Emerging

What’s

Joy took a sample poll at our last membership meeting and I really believe it is something we should consider.

Dedicated volunteers to be effective in this undertaking require extensive research into the possibility of our chapter being able to carry on. This is related to our membership growing up to over 730 and the need to cover mailing expenses. You must include your telephone # and membership info.

On May 7th, Brad Angst and his 7th and 8th grade students from Marticville middle school placed 110 brook trout fingerlings from their Trout-in-the-Classroom program in Climbers Run. This property, owned by the Lancaster County Conservancy is now known as The Climbers Run Nature Preserve. The event was covered by Channel 8 News and Ad Crable from the Lancaster newspapers. It was actually a 2-day learning experience for the students who learned all about stream entomology, cold water conservation, and some fly casting instruction from some DTU members. They were then able to use some of the basic ideas and catch some bluegills and bass from an onsite pond. To be able to actually catch fish on a fly really enhances the whole experience for them. This is the brook trout restoration project that I have been talking about for some time. Please mark your calendars for June 18th for our membership picnic so you can all see, for yourselves, what we have all been so excited about.

June 18th – Climbers Run Nature Preserve – Marticville. The directions are on our website. The location is right off of Frogtown Road. See you there!!

Board member, Joy McMaster has been doing some extensive research into the possibility of our chapter working with disabled veterans, whether it be Healing Waters or some other program. It takes some very dedicated volunteers to be effective in this undertaking and I really believe it is something we should consider. Joy took a sample poll at our last membership meeting to see how many people would be interested in assuming some sort of role in this sort of project and I was very pleased to see a number of hands go up. It appears to be an important issue to many of us. This will be discussed going forward and I will keep you posted as to the progress. Our many thanks go to Joy for carrying the ball on this.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 13th. We are planning a youth fly fishing day at Hugh Wenger’s farm pond close to Elizabethtown. We are looking for volunteers to do some basic fly fishing instruction to kids from 12 to 18 years of age. The day would also include some real fishing for some very large bluegills, bass, and monster catfish. We’re planning on limiting the number of attendees to about 14 or 15 and this is shaping up to be a very fun day for everyone so please come on out.

Membership is up to over 730 and growing. Please watch for upcoming volunteer opportunities to get the chance to come out and do something really special.

Thanks again for all your support and get out there and fish!

Greetings!

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day Holiday. The recent rains have played havoc with some of the local streams. Penn’s, Spring Creek and the Little J have all been blown out but they should be getting back to normal levels. It’s Green Drake time on Penn’s and I’m sure some of you will be making that trip.

Volunteer

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2014 are still available for chapter members and members of the Conservancy. Pricing remains the same: $20 in person, $22.50 to cover mailing expenses. You must include your telephone # and membership info.

Volunteers will be needed to help teach the basics of fly fishing at our first Youth Clinic on Saturday, September 13.

Contact Faye Haering at fayeonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572 if you can help.

It is vital that volunteers leave their email address and/or phone # when volunteering so that we can contact them in the event of changes.

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Committee Reports

**PROGRAMS**

**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. Don’t forget to bring folding chairs.

**JULY**

As usual, there will be no chapter meeting in July.

**AUGUST**

The August Meeting will be our final picnic of the summer, at a site yet to be determined.

**CONServation Committee**

The conservation committee looked at 2 new possible sites that are in need of stream restoration. The first was at Helen Mowday’s property on Climbers Run while the second was on the Evelyn Metzler property on Fishing Creek. Both sites show excessive erosion problems. Plans are underway to determine the best course of action to correct the problems. We also looked at a repair problem on an old site located on Conowingo Creek. Rettew Associates will visit the site and give their recommendation as to how to best repair the rock wall.

On June 6th the committee met with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, DEP and Rettew Associates to do a final review of 3 new projects along Conowingo Creek. Final designs were reviewed and approved. Rettew Associates still have 2 more sites to design but that will carry over into next year. We were told that we could now submit a construction estimate to build these 3 projects. Rettew Associates is in the process of gathering their costs and will ask DEP to add an addendum to our original 2013 grant. If awarded, we should start construction next year.

On May 7th, the committee had a very enjoyable day at Climbers Run Nature Preserve (former Camp Snyder). Many of you are familiar with our Trout in the Class Room programs as we currently have this program in 7 different schools systems within the county. Penn Manor School District is one of them. Mr. Brad Angst is a teacher at the Middle School who administers this program to his 7th and 8th grade students. The students raised 115 brook trout from “fertilized trout eggs” given them from the PA Fish & Boat Commission. As they watched the trout begin to grow, they also followed a curriculum that teaches the students about the importance of clean, cold water, the life cycle and identification of stream insects, identifying pollution problems that will affect the ecosystem as well as fun projects such as fly tying and learning to fly fish.

The students were excited to release the fish into Climbers Run’s cold water. Many students waded in over their waist to release some fingerlings into some of the deeper pools. It was an excuse to go swimming. No one minded the 55-degree water temperature. Every student greatly enjoyed themselves. After the stocking, they were introduced to one of our life members, Mr. Dennis Blevens, who showed the students how he takes water samples and runs tests to determine the pH factor, oxygen levels and other chemical tests. Dennis actually had the students do the experiments and record their measurements. They took up fly rods, provided by DTU, and went fly-fishing for bluegills in the existing pond. The next day, May 8th, the students built a large water garden adjacent to the Educational Center building and helped the Conservancy clear brush on a nearby hill. It was a good day for me to see all this excitement, but it was a “great day” for the students. This is what it is all about, getting the youth involved in nature, water and trout. It was indeed a great day.

Bob Hutz
Conservation Committee Chairman

**Youth Fly Fishing Clinic**

DTU’s first Youth Fly Fishing Clinic will be held from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Hugh Wenger’s one-acre pond north of Elizabethtown, PA. Directions will be posted later.

This clinic is open to 15 girls and boys 12 to 18 years of age. Registrations must be received by September 1, 2014.

The clinic will include an introduction to fly fishing, a review of fly fishing gear, instructions in fly casting, tying leaders and tippets and casting to a fish. There are some sizeable Bass, Catfish and Blue Gills in the pond.

A picnic lunch is included.

Water will be available but it’s always a good idea to bring some along.

Participants should wear a hat, sunglasses and clothing and footwear which are suitable for the occasion.

There is no cost to participants.

So please join us at our introductory Youth Fly Fishing Clinic. Register early and be prepared to catch some fish and have some fun!

Faye E. Haering, at 285-2572 and/or at fayefishfly@comcast.net

Faye Haering
Volunteer Coordinator

**Mayflyer**

On May 26, all of the Officers & Board Members as well as those new members listed in the April issue of the Mayflyer, were sent a spam email, ostensibly for hand-tied flies. I’ve no knowledge of whether this email was a legitimate “advertisement” or an effort to dupe responders. While it has been technically possible to “harvest” email addresses from pdf (Portable Document Format) files posted on the internet for some years, this has not been a serious threat in my experience in the past. It has been my habit since I took on the editorship of the Mayflyer to make the addresses of the Officers and new members “Mail-Continued, page 10
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Please contact Glen Nephin at gnephin@ptd.net or 271-9208.
At 7 PM on Wednesday evening April 16, 2014 at the Farm and Home Center, 48 members and guests were taught a graduate level course in salt water fishing by Bill Schotta and Bob Wyble. Bob is a former President of the Chapter and Bill is a former Program Chairman.

The evening’s instructions started with Bill explaining where to, when to and how to fish for Albies on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Bill covered equipment including boat, rods, reels, lines, leaders, and flies. He explained how to cast and where to fish depending upon the conditions. He explained the best time of the year to fish and where to stay and eat.

Bob then played a 22-minute video he made of a trip Bill, he and a friend, Terry Zeiders, took last October on Bill’s boat to Harker's Island, North Carolina. The video demonstrated many of the points Bill covered in his presentation. It also showed Terry catching a “boat record” 21 pound Albie.

The video ended with an exciting segment of Bob Wyble catching a 16 lb. Albie while a shark chased it, sending Bob dashing from side to side around on the deck trying to stay with the Albie and not break his fly rod.

There was a question and answer period at the end of the presentation. It was obvious from the questions and the ensuing discussions that the members and guests learned a lot and enjoyed the evening.

**New Caps**

The Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited unveiled new caps at its April 16, 2014 Membership Meeting. The caps come in two colors - tan and dark blue/green. Each cap is embroidered with the DTU name and logo. The caps are given to all new members and are sold at the monthly membership meeting for $15.

At the April meeting, 4 new members received caps and 17 caps were sold. So come to the next meeting and purchase yours and wear it proudly.

**May Meeting**

The May 21, 2014 Donegal Trout Unlimited Membership meeting could have been called – “Everything you wanted to know about Nymph Fly Fishing”

Dennis Carney, a licensed fly fishing guide, FFF casting instructor and teacher at the Joan Wulff School of Fly Fishing, was the evening’s featured speaker. He is on the staff at Flyfisher’s Paradise Fly Shop in State College, PA.

Dennis started his presentation by describing his recommended knots, leaders, tippets, sinkers and strike indicators. He proceeded to discuss stream strategies for: eddies, seams, current, shade, water color changes, water temperature and water oxygen content. He then reviewed his seasonal favorite nymphs which included: golden stone flies, cress bugs, Walt’s Worms; scuds, zebra midges, Blue Winged Olives, sucker spawns, dark sulphurs, light sulphurs, shrimp, wet ants, and caddis. He concluded the evening with a review of casting techniques, high sticking and driving the nymph into the water.

