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

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Well, I hope all you night fishermen found the big Hex hatches and wore out your favorite rod. I managed to find several light hatches on two local streams and was blessed with a few catches. My home site did not get the big hatch like last year. However, I was gone for 5 days to visit the grand kids. No doubt, that was probably the big hatch.

Things are a little quieter now regarding high capacity wells. Motion 375 was postponed until June of 2014. Postponed, not eliminated. Friends of Central Sands began their court

hearing regarding the Richfield CAFO. After 5 days of testimony, the court recessed until late August. It should get interesting.

The July Board meeting was well attended. Laura and I counted 37 in attendance. We did a lot more eating than board meeting, and had a good time. The August meeting will focus on reestablishing or redefining our Chapters standing committees.

Elsewhere in this Brookie is an explanation of what we are attempting. Please read it and please VOLUNTEER to join a committee. This is a great way to get involved in a small team and help us achieve big things.

John Tucker

July Board Meeting and Picnic CWTU Board Meeting Minutes July 9, 2013 Tuckers’ Home, Saxeville

1. Meeting called to order by President John Tucker at 6:55

p.m. following a superb picnic provided to great acclaim by Laura Tucker, and interrupted briefly by thunderstorms and tornado alerts!!

2. Minutes of the June Board Meeting were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed. Mr. Strom moved and Mr. Harmon seconded a motion to place returns from the Trout School in the Beck fund; to be reviewed later for transfer to our Oshkosh Foundation account, subject to Board approval. Motion carried by voice vote. Discussion followed re: the \$525 in Bud Meyer memorial funds designated for spending on something that the chapter will use. The Board will continue to consider best use of the funds. Further discussion on the remaining Ozzie and Sopkovich funds followed. Mr. Harmon noted that there is \$800 remaining for benches or other appropriate uses and that there are three benches ready to be placed, pending DNR approval.
4. Stream Girls Update. A very successful first in the nation pilot program that will be replicated elsewhere. Three national TU staff attended. The girls received free TU memberships. Thanks to the Chapter members who participated.
5. National TU Website: Now online. Mr. Gremmer is seeking

assistance from other web savvy Chapter members in deciding how and how much the Chapter will engage with the site, beyond listing our events calendar.

6. Mr. Gremmer explained what is involved in setting programs after our Board meetings. We need volunteers to help contact presenters and set up programs. Currently we have programs set for September, December, and January. Several months are repeaters: October Banquet, February Troutfest, and May Casting and Kayak Clinics. Please contact Mr. Gremmer with your ideas and your assistance!
7. Mr. Stelzer, upon hearing Mr. Gremmer's report, volunteered himself and our sponsored graduate student, Mike Louison, to do a program. He provided an overview of the research that Mike is doing under his supervision. It should be a really interesting program!
8. The August Board Meeting and Picnic will be held at Riverside Park in Berlin. Mr. Wegand will host. **Check the CWTU.org website for the latest information.**
9. Committees: Mr. Tucker discussed the need for a thorough review of Chapter committee structure. The principal agenda item for the August meeting will devoted to this topic. (See the

item below, "Volunteers Need for Committees."

10. Old Business: John Tucker and Bob Haase talked with Mike Staggs (DNR) about possibly naming the Lawrence Creek Fisheries area for the late Bob Hunt. Staggs seemed to be agreeable. Mr. Haase will follow up with Mr. Staggs. Mr. Tucker noted that Motion 375 on high capacity wells, though not removed from the Governor's budget, was amended to have implementation delayed for a year. This is an opportunity to continue talking with your legislators about the importance of protecting our groundwater resources.
11. New Business: Jim Murphy and Dan Harmon III participated in the Cabela's Family Outing Day in Berlin. Mr. Murphy reported developing a positive relationship with Brady Smith of Cabela's national office. (See article below.)
12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a unanimous outpouring of gratitude to John and Laura Tucker for a great meeting and picnic.

Respectfully submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary

**CWTU's September 10th Program:
Rich Osthoff's "Fly Fishing the
West's Best Rivers On Your Own".**

Rich Osthoff's newest slide presentation delves into strategies for wade fishing many of the West's best roadside rivers, without a guide, and at minimal expense.

