in the bill that we would like to see substantial changes.
- 2. Fish farm Bill: Henry Koltz, our state legislative chair, has been working on an amendment with Vinehout and Tiffany.
- 3./4. Polluter Grab Bag (AB400) / Developer Grab Bag (AB582): Details here: <http://conservationvoters.org/issues/special-interest-grab-bag/> Introduced and had a committee hearing in early January. Has some issues with shoreland zoning requirements and WLCV continues to be opposed.
- Here is a link to other bills that are moving this week: <http://conservationvoters.org/newsitems/conservation-now-january-18-2016/>

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Membership – Matt Norem

- Membership stands at 280 members as of 12/31/2015
 - List has been updated
 - 3 New Members (Michael Keadle, Alvin Techmeier, Mark Winkel)
 - 2 Transfers in (Kenneth Bannister, Sean Ebert)

DISCUSSION: Newsletters - we're missing 20% of our membership by being *only* online. On the flip side, before we would commit to starting up a newsletter again, we would need to have a volunteer with the publishing software and the skills to create a newsletter, along with content production.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) – Dani Long

- On 1/19 we received permission to meet at the VA Clinic in GB, Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30pm
- Several veterans have already called about participating, including one that participated for three weeks while in residence at the Milwaukee VA hospital
- Budget from PHWFF is \$500, can be spent on in-kind materials from PHWFF
- Our chapter's PHWFF project is a chapter Trout Unlimited Veteran Service Project

Fundraising –

Events, Grants, Raffles - Doug Seidl, Mike Renish

- Doug –
 - 42 flies donated for the state dinner
- Mike –
 - In helping the banquet committee distribute posters and sponsorship packages, we've had a least one decent sponsor with Associated Bank committing to a Silver sponsorship level at \$350. This didn't take but 15 minutes of my time to explain the deal to the VP of the branch. Each bank and branch is different in how they handle charitable requests so a lot of time is spent figuring this out.
 - Grant writing side, still waiting on Schreiber and Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. The Packers foundation grant application opens up on March 1st. John Tilleman helped secure a \$1000 grant from Georgia Pacific! **THANK YOU JOHN** for taking your valuable time and working through the grant process. Think about if every member of our chapter devoted maybe **10 hours per year to write ONE grant** I'm more than happy to help each and every member that would like to come up the learning curve on how to make this happen.

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Banquet – Paul Kruse

- 4st Annual Conservation Banquet - cards going out the first week in February. Face to face or over the phone is the best way to sell the tickets. There's something for everyone at this banquet - not just for fishing fanatics! If someone likes to gamble, they'll have a great time! If someone likes to shoot, they'll have a great time because we're raffling guns! If people just want to get out of the house and have a fun night out, they'll have a great time! We got Gopro cameras! We got hand-carved stuff!! It's excellent!! And, the cost of our banquet is half the cost of a lot of other banquets. Antigo charges \$40! Antigo!! Let's sell some tickets!!

6 – Items needing action/votes:

- *To reduce of Sturgeon Bay DNR/UWSP Lake Michigan Steelhead Study from \$1000 to \$800*
Doug Seidl moved to pass this, Matt Norem seconded, Motion passed
- Membership Fundraising Drive - *To send out a request by the first week of May to membership in lieu of the works project postcard to ask every member for a donation.*
Dave moved to pass this, Paul seconded, motion passed.
- [Policy and Procedures Document](#) ***House moved to table, Matt seconded, vote passed.***
- Wisconsin TU Banquet Ticket Purchases_- State has asked chapters to purchase unsold tickets ***Dani moved to not purchase the tickets, Matt seconded. vote passed.***
- Hunting River Funding
 - Culvert replacement project
 - WI DNR River Management Grant Program can grant up to \$50,000
 - The Hunting River is a class II trout stream in Langlade County

Motion is to table consideration of funding the project at this time, but will reconsider later this spring when more details are available. Doug moved, Mike seconded. Vote passed.

7 – Announcements/Information/Progress/Results

- Fishing Trip Committee reported on progress, more to come
- 2016 Wisconsin TU Banquet
 - Saturday, February 6th in Oshkosh, Tickets are \$35 each. Flies for fly box compete.
- Feb 12, 13, 14 Fishing Expo at Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh
 - Cabela's invited us to go and set up tie flying stations
 - 9-1 pm Saturday is covered. Need to find people to fill in the rest of the time. We could invite other chapters near Oshkosh to come in as well. Excellent opportunity to demonstrate leadership among the chapters in the region in addition to lots of community outreach touchpoints.

Feb 12th 3pm-9pm Feb 13th 9am-7pm Feb 14th 10am-4pm

Spring Pond Reminder

Please contact appropriate individuals with your opinion (check email, or our website, for list).

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8 - Adjournment Jeff House moved to adjourn, Doug Seidl seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm