

DTU BOARD MINUTES- NOVEMBER 8, 2017

(compiled from submitted reports and subsequent discussion on the night)

PRESENT Joy McMaster, Mark McMaster, Tom Hall, Jim Wellendorf, Dan Van Buskirk, Bill Nolan, Wayne Boggs, Derek Eberly, Ned Bushong

ABSENT Bob Kutz, Greg Wilson, Jenna Mitchell, Bill Henry, Mike Burcin

SECRETARY'S REPORT Minutes approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT Unanimously approved.

DTU filed an application to renew our PA Sales Tax Exemption. It was filed on October 27 and receipt was confirmed on October 30. Awaiting approval. DTU submitted TU Annual Financial Report-FY2017 on November 6. DTU received a \$20,000 donation from The Conservation Fund.

Bank account categories: uncommitted funds in checking account = \$26,787, "319" account = \$6,178, and conservation fund = \$7,058.

CONSERVATION An idea forwarded by Garry Longenecker concerning the possibility of charging other groups for trees that we provide for their project was discussed with no resolution.

Bob:

DTU Conservation Committee had an active month planning future projects and planting trees. Some actions are as follows:

1. Metzler Sisters Project is finished. US Fish & Wildlife completed the construction in early Oct. while a successful tree/shrub planting was accomplished on Oct. 21, with over 18 volunteers planted over 200 plants. Tree shelters and posts were then added to support the plants. The Metzler Sisters are extremely happy with the project.

Wild trout were observed living in the newly repaired section.

2. Peters Creek project is also finished. On Nov. 4th approximately 30 volunteers showed up to help plant 300 trees and shrubs. Again, tree shelters & stakes were added to support the plants. Boy Scout Troop 99 had 19 scouts and leaders there to support our efforts.

FUTURE PROJECTS FOR 2018/2019

1. Herr Farm: DTU is waiting to hear a final decision from DEP as to their support for this \$180,000 project. It is our understanding that the money has been set aside but we need final confirmation before we can start. There is a possibility that our contractor, US Fish & Wildlife will have to build this project in two years instead of one as normal. Board member Jenna Mitchell is working with DEP on this issue.

2. Bowrey Run: Adam Smith, US Fish & Wildlife visited this \$108,000 project in early Oct. Adam walked the stream to see the trouble sites, make notations and then returned to his State College office to start the designing & permitting process. Look for this project to start in 2019. Thank Jenna Mitchell for her help in securing this funding thru a NF&WF Grant.

3. Camp Andrews: This \$95,000 project, on Fishing Creek, is completely funded and we expect construction to start around June 15th. 2018 Funding was secured through Camp Andrews, PA Fish & Boat Commission, The Conservation Fund, the Lancaster County Conservation District and Cal. U.

4. Shirley Madison Project. This \$132,810 project on Big Beaver Creek is expected to be funded by the Conservation District's Exelon Funding. No solid commitment has been forthcoming. We will know more by Jan. 2018.

5. Menno Stoltzfus Bridge: This \$84,580 project is in the final design & permitting stage. DTU will provide \$50,000 to the cost through its \$50,000 NFPP federal grant. This project must be completed by Dec. 31, 2018.

6. National Fish & Wildlife Foundation "Adaptive Tool Box." This is a NF&WF grant that is administered by the PA Dept. of Ag. The purpose of this grant is to fence off 35 Amish Farms in the Fishing Creek Watershed and plant riparian buffers. DTU committed \$25,000 in "In Kind" labor by supplying trees and by helping to plant the buffers. The earliest DTU will have to respond to our commitment should be around late 2018. More info to come as it develops.

7. Woy Project. DEP and their "319" grant fund this \$254,282.44 project. This project also included a cost of \$38,543 to repair the Russell Lloyd "ditch" which comes down from the chicken houses on top of his hill. There is extensive erosion in this area and will be repaired. The remaining funding will cover Flyway Excavating's bill. Construction to start next summer on both projects.

8. Phillips Project: We recently received a \$58,000 grant from DEP to design & permit this project. Again, this is federal 319 funding through DEP. Rettew has finished the design and is currently seeking a construction bid from Flyway to build this project as per Rettew's drawings. We will then submit a Growing Greener grant request to cover the construction costs.

Greg Wilson is also involved with many other committees both on the local level as well as the state level. Greg will inform the board as to anything pertaining to DTU.

COMMUNICATION - Mark

Website:

Thanks to photos from Greg & Bob, I'm working on a slideshow on Peters Creek. Likewise, the photos of our work on the Metzger sisters project will be added to the Fishing Creek page. Many of these will also be used in the next Mayflyer.

Use of the site remains at normal levels.

Mayflyer:

Deadline for the December issue will be Monday, November 27.

Communications:

Working on the November meeting teaser for MailChimp, also the next ExtraGive mailing. We had a good response to the first mailing.

EDUCATION - Ned Bushong

The eggs have been delivered during the past two weeks to all the participating schools.

I do have one problem:

Eric Snavely at Manheim Central 4th Grade had his chiller go out over the weekend. He tried to save his fish by adding ice to the water but was not successful. His chiller is from one of the original programs prior to me taking over. I called That Fish Place and they have a shipment of chillers coming in on Monday. It would cost \$550 for a new chiller which includes the tax. If this is

acceptable I will check with TIC to see if they would send another batch of eggs or fry to him so he can continue with the program.

If the board is willing to approve \$550 I will proceed. (Bob and Greg emailed yes votes)

The board unanimously approved a new chiller for the TIC program in Manheim Central SD.

FUNDRAISING

Our annual spring fundraiser will be held at The Doubletree Resort in Willow Street on April 7th.

The Extra Ordinary Give is coming up on November 17th and all board members were encouraged to reach out to family members and friends to support DTU. The 2018 Millport badges have arrived and are immediately for sale.

Jim:

On November 1, Barry Witmer and I met with Janet Shumate to pick up our order of 48 Donegal Trout Unlimited baseball caps. Unfortunately, Janet misinterpreted my request and made 48 Trout Unlimited baseball caps. I take full responsibility for the error. Fortunately, we can salvage 36 of the caps as we annually donate that many to the Rivers Camp. I assume we will do the same this year. The other 12 we can give away as raffle items. Barry and I plan to meet with Janet later this month to order DTU shirts (see Barry's report) and DTU baseball caps. I will make sure Janet uses the correct logo for this order.

VETERANS INITIATIVE - Bill Nolan

I have secured the American Legion for the first and third Thursdays of the month December through April for fly tying for veterans. They have asked us to donate \$200, and they will then donate \$200 back to DTU. They did this for us before, not a big issue. The Legion will be providing a server for anyone interested in food. However, rule #1, will be No Alcohol.

I was recently in contact with a member of Keystone Warriors, a non-profit that donates to programs such as ours. I was told that a \$10,000, to \$20,000 donation would be approved. We are working on pricing for drift boat trips, rental vans for each outing, etc for next season. All this info will be submitted in a donation request.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVE

Joy McMaster indicated that Kiki Galvin is still interested in doing an intermediate fly-fishing workshop.

MEMBERSHIP Fran McElhinny

662 men, 36 women, 11 young men, 1 young woman, 12 new members (11 men and 1 woman). Total this month is 710.

PROGRAMS Derek Eberley

Our speaker for the Nov. 17th membership meeting will be Ryan Davis of the Chesapeake Bay Alliance.

MISC.

Joy reported that the Lancaster County Conservancy has requested that DTU be a sponsor again next year for Water Week. A decision has not been made. A meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 22nd at Millport to discuss a possible partnership for a day during Water Week which would include an event at Millport with Millport Conservancy, DTU, Lancaster County Conservancy and Lititz Run Watershed. The event would combine fly fishing and conservation.

