

MINUTES
MICHIGAN TROUT UNLIMITED SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2009
RALPH A. MacMULLEN CENTER, ROSCOMMON, MI

Voting members: Robb Smith, Bob Andrus, Dick Augustine, Greg Bovee, Jim Conklin, Aaron Rubel, Bob Moody, Bill Fernandez, John Walters, Terry Warrington, Brian Kozminski, Ed Hoover, Wade Lodewyk, Starland Smith, Ron Hamilton, Denny Douglas, Gary Slauter, Daniel Zywocki, Bob Kren, Ron Peckens, Bob Thorsen, Jim Flamming, Ross Rosenbrock, John Sabina, Tom Quail, Dave Smith, Martin Van Fossan, Jon Griffin, Mike Lagowski, Pat Hughes, Kimberly Wetton

Non-Voting Members: Kristin Nelson, Ken Nuorala, Lou Burhart, Ethan Winchester, Peter Albertson, Bryan Burroughs

Guests: Chrissy Smith, Libby Featherston, Jim Zyla, Beth Drummond.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kimberly Wetton at 9:00AM.

Agenda was reviewed. Everyone introduced themselves.

Minutes of January's meeting were approved, Bill Fernandez made motion to accept minutes through consent calendar, motion seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report- Robb Smith. Audit complete, Treasurers report (October 2008-February 2009) reviewed as provided. We are right at budget as of March 2009. Ross Rosenbrock made motion to accept Treasurers report , seconded and passed unanimously. Current markets are having an (adverse) effect on our investments. All Chapter AFR's were turned in on time, resulting in approximately \$14,000 to Michigan TU.

Ken Nuorala of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter spoke to the group about the 2009 Youth Camp, which will be held June 28-July 2 at the RAM Center. Ken asked for at least one youth from each chapter to attend. If that is not possible, a donation from each chapter in the amount of the youth camp fee (\$325.) is appreciated.

Membership Committee- Aaron Rubel. Next conference call is scheduled for April 16. Committee report published on Michigan Trout Unlimited website within council password protected page.

Conservation Committee- Bob Thorsen. Bob briefly mentioned issue at Perry Creek. Further details about committee activities can be seen on the web site.

Education/Outreach- Dick Augustine. Dick's committee needs members, anyone interested should contact Dick. Discussed salmon in the classroom, he needs an update from State hatcheries (due last November). Please send any updates to Dick about Chapter activities.

Communication- Pat Hughes. Pat and Chris Radke are in the early investigative stages of the "new" Michigan Trout.

The special 50th anniversary edition (Bryan Burroughs and Ron Peckens editors) has the projected copy closing of April 7.

Finance Committee- Reported by Kimberly, Bryan and Robb for Dave Smethurst. MI TU received \$8,000 from Michigan Environmental Council- through the Mott Foundation, for working on water problems and associated laws.

Received \$9,700 from Embrace-A-Stream for stream monitoring work. We are talking with TU National for Home Rivers and Joyce Foundation for water issues.

Motion by Dave Smith to accept the grant monies previously mentioned, seconded, passed unanimously.

Plans underway for a spring financial appeal.

Break.

Traverse City 50th Anniversary Update- Dave Smith. Conservation Day. Send any Chapter reports to Kristin. As of meeting, we had 11 chapters working with other organizations.

Hosted and unhosted fishing-Brian Kozminski. A number of volunteers are available, Brian is looking for more boats, guides. Need to know how many people will take part.

Conservation tour- Lunch will be at the Mason Lodge Site. Owners of Barbless Hook property said it would be OK to stop at that site. Planning a Conservation Guidebook.

Vendor/Partner Day-Redwood Creek winery is willing to support. Hospitality Suites- One night left as of April 4 needing a sponsor.

50th Michigan Celebration at Rayburn *property* July 18. Next conference call is April 29.

The disposition of articles from the Barbless Hoo

Executive Director's report- Bryan Burroughs. Vote coming up regarding MI TU litigation, this vote is NOT on behalf of any Chapter. EPA water transfer rules, "on hold" at this time. Pigeon River, we will make a web page with photo's, documentation

updates in near future. Note: Word of caution from MI TU counsel (Pete Gustafson)...there was an aggressive response from the dam owners. Be careful when discussing or answering any questions, should they come up.

Motion by John Walters to accept e-mail vote to proceed with litigation. Seconded, passed unanimously.

Award presentations: Aaron Rubel.

Order of the Caddis: Robb Smith (Treasurer). Robb's wife, Chrissy was at the award reception also.

Order of the Hexagenia. Two awards will be given.

Tim Cwalinski- Award accepted by John Walters.

The second award will be made at the July 18 Michigan TU Celebration.

Order of the Grayling. Two awards given.

George Featherston of the Challenge Chapter. Accepting were Libby Featherston, Jim Zyla and Beth Drummond.

