

Chapter Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2016

Venue: Townline Bar and Grill, 2544 Lineville Rd, Suamico
6:06 Call to order, quorum present (Lee Meyers excused).



Motion to approve prior minutes - Doug Seidl; 2nd by Staush Gruszynski

Business Mtg:

TREASURER'S REPORT: Cash On hand: \$26,147.35; Wild Rose check still not cashed. Going forward we will send checks directly to the DNR office involved because this check now won't be cashed until 2017.

At work projects, service projects, meetings, etc., please tally volunteer time including travel time. This would include time spent on emails, phone calls, etc. Send this to Jeff House for national reporting.

Staush Gruszynski moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Doug Seidl seconded. Report approved.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Work Projects – Lee Meyers/Mike Renish. 5 work project completed, reports avail. on our chapter website (Click on "Work Icon" in header). Averaged about 17 volunteers and 4 agency reps per project, approx. 45% higher than previous years. Two work projects had 4 TU Chapters participate (GB, Marinette, Oconto, Wolf River). Plans for 2017: May/Wolf River; June/Central Waters TU project; July/USFS project in the Oconto River Shed; July/Aug/Sept probably on the Oconto and in Marinette Co (Beaver Creek, most likely). There may be an additional project outside those dates to help clear access trails to the Pike River. Doug Erdmann (past pres., Marinette TU) is working with several gov't. bodies and landowners to arrange this.

Education –Dave Ostanek. GBTU joined the DNR for the Besadny Anadromous Fish Facility Open House on Saturday, October 1st. Adrian Meseburg and Dave Ostanek demonstrated/taught fly tying and Steve Osterhouse and Bob ??? taught fly casting.

Also, GBTU will be at Cabela's Dec 10 & 11, Jan 21 & 22, and March 25 & 26 for fly tying.

Technology – Mike Renish. Website renovation has begun in order to be "mobile first". Traffic to our site seems to peak during work project season. Site traffic overall averages 6 visitors per day (approx. 2 pages/2 min per session), Facebook averages 3. Staush suggested an initial budget for ad dollars on Facebook, \$250. Website hosting and domain bills are due 12/16, to be renewed for 2 years. BOD budget of \$300 will cover this cost and leftover funds will go towards ad boosts on Facebook. Our site now has 5 years of documented activities for the chapter on the site (and yes, it's backed up!).

Legislative - Staush Gruszynski. The 3rd round of DNR land sales has been approved, mostly hardwood tracts. Google 'Wisconsin Surplus Online' to find the map.

Membership – Matt Norem

311 Membership

0 New Members

0 Transfers

0 Losses

17 Bad Addresses from the Fall Mailer

Programs – Adrian Meseberg. Thursday, November 3rd – **Trout Unlimited National's Laura MacFarland, Great Lakes Stream Restoration Manager** - will discuss the goals, challenges and successes of her new position.

Thursday, December 1st – **Holiday Party/Awards Dinner**

Thursday, January 5th – Don Niles

Veteran's Service Partnership – Dani Long. Volunteers and participants continue to meet weekly, Tuesdays. One of our veterans was nominated and accepted for a national trip and spent time fishing off the Florida keys. The Saturday after Veterans' Day is November 12th is "Healing Saturday" and Vets and volunteers will be at Cabela's with a table to promote PHWFF.

Women's Initiative - Dani Long. Sept. 24 was Ladies' Day Out at Cabela's and we were invited to have a table to tie flies and do some casting instruction. Pam Van Erem and Dani Long were up to the challenge. We worked with over 18 women and girls (and a few men and boys as well) in the four hours we were there.

State Council Representative – John Duechert. We are encouraged to have a youth coordinator (we do, Dave Ostanek). Lyn Beck is looking for used equipment. 2017 Trout Unlimited State Council Banquet Saturday, February 4th – Oshkosh. Tickets \$35, more Information below.

Note: Mining in Michigan along the Menominee River/watershed: WI DNR is not involved, MI has very lax regulations. WI River Alliance is trying to find out more. Doug has read that MI DNR will use WI regs as they are more stringent, but Janet reported that at a recent public meeting it seemed the MI DNR's approach would be less stringent. More to come.

Fundraising –

Events, Grants, Raffles - Doug Seidl, Mike Renish

Cellcom declined our \$3500 grant request but encouraged us to try again next year.

Kress foundation grant - \$5000 - still waiting (Kim McCarthy)

GA PAC grant - \$1000 - still waiting (John Tilleman)

Green Bay Packers grant - \$5000 - due mid-November

Pollination Project - in the works, with Mike & Matt Norem

Associated Bank/Community Improvement grant - in the works, with Mike & Jim Vander Branden

TU Fundraiser - if each member were to donate \$20 (less than one meal out for two) and then ask their employer for \$100, that would yield ~ \$33,000 assuming ~ 275 members. Please feel free to use the updated Intro to TU to help facilitate the discussion w/your employer: goo.gl/h87g1G or <http://greenbaytu.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Introduction-to-Trout-Unlimited-October-2016.pdf>

Announcements:

Chapter Effectiveness Index - Please track your hours, including travel time, when volunteering and send to Jeff House in a timely way. Project leaders, please submit for your project and volunteers.

2016-17 Awards Nomination Categories for Dec. - Please submit ASAP!!

President's Club - The Green Bay Trout Unlimited President's Club Award has often been given to a "newer" member who has demonstrated a high level of activity within the chapter. In the past this has been associated mostly with work projects, but can certainly reach beyond that.

Business of the Year - The Green Bay Trout Unlimited Business of the Year Award is given to a business that has demonstrated steadfast support for years.

Unsung Hero - The Green Bay Trout Unlimited Unsung Hero Award is given to an individual who has been busy taking care of important chapter business behind the scenes.

Distinguished Service - The Green Bay Trout Unlimited Distinguished Service Award is given to a chapter member who has given freely of time, money and talent for many years. This often shows up in various facets of our activities including Fundraising, Work Projects, Chapter Management and more.

Member of the Year - The Green Bay Trout Unlimited Member of the Year Award is given an individual with outstanding efforts on behalf of our chapter.

Cabela's Fly Tying Community Outreach

Saturday and Sunday Dec 10-11 / Jan 21-22 / Mar 25-26

Hoping for at least 5 tiers each day, Contact Mike Renish if interested (471-5812)

Tri-folds, Postcards and Business Cards are available, check them out !

2017 Wisconsin State Trout Unlimited Banquet

Sat. February 4th (4:30-9p)

Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel, Oshkosh, WI

Tickets are \$35. If purchased prior to December 31st will receive 10 free bucket raffle tickets.

We are typically asked to donate towards a box of flies for their fundraising efforts.

Wisconsin TU License Plate - proceeds support cold water conservation

Jeff House moved to approve committee reports, 2nd by Dave Ostanek. Reports approved.

Doug Seidl made a motion to adjourn. Matt Norem offered a 2nd. Meeting adjourned 6:55pm.

8:10 pm Doug Seidl motioned to adjourn; Lee Meyers seconded and the meeting was adjourned.