

MINUTES
MICHIGAN TROUT UNLIMITED SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2009
JAY'S SPORTING GOODS (MEETING ROOM) CLARE, MI

Voting members: Ross Rosenbrock, Daniel Zywocki, Gary Slauter, Greg Lautzenheiser, Brian Considine, Mark Hendricks, Josh Butzin, Greg Szilagy, Starland Smith, Ron Hamilton, Ed Cieslinski, Terry Warrington, Bill Fernandez, Tom Quail, Bob Kren, Alan Johnston, Patrick Hughes, Robb Smith, Dave Smith, Kimberly Wetton, Dave Smethurst, Shawn Hagan, Mike Lagowski.

Non Voting Members: Bryan Burroughs, Executive Director Michigan Trout Unlimited.

Guests: Jim Schramm, Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition, Federation of fly Fishers.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kimberly Wetton at 9:11 AM.

Agenda was reviewed; attendees introduced themselves along with their “best fishing tales and experiences”.

Treasurers report- Robb Smith. Investments are doing a little better, then they were as of the last meeting (April). The Michigan Trout 50th publication did well. Membership appeals may deliver, but are costly to do.

Motion made by Shawn Hagan, seconded by Ross Rosenbrock to approve the consent calendar, June 27, 2009 Financial Report and April 4, 2009 meeting minutes with a correction. In chapter activities section, Leon P. (not B.) Martuch.....

Strategic Planning-Discussed output (Vision, Mission etc.) of the planning meeting held June 13 and 14 at the R.A.M. Center. Excom met directly after first meeting to continue with objectives portion.

National 50th Anniversary Committee report- Dave Smith. Dave provided an update handout. Those who want to attend main banquet only can do so at a cost of \$90. Conservation tour will be stopping at Dair Creek (CRA) and Grayling (Huron Pines/DNR). National asked that MITU pay all or part of the cost of the BBQ scheduled for Wednesday 8-19 at Ranch Rudolph. Motion made by Dave Smethurst, seconded by Mark Hendricks to donate \$2500. for the BBQ costs, provided we fund raise at that event. All but 1 was in favor. Pat Hughes, Kimberly Wetton and Dave Smethurst will handle fundraising for that night.

Michigan 50th Anniversary Committee report- Tom Quail. Tents and tables will be available.

Music is planned, food, activities and a silent auction as well.

Break.

Barbless Hook Inventory- Summary and recommendations handed out by Tom Quail. Conclusions and recommendations as provided in report were passed unanimously. Motion made by Dave Smethurst and seconded by Gary Slauter.

Jim Schramm-Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition. Jim gave a talk about the commission's history and current status.

Communications- Pat Hughes. The 50th anniversary edition of Michigan Trout was a success. It appears we generated revenue of 50% of the publication cost. "Thank you" to Bryan Burroughs, Ron Peckens and Pat Hughes for their efforts. Chris Radke's Publications Committee report was provided. Discussion of going to an electronic mailing of the magazine. No immediate plans for another issue this year, however, Dave Smethurst indicated we plan another appeal letter this year thus we may need another publication.

Executive Director Job Description & Evaluation- Dave Smith. Add holiday time off, in line with TU National's schedule. Remove the word "entire" from items 4c and 4 d. Motion to accept the job description with the above revisions made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Ross Rosenbrock. Motion passed unanimously.

Membership- Aaron Rubel provided Committee report. He has moved out of state and will no longer be Membership Chair. Kimberly has asked for input on a replacement.

Executive Director's Report- Bryan Burroughs. Lawsuit against EPA regarding sediment transfer has been withdrawn. Reorganization of DNR-DEQ, no firm plans yet. Town hall meetings have been announced, but on short notice. Groundwater legislation seminar June 30 in Grayling, videos are available, will be on website.

Old Business-None.

New Business-We need to approve \$5300. for matching funds to get another Americorp employee. Motion made by Dave Smith, seconded by Pat Hughes to apply for an Americorp employee.

We discussed retaining Kristin full time, possibly using a Joyce Foundation Grant, in addition to an Americorp employee.

Kimberly Wetton- A request was made to donate \$1000. for the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition. Motion made by Robb Smith, seconded by Pat Hughes to provide \$1000. to MHRC. Motion passed.

Kimberly Wetton- January's meeting has been expensive due to the cost of video conferencing at MSU and NMU. We are looking at Skype as a means to video conference.

Question: Do we want a President's meeting in September?

Bryan Burroughs- Question: Any interest in moving the Spring meeting to Cadillac as opposed to Roscommon?

No decision on either of the two questions above.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15PM.

Next meeting is September 26, 2009 at the R.A.M. Center. Note, rooms WILL NOT be available at the R.A.M..

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Lagowski
Secretary Michigan Trout Unlimited