Greetings!

Well, the coldest winter in recent memory should soon be behind us. I know we are all anxious to get out on the streams and the water levels this spring should be at perfect levels. The snow cover this winter should contribute to a healthy water table.

I think a topic that is near and dear to us all is the Native Brook Trout. As most of you know, Donegal TU is currently in partnership with the Lancaster County Conservancy in the restoration of a section of Climbers Run in southern Lancaster County, formerly known as Camp Snyder. The objective of the Conservancy is to restore a viable Native Brook Trout population. Electro-shocking has shown that the brookies are there. As a matter of fact, the entire watershed including Trout Run contains the natives. An unnamed tributary of Trout Run is actually Class A. The Conservancy owns a large section of this area, including Steinman Run preserve, Trout Run preserve, and now Camp Snyder. It is exciting to me to think about the possibility of restoring the natural order of things involving the brook trout in this watershed. The Fish & Boat commission no longer stocks hatchery trout in either Climbers or Trout Run. This is the first step in moving forward. In early May, the Marticville middle school will be placing their first round of fingerling brookies in Camp Snyder. These were raised with technical expertise and equipment from TU’s Trout in the Classroom program. We are hoping some of the other schools will do this as well. The plan is to eventually implement fly fish, catch & release regulations. This is according to Mike Burcin, CEO of the Lancaster County Conservancy.

We received an $8000 grant from TU national’s Embrace A Stream program, one of only eight east of the Mississippi River, for our project on Camp Snyder as well as a $5000 check from Patagonia for our brook trout restoration. As you can see, this is getting national attention and there is other support on the way. I can’t emphasize enough what a special place this can become as an educational center for conservation. Don’t take my word for it, come look for yourself. PLEASE TAKE NOTE — Our June 18th membership picnic will be held at Camp Snyder starting at 6 PM. If you need directions, keep an eye on our website. I would like all of you to see what a gem this is. I understand that Chef Paul Zegley is planning a special menu. Don’t miss it.

Faye Haering’s 3rd annual Ladies’ Cold Water Conservation Breakfast is coming up at Millport on April 19 to pot up our newly-purchased trees. We will need volunteers to serve as Stream Guides on Thursday, May 15 for Fly On The Run. Two volunteers will be needed May 14 to supervise as youths from local schools help pot up some trees for our Nursery.

We will need volunteers to serve as Stream Guides on Thursday, May 15 for Fly On The Run. Stream Guides are treated to a great breakfast & lunch prepared by the students at LCCTC.

Contact Faye Haering at fayehonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572 if you can help with any of these events.

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PROGRAMS

APRIL
Join us on April 16 as Bob Wyble and Bill Schotta entertain us with tales of their adventures in pursuit of False Albacore off Harker’s Island, NC. Bob’s video features a 21-pounder caught on a 10-weight by Terry Zeiders, as well as a shark chasing one of Bob’s fish and Bob dashing around the deck trying to follow his fish without breaking his rod. Bill will also talk about tackle and tips for pursuing these ideal saltwater fish for a fly rod. This is bound to be a fun evening.

MAY
Dennis Charney will be our speaker on May 21st at the Farm & Home Center. Dennis is a FFF-certified casting instructor for Flyfisher’s Paradise in State College and guides on all the streams we know and love in that area. His topic for the meeting will be Nymphing.

JUNE
We begin our summer with a change of meeting time and meeting place. Our first picnic of the year will start at 6 pm at Camp Snyder on Climbers Run. This will be an excellent opportunity for members to take a look at this unique site which will be our biggest project in 2014. Parking is limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
This month, Donegal TU received grants from The Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited’s “Embrace A Stream” Grant and Patagonia. I am happy to announce that DTU received an $8,000 grant from Trout Unlimited as well as a $15,000 grant from The Nature Conservancy and $5,000 from a Patagonia grant. This money will help pay a portion of our $85,000 Camp Snyder project. Also, we received a $15,000 grant from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and a $1,500 grant from PPL earlier this year, bringing the total grant awards to $44,500. A special “Thank You” goes out to Kevin Anderson of National Trout Unlimited for his guidance in writing the grant applications. We appreciate their support.