It was evident from the many questions from the 41 members who attended meeting that Dennis did an excellent job of piquing their interest, satisfying their curiosity and answering their questions.
Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) Foundation holds an annual fundraiser called Fly on the Run (FOTR) for the benefit of its LCCTC Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund. King Knox, Chairman LCCTC, Tony Gillespie, Executive Director and Dick Witwer, Director and FOTR Chairperson, are the organizers of the Event. The Event consists of teams of four, fly fishing four beats for an hour-and-a-half each. At the end of the day the teams total the number and size of the trout they catch and winners are determined.

This year was the eighth Annual Fly on the Run. Lynn Myers, Executive Director, Millport Conservancy, and Logan Myers, Vice President Special Events LCCTC hosted the Event at the Millport Conservancy.

Donegal Trout Unlimited has had a mutually beneficial partnership with LCCTC and Millport Conservancy for many years. FOTR demonstrates how all three organizations work together.

This is what DTU does to help make FOTR successful:

- **Stocking**

  LCCTC buys 600 trout from a local hatchery for the contest. The trout are brown, brook and rainbow trout in the 12 – 15 inch size range. On Tuesday May 13 under the direction of Dick Witwer, LCCTC and DTU volunteers stocked those trout along the entire contest length of Lititz Run.

  This year’s DTU volunteers were: Cathy Wise-Goodman, Jerry Stevens, Aaron Westover, Scott Trefny, Tom Hall, Greg Wilson and Jim Wellendorf.

  In addition to the contest trout DTU stocked 1000 fingerlings.

- **Guiding**

  On the day of the contest, Thursday May 15, DTU volunteers acted as stream guides. They helped land, measure and release the trout. This year’s DTU volunteers were: Faye Haering, Moirajeanne Fitzgerald, Troy Martin, Carl Yoder, Scott Trefny, Ned Bushong, Dale Ashcroft, Tom Hall, Mark Ebner, Dan Van Buskirk, Peter Van Buskirk, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Bill Henry and Paul Zegley.

Fly on the Run raises money for a very worthwhile cause. It’s a fun day for contestants and volunteers alike, and demonstrates how by working together, organizations can leverage their strengths and their synergies to produce excellent results.
Third DTU Cold Water Breakfast

This is the first year we advertised this program to include girls.

We had seventeen ladies and two girls that attended this breakfast at the Millport Conservancy in Lititz, Pa. - home of Lititz Run, a premium stream that adjoins the Conservancy, home of Logan & Lynn Myers, Exec. Director.

Breakfast was provided by the Lancaster County Career & Technology Schools once again and served by Cammie and headed up by Tony Gillespie.

The weather was notable and was just perfect for the occasion.

Breakfast was served while watching a couple of videos about the cold water projects done on Lititz Run.

Following the films and breakfast we assigned groups that would attend one of the booths for fly tying with tyers, Paul Zegley & Jan Shenk and TCO Fly Shop in Reading with Jake Villwock.

We had two new casting instructors this year with John McLain & Todd Peters and full attendance was obvious with all those lines & rods in position and up in the air. Birds beware!

As if this were not enough, a special treat was in store for the many who attended this breakfast and staff members.

DTU President, Tom Hall, pail in hand with fish pellets, led us to the stream where we heard a chorus of OHH’s and AHH’s, as a variety of trout broke the surface boldly and inhaled the food. ‘Twas a special treat to observe for all.

Sadly all must end, but would have to say this was a very special event with special people that turned out to present and enjoy all that we had to offer.

Hopefully, many will continue to use and enjoy the tools we introduced in the sport of fly fishing and coldwater conservation practices and share with others.

WITH GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION,

FAYE E. HAERING, DTU VOUCHER COORDINATOR

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf & Mark McMaster
In 2013, the Lancaster County Conservancy (LCC) purchased 85 acres previously known as Camp Snyder and renamed it Climbers Run Nature Preserve. Climbers Run was historically known to hold native brook trout. In the summer of 2013 Donegal Trout Unlimited representatives - Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson, Conservation Co-Chairmen, Tom Hall, President and Jim Wellendorf, Vice President, met with Mike Burcin, CEO/COO LCC and several other members of the LCC and discussed a joint effort to restore parts of Climbers Run and to designate it a fly fishing catch-and-release-only stream.

Several weeks after that meeting, Matt Kofroth from the Lancaster County Conservation District electro-shocked the stream and confirmed the presence of native brook trout. Since that time the LCC has undertaken several major renovation projects to upgrade the facilities at the Preserve and DTU has applied for and received several grants to restore the Run. Work on the Run is planned to start in 2015.

