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

January 2015

Prez Sez

January is the time of Resolutions for some people. For our Chapter, it is a time to begin planning how to meet the year’s Objectives, and hopefully do a better job meeting the Objectives than meeting New Year’s Resolutions. At the January Board Meeting, we voted to add a 12th Objective to the list. There is an article in the Winter 2015 Trout

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magazine regarding TU’s Wild Steelhead Initiative in the Pacific Northwest. This initiative will eventually spread east to the Great Lakes Region. Our newest Board member, Jeff Treu, just happens to be very passionate about Steelhead. Jeff will jump start the process by leading our own Great Lakes Steelhead initiative. This is a process that may take several years, but we are very happy that Jeff is leading this effort. All Committee plans will be reviewed at the March Board meeting. Planning for the October Conservation Banquet in Oshkosh is coming along nicely. Jeff Wegand and Laura Tucker have been planning at a pretty detailed level, and we have just held our second meeting with the Banquet Planning Committee. We are in good shape for this year’s Stream Work Days. We are holding Matching Grant funds for the White and Mekan Rivers, and Chaffee Creek. The grants came from the Trout and Salmon Foundation, with the match shared equally by CWTU

and the Elliott Donnelley Chapters. This money pays for all the materials (lumber, rock, seed, etc). We also have our Work Day Fund which has no such restrictions. The 2015 Work Day Fund drive kicked off at the January Board Meeting, so if you have in your New Year's Resolutions the making of contributions to a worthy cause, we have just the cause for you. Please donate!

There are many activities scheduled for the coming months, so please check the website for details. I would like to mention TroutFest coming up February 28 at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne. It is a good time and it is free!

March will be my last month as President, and my last Prez Sez. My good friend Mike San Dretto will take it from that point.

John Tucker

**CWTU Board of Directors Meeting
1/13/15
Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI**

1. Meeting called to order by President Tucker at 6:17 p.m.
2. *Minutes of the previous meeting were approved* as distributed.
3. Treasurer's Report: The White River Project is now fully funded. The Petenwell Ditch money remains unspent and should be returned to the donor if it is not going to be used this year. Mr. Schaefer's noted that a matching donation for Eric

Kropp's River Keepers volunteer hours was received from his employer. *The Treasurer's Report was approved* as distributed.

4. Mr. Tucker reviewed the committee structure and annual reports documents. Committee chairs are expected to write an annual plan and provide an annual report each year. Mr. Tucker encouraged committee chairs to seek out and recruit additional members for their committees.
5. Mr. Treu discussed the TU Wild Steelhead Initiative and encouraged the Chapter to take a lead role in addressing steelhead habitat concerns in our region. Mr. Tucker suggested adding steelhead concerns to the Chapter's objectives list and creating an ad hoc steelhead committee with the aim of beginning a Central Region effort. The Board consensus supported the idea and Mr. Tucker established an ad hoc Steelhead Committee to be headed by Mr. Treu.
6. Mr. San Dretto discussed the idea of the Chapter having a booth at the upcoming Wisconsin Outdoor Festival at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds on June 12-14. Mr. SanDretto will head up an effort to explore whether we can get a booth free from the

normal \$600 charge if we do it as a service, or whether we can get a commercial sponsor for the booth, or finally whether we might go halves with the Fox Valley Chapter.

7. Troutfest: We currently have 6 of the hoped for 10 mini seminars lined up for the event. Mr. Smaglik is working on completing the lineup.
8. Mr. Bahn discussed the Workday fund raising initiative. The folder was distributed and discussed. It will be printed on a higher weight paper. It should be distributed at all Chapter events. The Chapter URL will be added to the flyer and the dates will be corrected. The initiative will again appear in the Brookie and on the Chapter website.
9. Annual Banquet planning is proceeding apace. The next planning meeting is scheduled for January 20 at Mr. Grady's office.
10. The Wisconsin State annual meeting and Banquet will be held in Oshkosh at the Convention Center on February 7. Chapters are required to send a representative to the meeting. All members are encouraged to buy tickets and attend the Banquet. Mr. Haase is completing the all-chapters fly boxes. We will still have to purchase an additional prize

item to meet the \$500 chapter donation. Mr. Seligman will again serve as the auctioneer.

11. Old Business: Mr. Burke, having agreed to serve as the Chapter Historian, has been going through three boxes of materials accumulated by Bob Chamberlain. The Chapter was established in 1971 and incorporated in 1987. While the Chapter held some land leases in Poy Sippi at one time, those were taken over by the State. Mr. Haase said that due to the Chapter's not filing annual corporate reports to the state, the corporation was dissolved. Mr. Burke will look into that. Mr. Haase stated that with the \$1100 approved by the Chapter, we have purchased a dozen fly tying kits for approximately \$600. Mr. Haase reported that at long last a final alignment of the State chapters into regions has been settled. The Central Region will be comprised of Fox Valley, Central, ShawPaca, and Hornberg chapters. This alignment, along with a slate of regional officers will be voted on at the State Council meeting.
12. There was no New Business.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary**

CWTU HABITAT RESTORATION

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited is part of a National Organization that has as its mission "To conserve, protect, and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds". TU accomplishes this mission on a national, state, and local level through its dedicated staff and network of volunteers. CWTU is one of approximately 500 chapters nationwide that are actively involved in various conservation issues aimed at protecting our environment and natural resources.

We are an active group of TU members from the central sands area of Wisconsin with over 300 members who all share in a common goal: to conserve and protect our cold water resources. Our work days are a vital part of our mission and volunteers like you help make the difference.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Making a difference one project at a time! Come join us for a work day the third Saturday of the month May through September and help restore and conserve our natural resources.

Workdays are an important activity of CWTU. This is an opportunity to help make stream improvements and also an opportunity to get to know more about our area streams. Stream

improvements help provide cover and spawning habitat that result in increased trout populations.

Workdays are open to both members and non-members and you can come and observe as well as assist in the workday activities. Electro-shocking is often done before and after doing major stream restoration work to assess the number and size of fish present. We know from the work we have done and the results of the electro-shocking that our work has resulted in increased trout populations.

Proven results from our work days are reflected in DNR shocking studies done before and after habitat improvements.

Make a Difference by Being a Donor

The money used for our work days is 100% funded through donations, and all of those donations go directly to habitat restoration. It is volunteers like you that help restore our habitat. Please consider a donation to our work day fund to keep this work going so that future generations can benefit from the clean water and habitat we are creating today!

Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited
Work Day Fund Contribution
Please feel free to copy this form
or simply provide the requested
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when making a contribution.

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