

May 2015

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

President, Dave Swope opened the meeting opened at 7:05 pm with prayer by Jetsy Murray.

April meeting minutes were approved as-is.

Treasurer's Report: presented to Chapter. Correction needed on Visa card details. Andy Murray to follow up with Becky Plesic. Motion by Richard Lewis to accept report with condition Visa card details be confirmed; second by Jetsy Murray; approved. Treasurer duties have been transferred to Becky Plesic; Andy continues to be available for assistance/questions as needed.

Guest Speakers: No speaker for May or June meetings; tentative speaker for July scheduled – Richard Lewis to provide information for followup

Membership – phone survey script and list of selected members distributed by Amy Stum; calls to be completed and feedback provided at 6/24 Board Meeting

Newsletter – Richard Lewis requested phone numbers be added to Board Members listing on newsletter. 2nd month of Mail Chimp delivery has gone well. Stats: 164 emails delivered; 1 bad email address; 61 opened the email (37%); 40 clicked on the link to go to the newsletter (25%). Remain fairly consistent in April and May for stats; 0 recipients unsubscribed

PA Council Awards: Amy Stum will submit Chapter Newsletter and website for PA Council annual awards. John Leonard requested to be copied on nominations. Dave Swope submitted the Conococheague for Best Chapter Project award.

Website/Facebook – Amy Stum provided stats update – 152 website hits to date in May; spike of activity following Derby and newsletter publication (website and FB were publicized at the Derby event). 370 page views to date in May; reflects people visiting multiple pages on the site. Up to 51 likes on FB; derby postings reached over 500 people.

Ladies fly fishing class – Jetsy Murray reported the final class occurred streamside at the Conewago. Each participant received individual guidance on approaching and reading the stream.

TIC – release completed on 5/19 with approx. 150 students; final release to be completed 5/20.

SOY – Joe reported everything is on schedule; currently have 120-130 students registered; average participation is 200 youth

Stream Reports:

Conewago – provided by Ed McGlaughlin

Latimore – none provided

Opossum – provided by Dean Stum

Toms Creek – provided by Joe Whitmore; Hamiltonban township supervisors have decided not to support petition to upgrade Toms Creek water quality. Adam McClain continuing to finalize petition for submitting.

Conococheague – Dave provided update on Governor’s Environmental Award; displayed award presented on 4/28

Old Business:

- Date for Conewago stream clean up – no response from Steve Glassman (HACC); Shawn Abma (Gttsburg) students only available for 45 min class period. Dave Swope to follow up with local youth groups/organizations for possible interest in assisting. Suggestion by Jetsy Murray to schedule 2 dates/times; 1 mid-week and 1 on Saturday for families.
- Logo and tag line submissions due by 6/1; will be reviewed and selected at 6/24 board meeting
- List of Chapter’s equipment to be sent to Dave Swope; list received for TIC from Adam McClain
- Chapter completed fishing derby sponsored by Senator Alloway on 5/16. Keystone Country Store in Fort Loudon donated the tackle boxes and rods/reels.
- Status on television purchase – vote approved at April meeting to purchase; no one assigned. Andy Murray volunteered to purchase on behalf of chapter.

New Business:

- Teen Summit – Quinton accepted; Amy Stum to follow up on reimbursement for attendance and travel expenses
- Conewago Stream work – Dave to follow up with Chris regarding availability to schedule date; existing shotrock at the site should be sufficient for this year.
- South Central regional meeting on June 6 & 7 – Dean and Amy Stum representing Chapter
- Door prize donation needed from Chapter for September Annual TU meeting in Scranton. Motion by Jetsy Murray to purchase \$100 LL Bean gift card; 2nd by Pat Stone; motion approved.
- Question raised re: PA Council TIC fundraiser for this year – John Leonard was unaware of anything planned at this time; 2014 ticket sells did not do well.
- Dave Swope raised suggestion to have display available at events to show more recent chapter activities/projects. Following discussion, determined the new TV should meet this need and would not require efforts to update paper photo display.
- Jetsy Murray raised discussion regarding snacks and drinks at monthly meetings. Requested membership sign up to provide snacks and Chapter purchase percolator coffee maker. Motion raised by Jetsy; second by Gary Toner; motion approved. Jetsy will provide sign up at June streamside picnic for July meeting.
- John Leonard discussed the Child Abuse clearances that will be required by PA State law effective July 1, 2015. PA State Police clearance is required; a copy of the PA State Police clearance then needs to be sent along with the Child Abuse clearance. Each clearance is \$10. Motion by Jetsy Murray for the Chapter to pay/reimburse members who receive the clearances; 2nd by Pat Stone. Members wishing to obtain their own clearances can submit receipts to Becky for reimbursement. Members also have an option of bringing application to monthly meeting; Becky will consolidate and send single packet with check. Individual requests require mail order payment; check from the Chapter will be accepted for ‘grouped’ submissions.

Communication – letter received from Reel Recovery thanking ACTU for donation. The chapter will be recognized at the annual retreat and on the organizations website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm – motion by Gary Toner, 2nd by Jetsy Murray.