

Members Present: Todd Templen, Don Pluemer, John Dunagan, Brian Larson, Tim Fraley, Andrew Skog, Gene Mazewski, Gordon Grieshaber.

Call to order @ 1910.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Minutes from the January meeting approved after motion by Don and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim.

2. Treasurer's Report by John. Account balances distributed. Profitable year for the Trust. Compliments from John to the new manager for several fund changes in the portfolio, all the moves seemed to result in profits. Distribution from the Trust was taken. The year's budget and current expenditures were highlighted by John. Accepted after a motion by Don and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim.

3. Projects: Don outlined work that has been done and the ongoing struggles to get the DNR permits completed and how they are tied to the easements. Frustrations on the part of Don and the DNR with the lengthy process. There is an ongoing pursuit of TU Access easement with Simes, working through TU National, as Sime does not want the type of easement required by the DNR. Todd pointed out that people at the State and National TU offices are working to help us get these accomplished.

New work on the Blue and Six Mile have easements but are awaiting the DNR permits to proceed. Motion to accept from Gordon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.

4. State Council Meeting attended by Todd and Gordon. Lots of strife within the State Leadership regarding proposed funding cuts for the DNR, State Parks, Stewardship and other easement monies, and how the DNR is likely to lose personnel. Contacting legislators is an ongoing Wisconsin TU endeavor and the TU lobbyists are keeping lines of communication open. Tim has been meeting with his legislator and having success in explaining the conservationist's perspective to him. He urges other chapter members to be informative and not necessarily confrontational, when trying to share our concerns with them.

Todd was recognized for all he did for the TU summer national youth program and Gordon received the chapter's Unsung Hero Award at the Banquet. Our fabulous box of flies was won by Gordon (with a hefty bid in the silent auction). Thanks to all fly tiers who donated their time and work to fill the box.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Election time in April. A slate for future officers and board members was proposed:

President-Tim Fraley, Vice Pre-Don Pluemer, Treasurer-John Dunagan, Secretary-Gordon Grieshaber, Past president-Todd Templen. New board members-Brian Larson, Carol Murphy, and returning member Andrew Skog. An opportunity for other nominations was made. No new nominees came forth. Approved the slate.

The election will take place at the April Meeting when the Intern Report from 2014 will be given. It will be held at the UW Platteville campus. Don P is working with Dr. Kris Wright to get the date and exact site chosen. An announcement will be forthcoming and any other nominations may be made the night of the election.

2. Fishing with a Friend from the Donnelley TU Chapter from Chicago is set up and volunteers have stepped forward to fish with a partner from Chicago. The project report has been sent to that chapter which has been so generous in helping to fund our stream projects for a number of years.

3. Education Grants will be made at the Banquet/Fund Raiser in early May. Applications for grants are being accepted and will be forwarded to Steve and Susan Carpenter. Let any schools know of this opportunity. Will also need a nominee for the youth "Learn to Fish" camp for this summer.

4. April Members meeting will have elections and Intern's Report. Mention made of inviting the DNR leaders Scott Stewart, Dave Roh, and local Fisheries Manager, Gene Van Dyck. Looking for a better turnout than the past couple of years. Try to get the word out early so there may be improved attendance and show of support for the work the interns have been doing for a decade.

5. Fund Raiser/Banquet will be on Friday May 1 at the Dodger Bowl. Request out to membership to start gathering/making/tying items to be used for the bucket raffles and live/silent auctions. Donation request letters will be mailed to members and past supporters within the next couple of weeks so mark your calendar and note the location change.

6. Annual Spring Hearings are coming on the evening of Monday, April 13 in each county. Several new trout regulations are being proposed and could take effect on 4/1/16. Members are encouraged to attend a meeting SOMEWHERE as you do not have to attend in the county in which you reside. Plan to vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2045.

Submitted,

Gordon Grieshaber,

Secretary