On Wednesday May 7, Ad Crable, Outdoor Writer for the Lancaster newspaper and Ann Shannon from WGAL TV covered the release of brook trout into Climbers Run at the Nature Preserve. The trout were raised from eggs by the students in Brad Angst’s Marticville Middle School Class. Mike Burcin, CEO/COO of the Lancaster County Conservancy hosted the media, the students and the following members of DTU: Tom Hall, Bob Kutz, Garry Longenecker Paul Zegley and Jim Wellendorf. On Thursday May 8, Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson taught the students about cold water conservation and Paul Zegley taught them the fundamentals of fly fishing.

The plans are to make Climbers Run Nature Preserve an environmental classroom for the entire community and a showcase for cold water conservation.
New Members

The Donegal Chapter introduced four new members at its April 16, 2014 membership meeting.

Pictured, left to right are: Jake Hoover, George Eckman, Membership Chairman Fran McElhinney, Stan Shenk and Walt Heisey. Fran presented each one a Donegal Trout Unlimited cap and a packet of information about Trout Unlimited and the Donegal Chapter.

In April 2014 Donegal Trout Unlimited added 19 new members bringing our total membership to 723. This makes us the third largest Chapter in Pennsylvania and is a real credit to our Board and members. As of May 1, 2014 we have:

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Two first-time members attended the May 21, 2014 Membership Meeting. Pictured left to right are: Fin Livingston and Gil Learn.

If you have not joined the Chapter please do so and join a dedicated group of volunteers, passionate about cold water conservation.

JIM WELLENDORF

Committee Reports, continued

To” links, so that anyone could merely click on the address and open a new email so as to contact that person. I’ve done that as a convenience, but as it now appears to be an exploitable weakness I will no longer enable those “hot links”. My apologies to all who were “spammed” and hopefully no one suffered more than an annoyance.

MARK McMASTER
EDITOR

BANQUET

I know this is a late Banquet wrap up but here it is in a nutshell.

We had 280 people in attendance this year in our new room at the Host. Good times were had by many, some more than others, with a few big winners. Jesse Wilson was our $1000 TCO winner and the winner of the Prize is Right game. Ted Clemons was the $500 Bass Pro winner. Karen Nephin was our Choice Auction winner along with many others throughout the evening. Some special awards were handed out to Flyway Construction and Rettew Associates for the outstanding contributions to DTU through the years. Also Bob Albright was given an award for his outstanding leadership and volunteer work during his time with DTU.

After a long post-banquet meeting, there are many things to add and change for next year already. The flow of the room will be more friendly and the length of some of the auction items will change as well. The food all seemed very good and was served in a timely manner, our goal for ending the banquet is usually 10-10:30. All in all things went well with the new room, we will tweak it for a better flow and to keep things moving throughout the evening next year. We still managed to raise $29,000 for our cause and I would like to thank all that helped in any way. A special thanks to all our donors who help make the banquet what it is. Please help to support ALL our donors as they support DTU every year.

Set your calendar for March 28, 2015 for the next Banquet event. Thanks again to all.

DAN BAFANDT
DTU BANQUET CHAIR
ANSWER: 1,500 trees in pots ready to be planted.

QUESTION: What do you get when 24 volunteers and 4 DTU Board Members work over 100 person hours to achieve a common goal?

That is what happened on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Chapter’s Nursery at the Millport Conservancy. Two groups of volunteers, one each day, worked from 9 AM until noon to pot 1,500 trees – sycamore, oak, red oak, willow, dogwood and eastern cedars - and raspberry bushes. The volunteers came from everywhere. There were 2 Maytown cub scouts, 4 Manheim Township High School Key Club members, 4 Cargill Employees, 3 parents, 4 kids, 6 DTU members and 5 DTU Board Members.

Friday’s team included (not in picture sequence):

Holly Ford, Avery Ford, Landon Ford, Kristen Salembier, Olivia Salembier, Dick Lentine, Tom Royer, Tom Hall, Garry Longenecker, Mark Ebner, Jerry Stevens, Andrew Carl and Jim Wellendorf

Saturday’s team included (not in picture sequence):

Christophe Salembier, Alex Salembier, Olivia Salembier, Sophia Schramm, Mikayla Goldstein, Andy Herr, Patty Herr, Andre Raineri, Laura Rainer, Memo Raineri, Faith Isaacs, Todd Ellis, Karen Kutcher, Steve Kutcher, Mic Cicarone, Fran McElhinney, Tom Royer, Garry Longenecker, and Jim Wellendorf

According to Garry Longenecker, DTU Nursery Manager, who planned and organized the work, it was huge success. The trees will be used for DTU stream restoration projects or will be given or sold to municipalities, organizations and individuals. He said the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers will give DTU a real head start as outdoor project season begins. He thanked all the volunteers who made both days so successful while at the same time, fun. He enjoyed working with all of them.

