

Green Bay Chapter, Trout Unlimited
Board Meeting Minutes, Oct. 15, 2015

Called to order 6:08pm; there was a quorum present; minutes from prior meeting reviewed and approved.

Committee reports

Work Projects / Lee Meyers - Covered Bridge was painted at the Trout Education Display along Hallers Creek (Brown Co. Park lands). Thanks to Dennis Gusick, Pat Hill, Jeff House, Jack Koivistoto, Mike Renish and Lee Meyers. This marks the 7th and final work project for 2015.

Education / Dave Ostanek; Lee - There is a question about the disposition of the trout after the Trout in the Classroom program (are they, in fact, dumped in a dumpster? Is that humane?). Also, it was suggested that we promote "Minimum Age - 8 years" for fly tying educational events.

Technology / Mike Renish - The chapter's domain/hosting (GoDaddy) is now paid annually, directly out of the chapter's checking account (paid through 12/10/2016). The site may be reworked with a mobile-first design that is quick to load if that's relevant to the chapter's needs. Matt N. and Dave O. had 2 hours of WordPress training each in October, more to come.

Legislative / Staush Gruszynski, Bruce Deuchert explained some about the DNR reorganization; High Capacity Well bill (Staush).

Membership / Matt Norem - National doesn't make it easy to correct/update member info. Also suggested that we put info on the site to order TU merch with the new logo before Christmas.

PHWFF / Paul Kruse - Next mtg Tuesday 10/20, final meeting for this fall on 11/17. Budget mtg after the next meeting. Slow to start, need to promote it more.

Fundraising / Doug Seidl - no new fly sales since last time. Mike Renish - applying for funds from Kress Foundation, Greater Green Bay Community Foundation.

Banquet / Paul Kruse - committee will meet after tonight's mtg. Lee Meyers suggested we make sure we're setting aside enough for the banquet from what we have in our accounts.

Other Business:

Logo - Mike made a motion to add a revision to the third logo so that the colors of the words 'Green Bay' and 'Chapter' be reversed and that the third logo and the new revision be cited in at the next meeting. Seconded by Dave Ostanek. Voted on and passed.

Code of Conduct - Should our chapter adopt a code of conduct? This would be something to research/gather examples (State, National) and address at the Annual Meeting.

Program Meeting Budget - here's room in the budget for more prizes at meetings.

December Awards - need to get names in for these, please. Links on the site for submitting names and past winners/categories.

Reminders - Contact legislators about spring pond sales; WI TU license plate now available.

Beaver Management Plan update / Lee Meyer - No public meetings in our area; plan will span the next 10 years; Plan will be voted on in 2 weeks; check the WI DNR Natural Resources Board agenda for more information and a copy of the plan (70 pages!)

Future Auditing Considerations - we should consider a regularly scheduled audit for transparency and for grant applications. We could use the same organization the state TU uses.

River Alliance - "Thank you" for the \$500 donation.

Renewals - River Alliance (\$500), NE WI Land Trust, WI Wetland Assoc., League of Conservation Voters; Brown Co. Conservation Alliance (\$25 - Matt moved, Staush seconded, approved by vote),