Larry McEvers- Organizer of the Two Hearted Chapter. Jim Rutledge wrote letter of acceptance.

Chapter of the Year. Given to the Fred Waara Chapter, accepted by Jim Conklin.

Stream Data Collection- Kristin Nelson. Kristin showed an informative power point presentation. She has visited many, if not all chapters to get them started with data collection. This is a good way to partner with other organizations; it does not require any permitting and is an ongoing means of stream monitoring.

Adams Fly painting reproduction proposal- Ross Rosenbrock. Ross presented a proposal for a 50 print run (costs expected revenue etc.). Motion made by Pat Hughes to purchase 50 prints at price Ross had listed and sell them for \$120.each. Seconded, the motion did not pass-unanimously.

Chapter Reports-

Ed Hoover -Kalamazoo Valley Chapter- Banquet held March 21. Very good turnout, good net proceeds. KVCTU donated a 50th Anniversary original painting by David Ruimveld to MI TU for fund raising. Participated with South Bend club (St. Joseph River Valley Fly fishers) for the Healing Waters Tie-A-Thon. Over 8,000 flies donated to various causes-this years' was for disabled Veterans.

Starland Smith- Arland B. Copeland Chapter- Banquet will be April 23. This is the 25th year for the Copeland Chapter.

Denny Douglas-Pine River Chapter- Banquet is May 2. Youth Camp is in August. Fly tying class went well.

Bill Fernandez- Adams Chapter- Banquet set for April 18. April 9, will have a tour of the Boardman River dams and potential removal. Summer outings at CCC Bridge June 24, August 26 at Ranch Rudolph.

John Walters- Headwaters. Held 5th Annual Tie-One-On, April 11 will be an introduction to fly fishing. April 18 is the banquet. The chapter will be at the opening day festivities at Lovells Historical Museum. John, Mark Hendricks and Bryan will be speakers.

Brian Kozminski- Miller Van Winkle. Will host a kid's day at the Oden State Hatchery, stream work will be on the Maple and Bear Rivers.

Aaron Rubel- Banquet recently held, 140 guests, best banquet to date.

Two Hearted Chapter- Bob Moody- Will host the Larry McEvers fishing contest May 30. All are welcome. Fly tying at Newberry School.

Charles A. Fellows- Pat Hughes- Fly tying evenings at the Whitehorse tavern (free pizza), next night will be April 21. Banquet is April 30.

Mason Griffith Chapter- Banquet is May 2. June 6 is a work day with Mi Corps doing a macro invertebrate study on the Au Sable. Kids Camp July 13,14,and15 at Wa Wa Sum.

Greg Bovee-Charles A. Perrin- No banquet scheduled for 2009. Chapter is selling 50th Anniversary pins, special fly boxes made with wood from the Barbless Hook and a 50th commemorative bamboo fly rod made by Bob Summers.

Martin Van Fossan- Challenge Chapter- New river guide book is now available, covering the Pigeon, Black and Sturgeon rivers. They are raffling a trip for 2 to Argentina, a weekend at a fly fishing school and fly fishing kit. Participating in salmon in the classroom and holding 3 Chapter outings.

Vanguard- working with the Clinton Valley Chapter April 18. Banquet is May 15.

Leon B. Martuch- Banquet is April 21, planting trees on the Cedar River.

Jim Flamming- Schrems West Michigan- Recently held banquet and sponsored the fly fishing film tour. Good attendance. May 2, will be taking stream temperature training on the Rogue, Pigeon (Ottawa County) and Tyler Creek.

Bob Thorsen- Paul Young Chapter- Grant extending from 10 to 12 days, (would like to go 20 days); working with MiCorps on the Manistee.

Mershon- Banquet is April 3, stream project on the Au Sable set for June 27.

Ann Arbor- Dam removal occurred on Mill Creek in Dexter. Another being considered for downtown Ann Arbor (Huron River?). Banquet was April 2. Chapter is teaching fly fishing classes for women and fish-ed as part of Physical Education.

Michigan Fly Fishing Club-Pete Albertson- "Thank You" to Trout Unlimited for support at the Warren show.

Old Business- None

New Business- John Walters made some complimentary comments for the work Bryan Burroughs has been doing.

Please send any calendar information to Kristin to include on the state web site and keep the rest of us informed.

The first 8 issues of Michigan Trout provided by Art Nueman, were scanned and plans are to put them on the State web site. Bruce Richards of 3M may help to cover the cost.

Bryan Burroughs told us of TU TV's "On the Rise" TV program being filmed on the Au Sable and Pere Marquette Rivers late April/early May. Looking for support by local guides and additional boats to cover the requirements to shoot these 2 episodes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24PM.

Next meeting is Saturday, June 27 at 9:00AM. Location is Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare. See our web site for directions.

Respectfully submitted:

Mike Lagowski
Secretary MI TU