Kinsey’s Outdoors held its 15th Annual Kid’s Day at their business location north of Elizabethtown, PA from 9 AM until 2 PM on Saturday May 17, 2014. The event is free for all children 16 and under and includes free hot dogs, chips, sodas and T-shirts. At the event the children have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of fun outdoor activities including turkey calling, bass fishing, shotgun shooting, duck hunting and this year - fly fishing. Tom Hall, DTU President, pictured with one of his students, and Paul Zegley, DTU Events Chairperson, spent the day teaching groups of children the fundamentals of fly fishing and casting. Tom reported that the event was a big success and was an event that Donegal Trout Unlimited should participate in every year. He also stated that he recruited several boys and girls for our Youth Fishing Clinic in September.

So put it on your calendar for the third Saturday in May 2015.
Present: Tom Hall, Bob Albright, Bob Kutz, Fran McElheny, Garry Longenecker, Ned Bushong, Faye Haerring, Mark Ebner, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Wayne Boggs, Bill Henry

Absent: Greg Wilson, Jim Wellendorf, Paul Zegley, Dan Brandt

Minutes: Approved as published

Treasurer’s Report by Bob and Dan. This is Bob’s last meeting. To date it looks like the banquet will net around $29,000 to $30,000. All bills and receipts are not in yet.

Created a new Category for the Climbers Run work.

Changed Donegal TU address to the PO Box.

Dan will check to see if there is a way to put moneys in our accounts in some kind of interest-bearing vehicle.

Dan suggests that the other two signatories have the account numbers and passwords. A good idea, it will be explored.

REPORTS

CONSERVATION - BOB KUTZ:

We have in hand and commitments of about $56,500 for the Climbers Run - Camp Snyder project, hereafter to be called Climbers Run Nature Preserve Project.

- 15,000 Nature Conservancy
- 15,000 US Fish and Wildlife
- 8,000 TU Embrace a Stream
- 5,000 Patagonia
- 1,000 PA TU
- 1,000 Norfolk and Southern
- 1,500
- 5,000
- 5,000 PPL and Exelon and another group made these last 3 commitments

Lancaster Conservancy has applied for the Cora Brooks Grant of $20,000

Designs of 3 out of 4 projects on Conowingo done, trying to permit all 4 at the same time.

A few new projects on the horizon:

- Octorora Watershed Kelley Roe
- Metzger property with the Friends of Fishing Creek
- Possibly John Martin property on Climbers.

Bob went to DEP meeting in state College. Made some new contacts.

COMMUNICATIONS - JIM WELLENDORF

Communications Contacts - No changes.

Monthly Meeting Reminder - On April 7 Jim sent a reminder to the Members and the Communications Contacts about the upcoming Membership Meeting on Wednesday April 16.

Calendar of Events - Jim sent a draft of the April 2014 Calendar of Events to the Board on April 1. The Board reviewed it and sent their changes and additions to Jim. Jim will send the approved Calendar to the members and the media on Friday April 11.

NURSERY - GARRY LONGENECKER

Greg Wilson and volunteers planted trees set aside last fall for the Banta Farm. This week the Friends of Fishing Creek will pick up the 50 plants we had set aside for them 2013. I spoke to Carl Neff, Manheim Twp, and he has interest in plants for projects they have scheduled. He will be getting details to me at a later date. The stream restoration project in Manheim Linear Park will get under way with their rep Deb Snyder picking up 50 silksys and 50 assorted trees this Friday.

As you know, we had great survival of the trees at the nursery, both winterized and what was left on skids for projects. I think the snow cover had a lot to do with the survival rate of the exposed trees. So after planting and early distribution, the nursery should have a population of around 1,500 trees and/or shrubs.

I am aggressively seeking volunteers to get the nursery up and running. Planting Day is Friday 18th and Saturday the 19th, and it is my intent to have all the stock planted except approx 300 trees for “Youth Day” scheduled for May 13. Manheim Twp generously will supply a dump truck of mixed soil and Warwick Twp will pick up the material at the recycling center on the 17th. On the 15th, Dick Lenting and I will pick up the remaining tree stock, and all materials needed for planting.

Two different ways I intend to recruit volunteers:

- I will be providing a sign up sheet for the monthly meeting, which I will bring and retrieve after the meeting - sample provided
- I will send an invitation/request to members in surrounding areas, Manheim, Lititz, Manheim Twp, Ephrata. etc via email and addressed by zip code.

Expenditures for the Nursery:

- Lanc. Co. Conservation District $406.25 (10% will be credited to us after I pick up stock on the 15th)
- SYLVA Nursery 175.00
- Virginia Dept Forestry 390.00

Total Expenditures $971.26

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The Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited board meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday May 14, 2014 by the Chapter Vice President Jim Wellendorf.