NURSERY COMMITTEE
Last fall, the Donegal Trout Unlimited’s Clampetts - Kevin Fausey, Tom Hall, Mark Ebner, Garry Longenecker and Jim Wellendorf “buried” over 400 trees with mulched leaves to protect them for the winter. (see December 2013 Mayflier for complete story and pictures).

This past Saturday, on March 22, 2014, the 2014 DTU Clampetts returned to see if their hard work had paid off. Garry Longenecker, DTU Nursery Manager; Tom Hall; Kevin Fausey; new member, Jerry Stevens and Jim Wellendorf uncovered the trees and placed them on pallets. They estimated that over 99% of the trees made it through the winter. And we all know what a bitter winter this past one was. As a result, DTU has around 400 dogwood, sycamore, oak and river birch trees ready to use on projects or to sell or donate to local organizations and municipalities. A great way to start the year!

In addition to uncovering the trees, the Clampetts cleaned out a storage room which will be used exclusively by Donegal Trout Unlimited to store nursery and project materials and equipment. The room was generously donated to the Chapter by Lynne & Logan Myers of the Millport Conservancy.

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Please contact Glen Nephin at gnephin@ptd.net or 271-9208.
The winter weather finally gave us a break and a record crowd of 66 members came to hear Bob Bachman speak about his trip to Russia last July. They were not disappointed! Bob thoroughly entertained the members with his words, pictures and videos.

He started by describing his trip to the Kola Peninsula which is near the Arctic Circle, the geography of the area and the camp where he stayed for six days. Then he explained how he took a helicopter to fish at five different locations and walked 40 minutes to the sixth location which was near the camp. He showed us how he caught Atlantic Salmon and Brown Trout on the Varzina River and caught Arctic Char and Graylings on nearby streams.

He said that the temperature was around 70 degrees and that he had fished in colder weather in Belize and in the Amazon Jungle. The Russian guides told him that all anyone has to do is look around the Kola Peninsula to know that global warming is a reality. Since there are 24 hours of daylight at that time of the year he decided to fish rather than sleep on the day he was to return home. He caught his last fish at 1 AM in the morning much to the delight of several Russian fishermen who were enjoying an early morning vodka.

He ended his presentation by saying that the reason the fishing on the Varzina River is so good is the catch and release regulations. He explained to the audience why he adamantly believes that Pennsylvania should increase catch and release regulations on locations throughout the State to ensure that future generations will have trout to catch.

As he has in the past, Bob captured the audience’s attention with his words, his wisdom and his humor. It was a good night to get out of the “cabin”.

JIM WELLENDORF

26th and I believe she still has a few openings. Please contact Faye if you have an interest. It’s a great day. Please keep your eye on the website for other upcoming events. Fly-On-The-Run will be May 14th & 15th. It’s also not too early to think about volunteering at the Lancaster County Youth Field Day to be held at Milton Grove Sportsman’s club on June 7th. We do basic fly casting instruction as one of the many activities the kids participate in throughout the day. If you’ve never done it, it’s a very special day for all who attend, so please mark it on your calendar and plan to be there.

We now have about 680 members and still growing. If you missed the March membership meeting, you missed one of the great ones. We had a record turnout of 105 members and guests. John McLain and Todd Peters gave a spot on presentation on soft-hackle fly fishing. They really need to write a book. Many thanks to both of them.

Again, I really want to thank all of you for your tremendous support.

Life is short. Be well and fish as much as you can!

TOM
It was announced as “March Madness” and it turned out to be just that.

A record number, 105 Chapter members and guests attended the March 19, 2014 Membership Meeting at the Farm and Home Center. And they were not disappointed!

John McLain and Todd Peters, both members of the Chapter, presented a clinic on soft hackle fly fishing. They covered everything - flies, fly tying, equipment and locations. Their presentation was lively, informative and, at times, humorous. The audience was attentive and inquisitive. There were numerous questions and lively discussions. No one left early, a true mark of great presentation!

To top off the evening, a member won a $500 set of fishing gear in addition to other members winning numerous prizes.

It was truly a night to remember and to set as the benchmark for future membership meetings.

So come and join us the third Wednesday of every month. Tell your friends!

The third annual Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Show was held at the Lancaster Convention Center on March 1 and 2, 2104. The show had something for everyone – celebrities, outfitters, seminars, a film festival and vendors demonstrating and selling their products.

