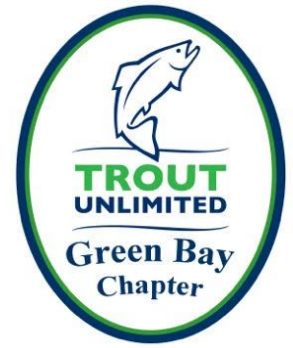


Program Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 06, 2017

Venue: Townline Bar and Grill, 2544 Lineville Rd, Suamico

6:32 Called to order



Prior Minutes: Jeff House moved to accept, Matt Norem second. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Total on Hand \$42,953.30 Checking \$12,841.25 Money Market \$30,112.05

Per Jeff: ready to pay LTE's, DNR; PHWFF and others were recently reimbursed. Staush Gruszynski moved to approve, Doug Seidl second.

Items needing action/votes:

Wild Rose/Sean Sullivan – needs \$2,500 more for about an extra half mile of habitat work. Other chapters were short (Dec. meeting) and we had said we would pledge more depending on how our banquet went. This amount will buy a lot of work when compared to the cost per mile of work in the Driftless area! Lee Meyers moved, seconded by Dennis Dugre. Passed.

DNR/Chain Saw Safety Training (4/29, Wild Rose). If more people are certified, more work can get done. Some chapters have approved funding members to attend. Dennis Dugre moved, Matt Norem seconded to approve payment for the class. Approved. Three openings still available, let one of the officers know if you're interested.

Spring Postcards – Matt – Independent Printing has been sold; cheaper sources are available. One out-of-state source can produce 250 postcards for a very reasonable price. How many do we send (membership vs. banquet list)? Current membership could be done for about \$500. Suggestions were made that we send to membership only to allow funds to go towards single-event postcards down the road. No decision was made at this time.

Donated flies. The chapter has a very large number of donated flies. José Díaz moved to gift every new member a dozen flies at their first meeting, retroactive to 1/1/17. Staush seconded. Matt will work out the details as he has the membership information and it will be retroactive to 1/1/17.

Year in review – stats about volunteer hours, other accomplishments. Our Chapter Effectiveness Index score is 94! ('good' scores run in the 65 – 75 range)

Elections:

Officers, 2 year terms:

- President – Staush Gruszynski – Dennis nominated, Paul Kruse seconded.
- Vice President - Doug Seidl - Lee Meyers nominated, Mike Renish seconded.
- Treasurer - Jeff Gross nominated by Mike Renish, Matt seconded.
- Secretary – John Deuchert - nominated by Staush, seconded by Dani Long.

At-large BOD, 3 year terms::

- Doug nominated Wally Heil
- Kim nominated Dave Seidl
- Staush nominated John Tillman
- Staush nominated Karla Zimmerman (?spelling)

- José Diaz is the designated survivor

State Council Rep., 1 year term:

- State council rep – John D will continue

Announcements:

Conservation Congress Hearings – 4/10, 7pm at NWTC there will be hearings, in the western part of the complex (same place as last year). Voting on rules that will go into effect immediately as well as some advisory issues. Please come and participate so your voice is heard. Another delegate is needed, if interested please see Staush. (Out. Co. - APPLETON NORTH HS, AUDITORIUM, same night, check time)

Conservation Alliance –

- A fundraiser via a wild game cookbook will be produced in the next year, invitation to participate will forthcoming. BCCA Facebook page is now up! It's rudimentary, but it's there now and available for announcements.
- A donation of \$1,000 to John Jacobs will be made for further study at Barkhausen on the Saw Whet owl.
- In SW WI a group is trying to introduce a motion to fight good trout conservation regulations and it reads to the effect that during the early season, live bait and a full 5 fish harvest would be allowed. Please sound off against this as it's when the fish are vulnerable due to reproduction cycle.
- Licenses in WI have not increased since 2006 and thus habitat funds have eroded. Trout stamp will increase by \$5 but this money goes towards habitat restoration and would raise over \$700,000 towards this.

Wisconsin River Alliance 4/20 @ Meyer Theater – stivalWild & Scenic Film Fe – short films; one is about a 'super salmon' and is supposed to be the festival closer!

Door prizes were given out

Picnic TBD – likely first Thurs. in June – an email will be sent out

Work Project May 20th and lunch at the Livingston's, fishing the Wolf after (weather permitting)

7:40pm - Staush moved to adjourn, Matt seconded.