

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 16th 2015



Venue: Festival Foods, 1001 Main Avenue, De Pere
6:00pm - Green Bay Trout Unlimited Chapter Business Meeting

1 - Call to Order

2 - Do we have a Quorum?

Excused:

3 - Approval of Prior Minutes

- *None taken*
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4 - Officer Reports

Treasurer: **Total on Hand** \$18,339.67 **Checking** \$ **Money Market** \$

- *Please see attachment for more details*
- Creation of Accounting Audit Committee (AAC)

Membership:

5 - Committee / Subcommittee Reports

Work Projects - Lee Meyers

- * I plan to add one week day project in June with Peshtigo DNR and one week day with Tom Moris USFS in July
- **May 16** (3rd Saturday) NEW Zoo bridge painting
- **June 19** (3rd Saturday) Brushing with Peshtigo DNR LTE crew, location Upper Middle Inlet Creek near Wausaukee - tentative
- **July 8**, Wednesday- Kids Fishing- Pals Program
- **July 18** (3rd Saturday) Brushing and channel restoration with Tom Moris USFS, upper North Branch Oconto near Waubeno
- **August 15** (3rd Saturday) Brushing and Bundling with Wolf River Chapter and Oconto Chapter, Ninemile Creek (about 9 miles north of Langlade on Hwy 55)
- General Work Project schedule: 8:30 am meet near work site get instructions, 9 am be working and work until 12:30pm, 1pm TU provides a lunch. Personal equipment to bring: waders, gloves
- Please sign the Liability Waiver I will pass around at the Annual meeting.

Education -Dave Ostanek / Mike Renish

- There are four camps/workshops that we can sponsor students to attend:
 - **Sand Lake Conservation Camp** - Marinette County
 - For middle school students

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- Cost is \$80
 - June 24-26
 - **Trees for Tomorrow – Wisconsin Land and Water Camp** – Vilas County
 - Grades 9-12
 - Cost is \$225
 - June 22-26
 - **Trees for Tomorrow – Natural Resources Career Workshop**
 - Grades 9-12
 - Cost is \$175
 - June 15-19
 - **Wisconsin TU Youth Camp** – Wild Rose
 - Ages 12-16
 - Cost is \$250
 - July 16-19
- We have budgeted \$1250 for Education this year. We have spent some from education. We have about \$1000 to work with. We will work on recruitment of Brown County or Chapter boundary students to attend these camps. There should be a discussion on how and how much we sponsor each student (i.e. full sponsorship, partial sponsorship) and what requirements we will have for the recipients (i.e. matching funds, writing an essay, etc).
- Also working on wording for an article to post on our website to encourage Chapter members to have their children/grand children get involved with these programs and camps.
- There will also be an opportunity available for Chapter members to again help out with the Edison's Own Outdoor Pursuits summer school classes. There will be more information on exact dates coming.
- With funds available from the education budget, we will put together a working list of fly tying materials to be used at any of our education events of fly tying. – *Dave Ostanek*
- We missed an opportunity to support Cabelas request for fly tying clinic at an all ladies gig this coming Saturday the 18th from 10-2pm. It is disappointing to have zero responses to the call for fly tiers other than Mike. We needed at least 3 to make a go of it and Brian Mease was also out with surgery on his knee. Clearly from April til probably late November is not a good time to ask folks to stay inside on weekends to tie flies. Everyone wants to enjoy the weather. Maybe some casting clinics coming up in May or June. – *Mike Renish*

Technology – Mike Renish (content assistance from Randy Rake and Adrian Meseberg)

- Our new website is up and running smoothly by all measures so far. Adrian Meseberg and Randy Rake have stepped up to learn how to enter content into the site. A big thanks to both of them for their time and effort. Going forward, the new site will cost us < **\$150 per year** and we'll need to **budget** for that come December 1st. Right now greenbaytu.org is on Mike's credit card as part of his in-kind donation to the chapter. An interesting data point, since the launch of our new site on February 23rd, is that **we are averaging about 18 users per day**. The high occurred on March 18th with 61 users. **This is nearly double from our old site**, but I'm not sure if it is sustainable. Only time will tell. – *Mike Renish*

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Legislative - Staush Gruszynski

- Conservation Lobby Day
- DNR Spring Hearings

Fundraising -

Events, Grants, Raffles - Doug Seidl, Mike Renish

- FVTU found value in the TUVF presentation that Mike put together and has asked to use it for their own use. Mike is working with Tom Lager and has forwarded the original Powerpoint for FVTU for them to tailor the material specific to their chapter.
- Mike heard back about 2 weeks hence from Schneider Foundation that they wished us well in our efforts but could not support our mission because we are outside the focus of charitable given. My attempt to position us under their Education or Health and Services was a stretch in their view. They will keep us on file should their requirements change. We'll try again next year. Admittedly, the fundraising isn't get as much traction as it could because lack of volunteer-hours devoted to the effort. We simply need more folks to step up to devote 2- 3 hours per quarter, springboard the effort using the TUVF and identify one candidate. – *Mike Renish*
- A check for \$5000, the amount which was intended for WITU but accidentally sent to GBTU, was given to Kim McCarthy on April 5th, 2015. Deena, John Kress's assistant was contacted and made aware of the transaction. She informed us she was already aware, and the way we handled it was fine. When asked if we could be eligible for a grant/ donation of our own. She said John would prefer us to wait until next year...saying we should send a request in December 2015. – *Adrian Meseberg*

Banquet – Bruce Deuchert

6 - Items needing action/votes:

- Proposed budget

7 - Announcements/Information/Progress/Results

- Trout related votes at DNR Spring Hearings
 - Inland lake and pond seasons, length limits and daily bag.
 - Passes - 72 counties yes, 0 counties no.
 - Inland stream seasons.
 - Passes – 66 counties yes, 5 counties no, 1 county tie.
 - Inland stream length limits and daily bag
 - 71 counties yes, 1 county tie.
 - Great lakes trout and salmon stamp fee increase.

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○ 42 counties yes, 29 counties no, 1 county tie.

- The GBTU sign for the covered bridge by the NEW Zoo is installed. Big thanks to Jim Vanden Branden, Jack and Arlene Koivisto.

8 - Adjournment

Thank You !