Donegal Trout Unlimited had its booth directly across from the Exhibition Hall entrance, a perfect place to meet and talk to prospective new members and friends. It is probably no coincidence that 19 new members joined the Chapter in the last month. The location of the booth was also ideal to solicit Banquet donations from the vendors and to sell $300 worth of 2014 Millport Fishing Badges.

The booth was set up and manned by the following group of volunteers: Garry Longenecker, Paul Zegley, Faye Haering, Bob Albright (pictured left to right), Tom Barton, Garland Gingerich, Scott Trefny, Tom Hall, Mark Ebner, Dan Van Buskirk, Wayne Boggis and Jim Wellendorf.

Everyone agreed that, if you want to test your knowledge of Donegal Trout Unlimited, working the booth at the Fly Fishing Show is a great way to do it. Thanks to all of them.

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf
We all should know the rules for releasing a trout with the best chance of survival, but there is one rule that is almost never included in articles about successful releasing.

So, you have landed the fish as quickly as possible to limit capture stress and you are about to pick up the fish and get a few “grip and grin” shots before release. But, grip and grin can all too often turn into grip and kill, and it is all down to where and how you grip the trout that can determine its survival.

Have a look at the anatomical drawing above showing the main internal structure and components of a trout. Take particular notice where the heart is (red outline) — between and under the gills and liver, just above the pectoral fins. These three organs, heart, gills and liver are very susceptible to damage, although not always immediately obvious, unless the damage is very severe leading to immediate death. A fish subjected to external pressure to the heart and other organs may swim away on release, but many die soon after. Gripping a fish in the pectoral area using inward force and squeezing pressure will compress the heart and maybe the liver and gills. The outcome for the fish is not going to be good, even if it does manage to swim away on release.

There is no getting around it, lifting a trout out of the water to take a photo is almost certainly going to dramatically increase the stress and physical damage already done while landing the fish. This is true, even when the fish is handled very carefully and all the “rules” about releasing are followed to the letter. If you are really concerned about releasing a trout with the maximum chances of survival, never lift it clear of the water.

The right way to hold a fish is near the head. The trout is “cradled” with the fingers parallel to the side of the fish, not clawing in like talons, or squeezing this vulnerable area. The key to being able to get a good grip on the pectoral area is a good grip on the tail. One of New Zealand’s best known guides, Tony Entwistle, writing in the New Zealand Fish & Game Magazine, has one of the best descriptions on the proper handling of a trout:

“SECURELY HANDLING A TROUT WITHOUT CAUSING STRESS OR DAMAGE IS A MATTER OF A GENTLE TOUCH, NOT A TIGHT GRIP. To pacify a landed trout, simply place a hand vertically in front of its nose to prevent it from swimming forward and fold the palm to cover both eyes. This acts as a mask and immediately calms it down. Trout relax quickly when their eyes are covered. NEXT GRASP THE FISH’S TAIL WITH THE OTHER HAND, WITHOUT EXCESSIVE FORCE. Some anglers use a piece of stocking for grip, but with good technique this isn’t necessary. Securing a trout needs only gentle pressure between the thumb and forefinger, applied directly over the base of the tail, where it joins the body (hypural joint). APPLY PRESSURE TOP AND BOTTOM THROUGH THE FIRST JOINTS OF THE FOREFINGER AND THUMB, RATHER THAN ALONG THE SIDES. The mistake is grasping the tail too far forward and using too much hand in doing so. Squeezing hard does not help as the fish slips more easily. Now test the grip by lifting the fish slightly by the tail, keeping the other hand over the eyes for the moment. If the grip is secure the trout will not slip, but if it does, resist grabbing at it with both hands. By quickly slipping a hand in front of the nose, and covering the eyes again, a lot more fish will be saved from premature release.

“WITH A POSITIVE GRIP ON THE TAIL IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO BEGIN LIFTING THE TROUT SAFELY FOR A PHOTOGRAPH OR RELEASE. Avoid squeezing the fish around the soft belly area behind the pectoral fins because this causes discomfort and can potentially cause serious damage to internal organs. Instead slide the free hand under the pectoral fins, orientating the hand so that the trout’s head rests along the index finger, with the pectoral fins spread out between thumb and little finger. The trout will be nicely balanced and the soft tissue in the belly area will not be supporting any weight. Lifting the trout this way, and returning it to the water between photographs minimizes any distress which could reignite its struggles. Turn the fish belly up when removing the hook.
At the March 19, 2014 Chapter Membership Meeting, King Knox, Chairman of the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Foundation, presented Tom Hall, President of the Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited a check for $700 in appreciation for the work the Chapter does to help with the Center’s Annual Fly On The Run event.