The following Board Members were present: Jim Wellendorf, Mark McMaster, Joy McMaster, Dan Van Buskirk, Wayne Boggs, Garry Longenecker, Greg Wilson, Ned Bushong and Dan Brandt.

SECRETARY’S REPORT - BILL HENRY (AS READ BY JW)

The minutes from the April 16, 2014 Board Meeting were read by acting Secretary Jim Wellendorf and approved by the Board.

TREASURER’S REPORT - DAN VAN BUSKIRK

Dan reported that there is $136,989 in the Checking Account and $37,732 in the Grant Account for a total of $174,722.

The significant transaction for the past month was expenses of $22,280 for Conowingo Creek.

Dan reported that he is working with a representative of Susquehanna Bank on the following:

- Corporate Interest Paying Account
- Security for our Accounts
- Corporate Credit Card

There was considerable discussion about the Corporate Credit card. A decision will be made at the next Board Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION - GREG WILSON

The conservation committee looked at 2 new possible sites that are in need of stream restoration. The first was at H. Mowday’s property on Climbers Run while the second was on the E. Metzler property on Fishing Creek. Both sites show excessive erosion problems. Plans are underway to determine the best course of action to correct the problem. We also looked at a repair problem on an old site located on Conowingo Creek. Rettew Associates will visit the site and give their recommendation as to how to best repair it.

On June 6th the committee met with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, DEP and Rettew Associates to do a final review of 3 new projects along Conowingo Creek. Final designs were reviewed and approved. Rettew Associates still have 2 more sites to design but that will carry over into next year. We were told that we could now submit a construction estimate to build these 3 projects. Rettew is in the process of gathering their costs and will ask DEP to add an addendum to our original 2013 grant. If awarded, we should start construction next year.

COMMUNICATION - JIM WELLENDORF

Jim reported that Wayne sent out a “teaser” for the May 21 membership meeting on Monday May 12. The deadline for items to be included in the monthly “teaser” is noon on the Friday before the Board Meeting. Jim plans to send the May Calendar of Events to the members and the media on Thursday, May 15.

He said there were no changes to the Communications Contact List. However Jim is working on adding the PennySaver newspaper to the list of Contacts. He was given this lead by a woman who attended the Ladies Cold Water Breakfast.

He reviewed the May Calendar of Events and will make the appropriate changes. He intends to send the May Calendar to the members and the media no later than Friday May 16.

MEMBERSHIP - FRAN McELHINNY (JW)

Jim Wellendorf had asked Fran to prepare a monthly report on membership statistics. Fran worked with Mark McMaster and gave Jim the initial report which included numbers for every month of 2014. Jim circulated the May report.

May’s numbers were:

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That is an increase of 19 new members in May.

NURSERY - GARRY LONGENECKER

The initial nursery planting on April 18-19 went well, with approx 1500 trees being planted by 12 volunteers on Friday and 19 on Saturday. Friday was more productive, and we finished within the time confines that had been set. The best part of the volunteer experience was taking the volunteers on hike along Lititz Run and feeding the trout - thanks Mark. Stock is budding/leafing out and appears to be doing well.

Tuesday May 12, was Watershed Day at Millport where we had 6 sessions of 5th graders from Warwick School District planting trees. It was a great educational experience with the kids digging in and planting approx 500 trees.

Volunteers were terrific for the initial planting and yesterday I asked for two more and got none. Yesterday was an educational moment and DTU missed the boat. My email experiment to recruit volunteers was not successful - only one email response and one verbal response. I made personal phone appeals for Watershed Day and was unable to get people to assist.

Watering the stock is problematic. I may need to add an extra watering station to water all the trees. The west row of tree stock has to be hand watered. I also need plastic skids. Bob Kutz is following up with the manager of the Weis Market where we got skids previously.

Garry reported that expenses year to date for the Nursery are $1,200.
May Minutes, continued

EDUCATION - NED BUSHONG

TIC Program

Lancaster Country Day School released their trout on Wednesday morning May 14. They put the trout in just below the Landis Homes property. Fish releases for Ephrata, Warwick and Penn Manor are upcoming.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - FAYE HAERING (JW)

Youth Fly Fishing Clinic for Sept. 13th at Hugh Wenger’s pond in E-town. Plan to run it similar to the Special Olympics Derby with lunch included. A maximum of 15 participants will be accepted. They will 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 will be used. Porto Pot also will be required. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Fly on the Run: The event sponsored by the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center will be held on May 15. Those who volunteered to be Stream Guides were invited to attend the banquet on Wednesday March 14 at the LCCTC School’s Mt. Joy Campus.

