

BROOKIE NEWS



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Newsletter of The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CWTU)

November 2012

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I would like to open up with the hope that all of you had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. With the low water situations, I know the tributary fishing has been sporadic, ranging from 6 fish in 7 outings to a couple of 20 plus inch fish in a couple of hours of fishing, so good luck to all who are still exploring the opportunities.

Now with our weather starting to go downhill, let's focus on some of our upcoming events. On Tuesday December 18th, Al Niebur a DNR fisheries biologist will be doing a presentation on “Small Mouth Bass Fishing” starting at 7:30 pm following our business meeting starting at 6:15

“From glints and bits of foam, unlikely pale angels ascend to emerge scattered and briefly incandescent. Leaning upstream, shrugging off cold water a fish tips up, dimples the water, and whispers the meaning of mayflies.”

~ Anthony Naples

pm. Tuesday January 8th, our business meeting will start at 6:15 pm with our program starting at 7:30 pm. The program will be “Night of the Tiny Mayflies” and the speakers will be Tom Lager and Charlie Piette. Also we will have fly tiers there tying their favorite patterns and answering any questions you might have. And of course in February on Saturday the 25th we will have our Trout Fest. Trout Fest will feature 20 minute seminars on various subjects, fly tying, raffles, and several vendors showing off their products. All of these fantastic programs are free and open to the public, so please come out and check them out. Please check out additional information on our website and hope to see you there.

Other chapter business includes changing the business meeting and program night to the second Tuesday of the month, as a result of a few conflicts our desire to incorporate the

classes we are offering in the early part and spring of the year to be involved. These classes usually have a lot of non-members and it will give them a chance to see what other things Trout Unlimited has to offer. Even though we just finished another very successful year of water monitoring and work days, we are starting to gear up for next year. If you interested in getting involved please contact John Gremmer @ 920-582-7802 for water monitoring or Scott Bahn @ 920-886-9651 for work days, or you also can check out the website for upcoming events for both of these.

We do have an issue the board is wrestling with and that is with the cost of mailings we are exploring options for the Brookie. We would like to know what all of your opinions are on this. So if you could contact me by e-mail at chlbeck@att.net or phone call 920-233-5496 and let me know if you would prefer to have a hard copy mailed as we have been doing or if CWTU could post it on the website in downloadable PDF format, that would help a lot.

One more thing I would like to do is invite all of you to take time and check out all CWTU has to offer, and if you have any concerns to express, or ideas you might like to see the chapter involved with please contact myself or any board member. Our numbers and contact information are on the back of the Brookie or on the website.

In closing I would like to wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season, and a joyous New Year.

**Tight lines,
Linn Beck, CWTU president**

CWTU Board Meeting, November 13, 2012 Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne

1. Meeting called to order by President Beck at 7:50 p.m.
2. Minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as distributed.
3. The Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed. The Chapter Financials were approved as distributed. The proposed 2013 Budget was approved as distributed. Messrs. Schaefers, Tucker, and Beck will perform the annual audit. Mr. Schaefers reported that there is a substantial balance remaining in the Mekan River project funds. Messrs. Schaefer and Beck are discussing with Shawn Sullivan additional Mekan River work that might be funded with the remaining balance.
4. Mr. Tucker reported on a request to restart the Chapter's Project Healing Waters efforts at the UW Oshkosh campus. Mr. Tucker will research further and report back. Several members expressed an interest in participating.

5. Mr. Beck proposed, and the Board approved changing the Board Meeting schedule to the second Tuesday of each month, beginning January. The next meeting will be on December 18.
6. The Board discussed funding requests from the Watershed Access Fund, a DNR request for a "Piranha," Central Region work crews, and a request from the Northeast Region. The Board indicated a rough priority on these requests, pending formal requests and recommendations at the December meeting.
7. The Board approved concluding the \$5000 contribution to the DNR purchase of the Colligan property on the White River in Wautoma. Closing should take place in December or January.
8. The Chapter voted unanimously to express our sympathy to Laura Tucker on the passing of her father.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary**

Winnefox Library System Additions

The three DVD's that were given to the Masters Fly Tying group by Dennis Potter will now be available through the Winnefox Library System (as soon as they are cataloged into the system). DVD 1 has Fat Head Beetle, Opal & Elk Caddis, Skunk Hopper, Opal Trude, Crystal Stone Nymph, and Potter's Drake. DVD 2 has Robber Fly, Opal X Caddis, Skunk Cricket, I.C. Caddis, Rubber Leg Lightning Bug. and Opal Drake. DVD 3 has I. C. Spinner, Tungsten Bead Soft Hackle Dark, Opal Wulff, I. C Ant, Peacock Bugger, and Arizona Hare's Ear Bead Head. Nicole Overbeck, Director of the Wautoma Public Library expressed her thanks and promised to process them quickly and make them available to the whole Winnefox system,

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