Anthony Gillespie, Executive Director Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation and Dick Witwer, Board Member Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation and Chairman of the Fly On The Run event also attended the Meeting. Mr. Witwer shared with the group that the LCCT Foundation is planning to stock Lititz run with 650 trout for this year’s tournament.

This year will be the eighth Annual Fly On The Run. It will be held on Lititz Run on May 15, 2014. The Donegal Chapter partners with the Career Center by stocking the Run and providing stream guides. The Career Center provides food for the Chapter’s Ladies’ Cold Water Breakfast, donates a table at the Chapter’s Banquet, donates a four-person team to be auctioned off at the Banquet and makes a contribution to the Chapter. It is a partnership built on mutual respect and cooperation that benefits the Career and Technology Foundation Endowment Fund, the Center’s students and Lancaster County cold water conservation.

Please visit www.lcctf.org for information on how to register for Fly On The Run or call Tony Gillespie at 717-653-3009.

Lititz Run Cleanup

On Saturday March 15, Lititz Run Cleanup Day, Greg Wilson led a group of @ a dozen DTU members & friends in work on Wetlands Farm (aka the Banta farm). After coffee & doughnuts, the group broke into teams gathering trash along the road embankment, along the stream, and planting trees at the upper end of the property where deer had been taking their toll on previous plantings.

One of my first volunteer efforts with the chapter was helping to plant the initial trees and shrubs along this stretch, which had just been restored the year before. It was rewarding to see their progress, and more importantly, the stream’s recovery. The water was a little high, but filled with beautiful runs. The only thing lacking was more woody debris or other cover to protect fish from the ever-present herons. As sun hit the stream near the end we were treated to a respectable hatch of midges.

For those new to the chapter who don’t know, there is no fishing allowed here, so it can serve as a nursery area for the rest of the stream. It looked to me to be wonderfully suited to that task, given better cover for the fish.

Trout Dying, continued

The Harsh Fact About Holding a Trout Out of The Water

There is no getting around it, lifting a trout out of the water to take a photo is almost certainly going to dramatically increase the stress and physical damage already done while landing the fish.

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If you are really concerned about releasing a trout with the maximum chances of survival never lift it clear of the water.

To get the full picture on releasing trout, and other fish, fresh and salt water with the highest chances of healthy survival see this, it spawned the grip and kill article above.

Tony Bishop
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Condensed from an article on Tony’s website
www.bishfish.co.nz
In March 2014 Donegal Trout Unlimited added 19 new members. Many of them attended the March 19, 2014 Membership Meeting.

Pictured here are seven of them.

From left to right:

Scott Crawford, Jeff Rittenhouse, Jerry Stevens, Greg Seamster, Fran McElhinney - Membership Chairman, Robyn Johns, Walt Heisey, Aaron Westover. Several other new members including George Schmitt attended the meeting. Their pictures will be included in future issues of the Mayflyer.

Jim Wellendorf

(Editor’s note: As of this issue of the Mayflyer, the chapter has broken the 700 barrier with 699 adult & 9 youth members.)
The Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday February 12, 2104 by the Chapter President, Tom Hall.

The following Board Members were present: Tom Hall, Jim Wellendorf, Bob Albright, Bob Kutz, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Faye Haering, Mark Ebner, Dan Van Buskirk, Dan Brandt, and Paul Zegley.

SECRETARY’S REPORT
The minutes from the January 15, 2014 Board Meeting were read by acting Secretary Jim Wellendorf and approved by the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Bob reported that there is $95,262 in the Checking Account and $78,813 in the Grant Account for a total of $174,076. The significant transactions for the past month were:

Income: $33,000 – 2012 Grant Installment Payment
Expenses: $8,312 – Rettew

Bob also reported that he had a copy of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending 9/30/13. If any Board member wants to review it, contact him. There were no issues cited in the report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
CONSERVATION
Bob is in the process of applying for a $10,000 Susquehanna RiverLands Grant for work to be done on the Martin Farm. Since it is a matching grant DTU would have to provide $10,000 in cash or labor. Adam Smith from Fish and Game Commission will provide $2,000 of the $10,000. Bob has all of the paperwork ready except for Mr. Martin’s signature. Bob has contacted his church’s Boy Scout Troop and they are very interested in providing some of the labor for the project.

Bob reported that Greg Wilson has been in contact with a man from Land Management Studies who is good at finding grant money.

Bob reported the 2 of the 4 Conowingo projects have been designed. The other two projects are being surveyed.

Bob said Keven Anderson from PA Trout is working with the Nature Conservancy to obtain a $5,000 grant.

COMMUNICATION
Jim reported that he sent out a “teaser” for the February 19, 2014 membership meeting on Monday February 10, 2014.

He said there were no changes to the Communications Contact List. He asked the Board members to send him any potential contacts.

He reviewed the February Calendar of Events and will make the appropriate changes. He intends to send the February calendar to the members and the media no later than Friday February 14, 2014.

Jim reported that he has arranged an interview between Ann Ash of the Merchantiser and Faye Haering about the Ladies Cold Water Breakfast. He asked the Board to look for it in their local issues of the Merchantiser.

MEMBERSHIP
Jim Wellendorf presented Fran’s recommendation for a new Membership Packet. The Board approved the Packet with the addition of the DTU “Elevator Speech” and the front page of the DTU website. Jim also reported that he will order DTU caps for the new members when he places the Rivers Camp order later this year.

NURSERY
Jim Wellendorf reviewed the highlights of Garry’s report which is printed below:

We are planting 1,150 new seedlings in the TU Nursery this year; with a total of 22 species of trees and shrubs. Total stock at the beginning of summer should be about 1500 trees depending on tree survival of those that have been winterized. I received the order form from Matt yesterday for the Watersheds fundraiser (we get a 20% discount on all stock ordered), and our order has been placed.

This year all stock will have signed identification in the Nursery. I am in the process of describing all nursery plants and the conditions where they grow best for our streambank/wetlands planting projects. This booklet will be available for reference along with new sign-out sheets that will be in the small annex to the main barn.

Per my discussion with Lynn and Logan, all of TU Nursery materials will be in this section of the barn. The garage will no longer be used for TU purposes. Logan and I will meet the beginning of March to determine how this change will coordinated

Most plant stock will arrive at the end of March to mid April. Youth Day is scheduled for May 14th at the Millport Conservancy. I will need two volunteers from 8 AM to 1 PM to help with the grade school students planting tree stock in the nursery. I will have 500 plants arriving the beginning of April from the Game Commission. I need 6-8 volunteers from 8 AM until noon to plant them on Saturday April 5, 2014.

EDUCATION
TIC Program:
Jim Wellendorf said that Ned reported that all fish seem to be doing well with the exception of Conestoga Valley where they ran into trouble with the chiller. He suggested that the Board replace the chiller at a cost of approximately $500 so that it is ready and available to go next year. A motion was made and approved.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
Proposed Intermediate Fly Fishing Clinic for June to be held at Lititz Run: (Mark McMaster, Faye Haering, John McLain, Todd Peters)

In planning stages to be discussed when weather permits. The Clinic would require lunch, Porto pot, a tent and possibly some materials. Volunteers would be needed for this event. The actual fly fishing would take place on the Thompson Farm.

Proposed Youth Fly Fishing Clinic for September 13th at Hugh Wenger’s pond in E-town.

Expect to run it similar to the Special Olympics Derby with lunch included. A maximum of 15 participants would
Minutes - March Board Meeting

Present: Wayne, Tom, Jim, Bob A, Paul, Mark M, Joy, Fran, Dan B, Dan V, Faye, Garry, Mark E.
Absent: Bob K, Greg, Ned

Minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer’s report from Bob A. was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Dan Van Buskirk will become Treasure replacing Bob A. Board approved

CONSERVATION:
Bob Kutz

The Conservation Committee has applied for a Susquehanna RiverLands Grant to help fund the Martin farm on Climbers Run. It will be a matching grant where we must match the grant amount ($11,000) with our own money, donated time at $25 per hour or both. US Fish and Wildlife will donate $2,000 in services. We are waiting to hear if our application will be rated high enough to be funded. If we make the final cut, then we will have to fill out a more detailed application. We should be notified by April.

Conowingo Creek: We will be looking at a new site in the near future as the land owner called a few weeks ago. Apparently, our efforts are being noticed within the watershed as they are now calling us for help. Rettew Associates reports that the designs are coming along on the Stoltzfus, Lapp and Lloyd farms. When finished, Rettew will submit all three designs together to speed up the permitting process. Construction should start next year. The fourth farm, Lapp’s, will be the last to be designed as he wants to see what kind of work we do on the Lloyd farm as Lloyd is his upstream neighbor. Also, there are several new sites that we will look at this spring. More information to follow.

Greg

In addition, I am requesting funding to purchase 5 gallons of Rodeo herbicide for use on project sites. It is $88.50 for 2.5 gallons, and also purchase a dedicated Chaplin Sprayer. Approved by the board.

Add smaller fish to stock in addition to the Fly On The Run stocking. I would like to add 1000 5-7” fish, some of the funds can come from the Millport badge funds. Approved by the board.

Lititz Run Stream Cleanup and Tree Planting, DTU site will be the Wetlands Farm property, the property immediately upstream of Millport Conservancy starting at 8 AM on the 15th.

At the LRWA meeting, the 3 projects that will be installed on the Santa Domingo were discussed, Rock Lititz, approximately $950,000. Also Oak Street and Lions Park. The combined projects should be a huge improvement with sediment and bank erosion, those 2 will be about $300,000. Matt Koffroth gave a very detailed report of his stream macroinvertebrate sampling, some areas are improving, but appears the lower end may be loosing some bugs, The cause is unknown. The chemical testing shows reductions in nitrogen and phosphorus. Some new bugs, stoneflies, showed up at the Wenger /Smucker farm, where the tributary dumps in. Matt would like to see more trees on the lower end. The Hess Brothers apple packing house has an expansion planned, maybe as part of this project we could add some riparian buffer area.

COMMUNICATION
Jim sent the Board members a copy of the updated Communications Contacts List. The new list includes the addition of Ann Ash, a reporter from the Merchandiser. There are now 21 Contacts who receive information from the Chapter.

Monthly Meeting Reminder: On March 5, 2014 Jim sent, with Wayne Boggs’ help, a reminder to the Members and the Communications Contacts about the upcoming Membership Meeting on Wednesday March 19, 2014.

Calendar of Events: Jim reviewed the March 2014 Calendar of Events with the Board. He will make the appropriate changes. He plans to send it to the members and the Communications Contacts no later than Friday March 14, 2014.

MEMBERSHIP
I am finally getting some reports generated. We have 680 DTU members, 19 new members since our February board meeting.

NURSERY
I intend to consolidate all materials and information for the nursery into the attached outbuilding of the main barn. Previously I have discussed this idea with Lynn and Logan, and they are in favor. My objective is to make this a TU storage area only. Logan and I need to meet to discuss this, and hopefully we will have done this before the board meeting.

In the past month we have had two requests for trees for stream and flood plain projects:

Spring: Deb Seibert, Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance (Logan Park Project) Quantity of trees to be determined after we see success of our winterized stock.

Fall: Jay R. Snyder, Environmental Resource Manager Borough of Ephrata (Little Cocalico Creek Project, 750’ stream restoration) 150 trees/shrubs needed.

Nursery Cleanup and organizing materials: Saturday March 22nd - 4 Volunteers needed. 8 AM breakfast at Oregon Derry - 9 AM starting work at Millport; completion on or before noon.

Tree Planting: Saturday April 18th & 19th 8 volunteers needed each day. 8 AM breakfast at Oregon Derry, 9AM starting work at Millport; completion on or before noon.

Need: garden tiller to mix in leaves with existing soil, dump load of soil from Manheim Township for composting.

EDUCATION
Trout in the Classroom
Manheim Township is sending in all their paper work to become a TIC school so we will be partnering with them in the fall.

The fish from the TIC schools are growing and progressing well.

In addition: suggestions to get Penn Manor to follow the lead of Marticville who are going to place their trout in the Camp Snyder section of Climbers May also try to get coverage by WGAL.

VOLUNTEERS
Plans for the Ladies’ Cold Water Conservation Breakfast are progressing well, although signups are slow.