At the request of Millport Conservancy, Joy McMaster and Tom Hall attended several meetings to discuss financial assistance for the yearly maintenance of the property. Joy brought the proposal to the board who unanimously approved \$1000.00 per year.

President

Quorum is now 9 because there are 17 of us.

Volunteer hours

Year	President	Board Hours	Member Hours	Total Hours
2012	Wayne Boggs			3,400
2013	Tom Hall			3,424
2014	Tom Hall			3,555
2015	Jim Wellendorf	4,662	601	5,263
2016	Jim Wellendorf	4,090	618.5	4,709
2017	Joy McMaster	3,270	725	3,995

For various reasons, both medical and personal, board members did not attend as many meetings this past year. When they returned, hours worked during the intervening time were not recorded. The breakdown by category is: management = 1040.5, conservation = 431.5, advocacy = 32, communication = 774, fundraising = 338.5, engagement = 565, and youth = 88.5. Advocacy, communication, and engagement had increased numbers over the previous year.

Total member volunteer hours continue to increase: conservation = 241.5, fundraising = 271.5, and engagement = 212. The only increase was in fundraising hours.

Fundraising

We will be ready for the Extra Give. Mark is following the timeline suggested by the Foundation. I did a last review of our page on the Extra Give site.

Patric Nephin held his first meeting for our Spring Fundraiser which will be April 7, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton/Willow Valley. We will have a plated dinner instead of the usual buffet. Discussions included how to improve the experience for the gold tables, the rollout of information, and the timing of events for that evening. Mike Keller, of HK Keller Auctioneers, attended the meeting and provided several interesting suggestions.

Millport buttons have arrived for 2018. The price was the same as last year - \$119.36.

School Requests

I received a phone request from the Janus School for information about TIC. I passed this on to Ned.

A teacher at Penn Manor High School asked if we could do a presentation to her Wildlife class. Greg volunteered to do this. She is also interested in TIC. I passed her information on to Ned.

Invite

We received an invitation to a Lancaster Partner meeting with Congressman Smucker. Key watershed issues are to be discussed. Bob, Barry, and Bill Nolan expressed interest in attending. A definite date has not been decided. (Greg emailed that he would like to be included.)

Intermediate Casting Class in June

I heard from KiKi Galvin about an intermediate class for our members. She wrote: "An intermediate class could include working on aerial mends and specialty casts like tuck casts and puddle. Possibly Czech nymphing or Tenkara. I think when you have advanced skills a challenge is good so anything but the basics can be good to learn. Maybe some Spey casting with a single-handed rod too. 6-8 people is manageable." I replied that I was hoping to have @15 members attend. She said this is a large group especially if we are on a stream. It might be possible if we had someone able to assist her.

Water Week sponsorship

We received a request to be a sponsor for the 2018 Water Week. Next year it will run from June 1 - 9. The results from this year included \$115,000 received from sponsors and \$30,000 in-kind support. 1,376 people attended 15 events. \$30,000 was given in grants to eight community organizations and the city of Lancaster for water quality enhancement. The lowest sponsorship level of \$2,500 seems only for community organizations. According to the printed material, we would receive the exact same result as last year for this level of sponsorship. The \$5,000 level allows for a hosted or cohosted event. As last year, the Chiques Watershed Expo is listed as an event for 2018 where the public can meet the stewards of Lancaster County Waterways.

Budget

We will be doing our 2018 budget at the Dec. board meeting which means we will only discuss items that need decisions or clarification. Please send your numbers with your Dec. report or have them ready so we can shorten the process.

Roundtable

Dan Van Buskirk discussed the lack of success of our annual Oktoberfest. We decided to try something different this year with a downtown venue, Tellus360. After a disappointing turnout, we decided to perhaps go back to a previous venue, 4 Seasons. Nothing has been decided.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tom Hall for Bill Henry