FACEBOOK - MARK EBNER (JW)

Jim asked and Mark did revise our Facebook page to highlight “Volunteer Opportunities”.

PROGRAMS - PAUL ZEGLEY (JW)

Next month’s picnic/meeting will be held at the Climbers Run Nature Preserve. It will be delicious and informative. We will be treated to a leaf pack presentation by Tara Muenz from the Stroud Water Research Center. Part of her presentation will be a demonstration with bags taken from Climbers Run. We are planning for 50 - 60 people. We may have to restrict attendance. Paul will be extending invitations to a few special guests.

BANQUET - DAN BRANDT

Dan reported that the Banquet Committee had just completed a post-Banquet review and are exploring ways to improve next year’s banquet such as the room layout and additional member volunteers. He said that it looks like the Banquet will clear over $29,000. He announced the dates for the next two year’s banquets: March 28, 2015 and April 9, 2016

J. WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER - MARK MCMASTER

Mayflyer: The June Mayflyer deadline is May 27. Mark reiterated the need for more “voices” from various committee chairs in the Mayflyer.

Website: Website use was very high in March & April, and May is off to a similar fast start. There have been 255 dl’s of the April Mayflyer to date & interest in the Banquet Booklet remains high with 39 dl’s of that so far in May, 103 in April. The Youth in TU video I added at the beginning of this month has been viewed 22 times.

Mobile and tablets: Visits to the site by Mobile & Tablet users is now almost a third of our traffic, split roughly evenly between the two. iPhones & iPads make up the bulk of those users, with Android phones, Kindle Fires and Samsung tablets chief among the non-Mac crowd. Mark had to abandon the format he was using for the slideshows in the revised website because of issues that became more aggravating as he went along. Unfortunately he had coded @ 75% of those pages when he gave up, so he is now only finished with @ 50%. He hopes to “debut” the revised site by early June.

K. VETERANS PROJECT - JOY McMASTERT

Joy made a detailed report which follows. After considerable discussion the Board decided to continue discussions about a Veterans Event at the next Board meeting. The Board agreed that this is a volunteer intensive project and based on our current level of volunteer support it would not be prudent to undertake one at this time. Joy will ask for a show of hands at the next Membership meeting so see if there is any interest in our members in working on this project.

Joy’s report:

The TU Veterans Service Program, Project Healing Waters FAQ, and PHW information from the TU website were sent to all board members to review.

Joy contacted three TU chapters for information on their experiences with PHW. Wilkes-Barre has been involved since 2008. Their contact person did not respond. Valley Forge is the newest member in our region. Chuck Cutshall contacted Tom. Joy was told that Doc Fritchey was unhappy with their experience with PHW. Joy contacted their president and was referred to their “Home Waters” chairperson.

PHW assisted Doc Fritchey in setting up their veteran’s event the first year with Lebanon VA hospital. The second year they were asked to sign a contract & become “a PHW Chapter”. This would have involved all of the record keeping & quarterly reports. Doc Fritchey declined this offer.

Home Waters is held once a year, usually in June. A chapter member has property on Clarks Creek which includes a picnic area & pavilion.

15 - 20 vets attend each year. Lebanon VA hospital is still involved in this project. A guide is provided for each vet. If someone is in a wheelchair, two guides are provided. Casting lessons are given at the start of the day. Some tackle is provided by the chapter. The guides usually bring extra equipment - especially waders & boots. Sometimes the vets bring equipment they have borrowed. A letter of dispensation is obtained from the Fish & Boat Commission each year so the vets do not need a license. Guides should have their licenses available.

Lunch is provided with snacks & drinks available throughout the day. Porta potties are donated. Sometimes a chapter member obtains donated trout to add to the stream. Donations are requested of grocery stores, big box stores and from chapter members to cover the food and paper products required. Extra volunteers are needed for food prep, meal setup, cleanup and to relieve the guides as needed.
The next day a limited Ladies Day is held in the same location. Only snacks are provided.

**President’s Comments - Tom Hall (JW)**

Media Day at Climbers Run Nature Preserve:

Jim reported that on Wednesday May 7, Ad Crable for the Lancaster newspaper and Ann Shannon from WGAL TV covered the release of brook trout into Climbers Run at the Nature Preserve. The trout were raised from eggs by the students in Brad Angst’s Marticville Middle School Class. Mike Burcin, CEO/COO of the Lancaster County Conservancy hosted the media, the students and the following members of DTU: Tom Hall, Bob Kutz, Garry Longenecker Paul Zegley and Jim Wellendorf. On Thursday Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson taught the students about cold water conservation and Paul Zegley taught them the fundamentals of fly fishing.