FACEBOOK
Posted about House Bill 1576 and Senate Bill 1047 and posted link to be able to

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write to your representatives. Posted cool video on woody debris in creeks which promotes salmon/steel head movement. Created Banquet event (6 people have seen). Last week’s winner of trivia was Derek Eberly. Answer: Arctic Ocean. New trivia question will be up next week. Fed fish on Conservancy.

**PROGRAM**

Paul suggests we need to cover next meeting’s business as quickly as possible as the guys have a lot to cover.

Orvis donated a rod that will be raffled off. No 50/50 will be done. Getting Dennis Churney for program in May - probably on nymphing. Suggested we have a picnic at Camp Snyder. All agreed and he will proceed. Will try to do a presentation on a leaf pack project.

**BANQUET**

Booklet needs to be at White Oak by 19th, therefore we need all ads in Mark’s hands by the 17th.

Stuff is still coming in. Dan can handle stuff even on day of banquet. Count is about 140 right now, but always a big influx later. Gather for breakfast at Cracker Barrel at 7 AM on Saturday before set up. Don’t forget it is in the main ballroom in the main building this year, make sure you tell everyone.

**WEBSITE / NEWSLETTER**

Website: Use continues to be @ 400 individuals a month. There have been 256/319 downloads/views of the February Mayflyer, and 24 downloads of the banquet flyer. As reported to the Banquet Committee, over the course of last year there were 429 downloads/views of the Banquet Booklet for 2013. Have given an email address to president@donegaltu.org, which can be used in some of our publications to avoid having outdated contact information. That address will forward to the current president. Development of the new site is on hold due to the workload involved with the banquet booklet, hopefully to resume in April.

Mayflyer: Deadline for the April issue will be March 26. By that point the banquet materials will have been submitted to White Oak.

Other: A revised Membership Brochure & the flyer for the Fish & Golf Tourney are being printed by White Oak.

**PRESIDENTS COMMENTS**

The Lancaster Conservancy’s policy of not stocking at Camp Snyder was discussed.

**ROUND TABLE**

Jim suggested less talking during membership meeting especially when introducing new members. Also please greet and talk to new members.

Gary mentioned the Chiques Watershed Expo at the Liederkranz, the same day as our picnic. Some may attend 4 PM to 8 PM.

Paul led discussion on badges/nametags. Will pursue getting for the board members. Looking for a way to keep the blue table apron for our display clean and pressed.

Do we still have a float for stocking? Think we do but it is old, Paul will look into making a new one.

Fran questioned how to get new member packets to new members [19 last month] Hand to them at meeting when introduced or mail if not. Probably need to keep about 10 on hand

Joy brought up Project Healing Waters. She will get more info on how we may get more involved in that or similar projects.

Bill brought up letter to editor of Lancaster paper panning removal of low head dams. Bill will contact the lady from F&M who made a presentation to us last year. Mark M will forward her info to Bill.

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be accepted. They would be between the ages of 12 – 18 years old. Board members are encouraged to contact Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Sportsman Clubs and Trout in the Classroom teachers to find candidates for the Clinic. Fly rods and flies would be used. Porto Pot also would be required. Volunteers would be needed for this event. Faye will form a project team and make a Project Proposal at a future Board meeting.

Fly On The Run scheduled for May 14th and 15th. Stream Guides will be needed for this event. Those who volunteer to be Stream Guides will be invited to attend the banquet on Wednesday March 14, 2014 at the LCCTC School at Mt. Joy Campus.

**FACEBOOK**

Mark posted an article from the TU website about Senator Begich (AK) who stepped up to oppose the Pebble Mine. He also posted an article from Save The Bay Alliance on steps everyone can do to help. He updated the Events page with information about the February 19, 2014 Membership Meeting.

Mark continued to feed the fish in Lititz Run.

Mark proposed adding a Facebook Trivia Page to DTU’s Facebook site. The first person with right answer gets prize. Bob Albright suggested free raffle tickets for the next Membership meeting. The Board approved Mark’s proposal.

**PROGRAMS**

Paul said the programs and speakers for the next several Membership Meetings are set. He asked Bob Kutz to look into a suitable site for our summer picnic near one of our Conservation Projects, possibly the Weaver farm, so that the members could see them first hand. He also told the Board about a speaker he heard talking about the “Leaf Project”. He said the presentation and the follow-up project seem like great topics for a Membership Meeting and our conservation projects. The Board enthusiastically agreed. Paul will follow up and try to get a speaker. Paul also suggested and the Board approved adding a 50/50 raffle at the Membership Meeting.

Tom Hall told Paul that he had forwarded him a list of potential speakers he received from PA Trout.

**BANQUET**

Dan reported that the Banquet Committee had met the previous evening. Tickets will be mailed out shortly and should be delivered no later than Monday, February 17, 2014. He said we still need a full page advertisement for the inside back cover of the Banquet Program. He suggested that we add a general donation auction to benefit Trout in the Classroom to the Banquet. The Board liked and endorsed his idea. Dan also asked the Board members to volunteer the evening of the Banquet and to get as many other volunteers as possible to help.
WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER

May flyer: We’ve seen 112/165 dl’s of the February issue to date. Due to some confusion between Glen Nephin & I during last year’s banquet booklet production, I’ve composed an ad for Prudential Homesales for 2014.

Website: Use is up slightly. We’ve had 10 dl’s of the membership application form & 9 of the Rivers Camp brochure since last board meeting. The video of Women & TU has been viewed 70 times since I placed it on the home page on Feb 2. The photo gallery of shocking on Wetlands Farm (the Banta property) has seen a sudden increase in views. I keep forgetting to remind the board that I have @ 40 email accounts available if anyone wants one. Mobile & tablet usage is holding at 33% of visitors on the site. I’m getting back to coding the site revisions after too many weather interruptions. Funnily enough the newest Blue Ribbon Flies online catalog uses the same code base as I’m working with.

Other: The Women’s Breakfast flyer has been printed. I’m redoing the Fish & Golf Tourney brochure and hope to submit it to White Oak later this week. The name on the registration form is Bob Wyble. Will print 100 as in 2013. Ads are coming in at a nice pace for the Banquet Booklet.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Tom reviewed a request from Lynn Bensing, 4-H Club project leader, that DTU teach fly fishing at a February 28, 2014 conference in Lancaster County. After considerable discussion, it was decided that there was not enough time to meet Lynn’s requirements. Tom will call her and tell her about the Board’s decision and also tell her that we are interested in participating in future 4-H Club events.

Tom reported that Kurt Enck of the Donegal Fish and Conservation Association told him he has sent a mass email stating that it is permissible to park on the left hand side of the lane leading down to the Donegal Creek.

Tom reported Tony Gillespie of the Lancaster Career and Technology Center has donated a 4-Man Fly On The Run team and $700 donation to the Banquet.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Jim Wellendorf reported that so far there is only one application for the 2014 Rivers Conservation Camp, Mitchell Reed. Jim sent Mitchell’s application to each of the Board members for their review.

No one has applied for the Wayne’s Cold Water Camp.

Jim Wellendorf passed around a sample of an “Appreciation Certificate Plaque” for the Board to review. Jim said that Mark McMaster designed the Certificate and he purchased the plaque ($18) which will be used to recognize individuals or organizations who significantly assist the Chapter achieve its mission of cold water conservation. The Board approved the Plaque. Bob Kutz will find someone to write each recipient’s name in calligraphy. The first two Plaques will be presented to Rettew and Flyway at the Banquet.

Jim Wellendorf announced that Garry Longenecker has invited Mindy Fee, State Representative, to the Ladies Coldwater Breakfast.

The Board approved a $300 donation to PA Trout Unlimited pending Bob Albright’s review of the Board’s last donation.

Dan Brandt reported that he applied through Trout Unlimited national for, and had received 8 complete fly fishing rod and reel sets and the associated gear from LLBean.

Mark McMaster will update and print new Donegal Trout Unlimited Membership Applications which will be distributed at upcoming events.

Paul Zegley will investigate how many tables DTU owns and where they are located. If there are not enough, he will make a proposal to buy some to be used at a variety of our events.

The board discussed a video that Tom Hall sent to each of them about the SciFund Challenge. The video, which was produced by Claire Regan, a Penn State Master’s Degree Candidate, is about protecting our clean water resources. It appears that Claire is asking for a donation to help with her expenses to attend a national conference in Portland, Oregon. The Board was very sympathetic to her cause but wanted a confirmation from Matt Kofroth or Penn State about the validity of the Challenge before making a contribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

SUBMITTED BY JIM WELLENDERF