

# MEETING NOTES

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015



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

## 1 - Meeting called to order, 6:10pm

2 - **Quorum is present** - only Lee Meyers and Staush Gruszynski not present.

3 - **Prior Minutes** - Matt Norem moved to approve the minutes from the prior business meeting, Doug Seidl seconded. Minutes approved.

\* **Conservation Banquet Material Handout**\* Paul Kruse gave out copies of the banquet poster for placement/promotion. Sponsorship packets are available now. Postcards could be mailed.

Mat moved to approve a request for \$500 for the state TU banquet to pay for the tickets that were sent. Dave Ostanek seconded. Motion passed. There's a request for \$500 for the State TU Matt moved, ?? seconded. Passed.

## 4 - Officer Reports -

*Treasurer:*

**Total on Hand** \$10,643.15    **Checking** \$606.79    **Money Market** \$10,036.36

Dave Ostanek moved to accept the treasurer's report, Matt Norem seconded.

Treasurer's report approved.

## 5 - Committee / Subcommittee Reports

*Awards Banquet* - Banquet was cancelled due to low ticket purchases ("The market has spoken."). Refunds have been sent out. Discussion over the nature of an awards banquet, what alternatives might be possible to a formal banquet in December, the importance of recognizing the work that has been done on behalf of the chapter, and how this is one of only three opportunities to bring spouses/etc. along to socialize and get to know everyone. Matt Norem moved to form an ad hoc committee to work on how to give out awards this year and to retool the awards dinner for going forward. Mike seconded. Matt Norem, Mike Renish, Adrian Meseberg, and Paul Kruse will volunteer.

*Work Projects* - Nothing to report.

*Education* - Dave Ostanek - Nothing new to report. Mike Renish - Dates are being worked on to tie flies at Cabella's. New management at the store, need to establish new ties there now but from the communications so far things look very positive. Dates in January and March/April will be added to the chapter's calendar when they are finalized.

The chapter was invited to work with Pulaski Community School System during summer school, in consort with Classic Anglers. Mike Renish noted that these kinds of volunteer opportunities create a significant 'community touch points', which are extremely important to track for grant writing.

*Technology* - Mike Renish - Nothing new to report.

*Legislative* - Groundwater bill mtg tonight (12/17) Prior, several GB TU and 2 DU reps sat down to talk with state reps about a proposed groundwater protection bill. It doesn't look like there will be much opportunity to do pass a bill that will create strong ground water protection given our current legislative atmosphere. Overall, the feeling is that neither this bill nor the Democrat's own bill will pass.

*Membership* - Reviewed the need to keep up with the spring/fall postcard to be sent out to members with schedules. Maybe a magnetic backing to make it easy to put on the refrigerator? (55 of 277 (20%) of Chapter members have elected NO EMAIL.)

277 members as 11/30/2015

3 New Members (letters sent) - Ted Hawk / Joe Leonhard / Mike Paluda

1 Transfer In (Letter sent) - Jason Burris

5 Transfers Out (leaving them on the membership rolls for month, requesting Board to make decision regarding removing them from the database) - William Doyle / William Kruse / Joan Enders / Cheryl Ostrow / Winston Ostrow

13 Renewals

2 expirations (Letters sent)

2 soon to expire

*Project Healing Waters* - Paul Kruse - Going forward, Dani Long will be the PL for this group. Paul will continue to be involved. New sessions will be starting in January, possibly at the VA clinic instead of the DAV office.

*Fundraising (Events, Grants, Raffles)* - Doug Seidl - \$20 more in fly sales (Thanks, Matt!).

Mike Renish - Completed grant applications for Schreiber and the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, requesting \$5,000 from each. The GGBCF just launched an online grant application process and we were probably one of the first to go through. There were a 'few' quirks in the application process, but we got through it in about 7-8 hours. A lot of

information had to be tracked down and narratives provided. Thanks go to Jeff House for helping complete the numbers portion and to Adrian Meseberg for helping ratify portions of the grant writing application. Hopefully, we should hear back on whether we received anything or not, along with feedback to use in the future, by the end of March or before.

US Fish & Wildlife Services - Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration - this is another possible grant source. There is additional money available and some of the conservation work the chapter does could qualify. Mike Renish and Jan (last name?) will look into this.

**6 – Items needing action/votes** - None.

## **7 – Announcements/Information/Progress/Results**

*NE WI Funding Requests* - Dec. 5th meeting. Green Bay chapter keep the focus of its funding a little closer to home this year, including reserving funds to help sponsor the Lake Michigan study (which will include the Door Peninsula, which has not received any significant funding as of late).

### Northeast Wisconsin Funding Requests

#### USFS

- ❖ CNNF Request, Seasonal Fisheries Technician = \$8,000
  - \$500 GB

#### ANTIGO DNR

- ❖ 2-person, trout habitat brushing crew = \$15,000
  - \$2,000 GB

#### PESHTIGO DNR

- ❖ Heavy equipment operator/supplies = \$4,500
  - \$3,500 GB

#### LAKEWOOD CREW (Wild Rose)

- ❖ 2-person habitat crew in Marinette, Oconto, and Shawano Counties = \$15,000 (Was 3-person, but one of them will be funded by trout stamps)
  - \$5,200 GB PLUS \$2,000 Friends Grant
  - \$3,200 from GB from Cress Grant, Movie Night

### *2015 WI TU Banquet* -

*Fishing Trip Committee* - Discussion about the awards banquet evolved into the consideration of fishing trips and scheduling more of them to promote camaraderie in the chapter. Mike Renish moved to nominate Matt Norem to head the committee. Doug seconded. Vote passed the nomination. Suggestions for consideration: ages and abilities of

all the those who would like to participate; tournaments; membership tie-ins; day trips and camping trips.

2016 Wisconsin TU Banquet

Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in Oshkosh

Tickets are \$35 each. Hoping each chapter can sell 10

Flies for fly box (Favorite flies of the Green Bay Chapter)

Spring Pond Reminder

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

Wisconsin License Plate Reminder

**8 – Adjournment** - Doug Seidl motioned to adjourn, it was unanimously seconded by Dave Ostanek. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.