**Round Table Discussion**

2014 Rivers Conservation Camp:

Jim Wellendorf reported that he received an additional application for the 2014 Rivers Conservation Camp which he submitted immediately. He received a reply almost instantly stating that the Camp was full for 2014. Jim encouraged the applicant to submit an application next year. Garry Longenecker and Jim met several members of the Cumberland Valley Chapter while fishing on the Yellow Breeches on May 9 and thanked them for all the work they do to run the Rivers camp every year.

Volunteers:

As you read in Garry Longenecker’s report we are not doing an adequate job of attracting volunteers. Jim Wellendorf asked Mark Ebner to highlight volunteer requirements on Facebook which he has done. Jim has added volunteer requirement to both the monthly Membership Meeting “teaser” and the Monthly Calendar of Events. Jim has begun to track the number of Board members and non-board member volunteers for each of our Events. He will present a report at the June Board Meeting. What he has found so far is the Board members continue to be the main volunteers for most of our Events. If we are to continue to expand and add events this MUST change. One thing Jim suggests we do is every event chairperson make an assertive request to our members at each Membership Meeting. Jim asked all the Board Members to send him any suggestions so that he can compile them and present them with his report on our event volunteers.

2015 Fly Fishing Show:

Wayne Boggs asked the Board if he should sign DTU up for the 2015 Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster. The Board unanimously agreed he should do so. The Board also agreed that every Board member should spend at least 2 hours at the DTU booth. It is an excellent way to test and increase your knowledge of DTU.

Food for thought:

Greg Wilson suggested the following ideas for the Board’s consideration:

Consider trying to create a stream buffer buddy program assigning 2 members a short reach of stream to maintain, deal with weeds and litter. Spring Creek Chapter has implemented this and it might be nice to try and create this for our project areas.

Climbers Run maintenance this spring.

LRWA spring clean up netted 1.5 tons of trash, over 150 volunteers.

Watershed day another lucky day due to the weather, would like TU to make a larger presentation at this event. Maybe we can get the Trout Grow On Trees curriculum from Stroud Center. Maybe we could get a pen and hold some stockies from LCCT stocking and release with the students.

Entertain hosting a filmfest as a fund raiser, possibly in conjunction with Lancaster County Conservancy, not just fishing. Stroud center’s website should show list of movies from this past spring event which ran 2 nights, cost $25 per person, $45 for 2 nights. Probably had 300 people. Had some raffle prizes from Patagonia, wine and beer.

Entertain raising banquet ticket price (Ducks Unlimited is $65 per person) and $5 or $10 additional would not really out of line these days.

Lamonte with Stroud asked about getting maybe 60 to 80 seedlings for a stream school program they are doing with plain seck kids in the eastern part of the county. They are teaching macroinvertebrates. I feel this is a very good investment with our trees. Hopefully they will start educating the parents.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Jim Wellendorf
Gary suggests more info about auction items be disseminated before the actual auction at the Banquet. Also suggested we have a display of what we do. Maybe our current display maybe more. We ought to look into putting together a comprehensive history of Donegal chapter.

Jim Wellendorf in absentia:
Wayne’s Cold Water Camp: Jim reported that no one applied to attend the camp, which will be held this year on Sunday April 27, by the April 4 deadline.
Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp: On March 25, Jim submitted applications for Mitchell Reel and Kayla Woolman to attend the 2014 Rivers Camp at Allenberry during the week of June 15-20. The Board’s deadline was March 12. The Camp’s deadline is for early admission was March 28. On April 2 Jim received word that both applications have been accepted. Jim recommends that the Board accept any application we receive right up until the Camp will no longer accept them. He also stated that the winter weather and the resulting snow days may cause a problem with some of the students being able to attend the Camp’s first day (s). In addition Jim has ordered 32 TROUT UNLIMITED caps which he will send to the Camp.

Donegal Trout Unlimited Caps: On March 26, Jim ordered 40 caps in four different colors inscribed with the Chapter’s logo. The caps are for new members and for sale ($15). He hopes to have the caps available by the April 16 Membership Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:15

Submitted by Bill Henry
The entrance to the Climbers Run Nature Preserve is on the south side of Frogtown Road just opposite the intersection with Byerland Church Road. For most of us that will mean entering Marticville via Marticville Road (Rte 324) and turning onto Frogtown Road (Rte 416) from there.

The driveway is a long and single lane which eventually plunges down to the parking area and facilities. Parking is limited and carpooling strongly encouraged.

There is a map on our website (www.donegal.tu.org/events.html#june) which links to a GoogleMap for a better view if you’re not familiar with the area.

DTU and our project at the Climbers Run Nature Preserve have been featured in a blog on Trout Unlimited’s website. Have a look at

http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/donegal-tu-puts-tic-and-eas-to-work-on-climbers-run

You may find the video on Trout Unlimited’s work with youth to be of interest: