



GBTU BOD Agenda

Thursday February 6th, 2025

Venue: Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Rd, Green Bay, WI 54301
5:30pm - Green Bay Trout Unlimited Chapter Business Meeting

- **Board of Directors Call to Order – 5:30pm**
- **Attendance:**
 - Excused – Randy R, Jose D
- **Approval of Prior Minutes**
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Total on Hand (2/4/25) – **\$56,170.32** Checking – **\$15,484.78** / Savings – **\$40,685.54**
 - Received \$2500 Friends Grant check for NE Regional Funding (2/1/25)
 - Received \$1000 check from Gary Stoycoff Estate (2/1/25)
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Work Projects** – Paul Kruse
 - **Membership** – Jose Diaz
 - 7 new members since our last meeting in November
 - Current membership - 289
 - **Education** – Dave Ostanek
 - **Technology** – Dave Ostanek, Adrian Meseberg (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Website)
 - TU National has built new website templates using WordPress.
 - The website will be free...TU national will cover the cost of hosting and support
 - **Banquet** – Carla Zimmerman
 - **VSP** – Paul Kruse / Jim Hauer
 - **Legislative** – Casey Hicks
 - **Programs** – Adrian Meseberg
 - **Alternative Fundraising Committee** – Kim McCarthy, Adrian Meseberg, Carla Zimmerman, Jose Diaz
 - **Trout Educational Trial Committee** – Adrian Meseberg et al
 - See Announcements
 - **Brown County Conservation Alliance** – Bruce Duechert, Janet Smith, Dave Cornel (delegation – Jacob Dixon)
 - **State Council Chair** – Doug Seidl
 - Finances – Grew ~\$45,000 last year / \$62,000 transferred to endowment b/c of this.
 - Membership – Down from 6,400 to 5,261
 - Youth Camp – Aug 14-17 / \$250 / Usually fills up by the end of May / Illinois youth looking for a sponsor / used gear needed (vests, nets, bobbins, vises, scissors, etc...)
 - Advocacy – Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund / WI State TU seeking \$5-\$10 increase in trout stamp cost
 - Bradd Sims, WI DNR Bureau of Fisheries:
 - Proposed statewide trout classification and season dates
 - Update on beaver management
 - Andy Morton & Michael Williamson – Neonicotinoids

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• Action / Discussion Items:

- Succession Plan for TU Leadership
 - April Elections: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, BOD x2 (Chad Neta / Jim VB), State Council Rep (Doug), Br Co Conservation Alliance x4 (Bruce D, Janet S, Dave P, Jacob D)
- Seas Branch/West Fork Possible Acquisition
 - *79.47 acres including lower portion of Seas Branch and section of West Fork from Sportsman Club property to River Rd. Roughly 4000 feet of frontage.
 - *Price of \$515,000
 - Current Balance: Approx. \$68,600
 - Partnering chapters will need to decide on pledged amounts within the next couple of weeks so a letter with total amount of pledges can be submitted to DNR. Checks would not be written until Roughly July of 2025.
- Any others ?

• Guest Speaker – – Kyle Kossel – WI DNR Fisheries Technician - Adv

- **Title: Where to Catch Fish in the North**

• Announcements:

- **49th Annual Conservation Banquet** – Thursday February 20th
 - Doors open at 5p / Dinner at 6:30p
 - Tickets \$50 each / \$350 Table of eight / Sponsorships
- **Next Meeting** – Thursday March 3rd
 - Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Tiboris, Agriculture and Water Policy Director at River Alliance of Wisconsin
 - Title: "River Alliance of Wisconsin, local groups and transformational change"
- **Trout Trail National Webinar:**
 - Presented on Wednesday, November 20th (11am) – Recorded on available below:
<https://vimeo.com/channels/tuvolunteer/page:2>
- **TU National Annual Report / Reason for Giving:**
 - GBTU VSP program featured !
 - One of six chapters nationwide highlighted under “Communities in Action”
- **A Visit from Will Dilg:** - Thursday, February 13, 2025 (7p)
 - Christie Theater, UW-Green Bay Student Union / Open to the public
- **Please check our website, social media, emails, and WISTROUT for everything your chapter is doing !**
- **Any others ?**

• Adjournment:

Thank You !!