The show focuses on three terrific public tailwaters that are particularly conducive to wade fishing, including the **Green River**(Utah), the **Madison River**(Montana), and the **San Juan River**(New Mexico). Over the years Rick has compiled a total of many weeks on each of these rivers and has discovered ways to escape the crowds, even during the busy summer months. Everone who see the show will walk away with valuable insights into fishing these rivers on their own. Camping can cut the cost of fishing the West to \$200 per week, all inclusive. Rick will touch on camping options along each river. Rick will also discuss access strategies, fishing techniques, and camping options on many other rivers throughout the Rockies including: **Idaho's Henry's Fork of the Snake, Kelly Creek, and St. Joe River; Wyoming's Flat Creek and Yellowstone Park rivers; Colorado's Gunnison and Frying Pan Rivers; Montana's upper Missouri and Ruby Rivers, plus public spring creeks including Poindexter Slough(at Dillon) and Big Spring Creek(at Lewiston).**

The program will be held at the Fin 'n Feather in Winneconne and the starting time is yet to be set. Check CWTU.org for the latest information.

Cabela's Club Family Outdoor Days

On June 22nd, Cabela's held one of seven national pilot programs for its Visa Club Card members at the Berlin Conservation Club in Berlin, Wisconsin. It was open to club members only and about three hundred were expected to attend. This was an event that featured a series of twelve stations with hands on introductory training in almost everything connected with the out-of-doors, including hunting, fishing, camping, shooting, dog training, atv course and more. A great lunch was served and every station was well stocked with soda and water. Our chapter became involved when Brady Smith, Cabela's Club Events Coordinator called me and asked if we could do the fly casting as a cancellation had suddenly occurred and he needed our help. Our chapter was involved with another national program at the time, but I said that we would do our best to respond. With President Tucker's help, he got out an email appeal and Jim Murphy and I said we could handle it. I invited Jerry Strom to take pictures, if he could make it, and he did.

Jim and I taught close to fifty individuals, ranging from young to old and several families of five to six members, all wanting to "give it a try". As a whole, the enthusiasm displayed was tremendous! In our discussions with the participants about tackle, rod selection, flies etc, many indicated their desire to investigate further our fascinating sport. We got many compliments and thanks, not only from the people who took our instruction, but also from Brady Smith, who said he would invite us back should they hold this outing again in our area.

From our perspective, having witnessed all of the fun everyone was having and how great they said it was, we think they'll be back.

Dan Harmon III



Volunteers Needed For Committees

The August Board Meeting will be devoted to establishing and defining standing committees for accomplishing our Chapter's objectives. ALL Chapter members are

encouraged to volunteer for a committee. This is a good opportunity to become involved in a small working group and make big contributions to our Chapter. We have had operating committees in the past, several of which are still functioning. Some guidelines exist for standing committees from State and National TU, as well as those accepted by our board in the past. We will select the best from all available recommendations. Please look at the general categories listed here and decide where you would like to become involved.

Membership Committee – Recruiting and retaining members. Increase member involvement.

Maintain accurate membership lists.

Communications Committee – Website, Facebook, Brookie Newsletter, Public relations, and publicity.

Finance Committee – Fund raising, grant applications, budget development, annual audit.

Programs, Educations and Events – Schools, classes, clinics, monthly programs, TroutFest, picnics.

Watershed Management (conservation) – Work days, Water Monitoring, Watchdogs. Coordination with the DNR.

Banquet Committee – Annual fund raising dinner, auction and raffle.

Executive Committee – Nominations for election of Officers and board members, Leadership development, and other considerations as needed.

The Committees and their responsibilities will be refined, and possibly expanded before receiving approval from the Board. This is intended to give everyone something to think about now. Please consider getting involved with a standing committee. Email one of your Officers and state your preference.

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River Keepers News



The Jarvenpaa/Peirce Team: This team is new in 2013 and they monitor on the White River downstream of the dam on County YY. Both **James Peirce**(left) and **Frank Jaarvenpaa** are active members of CWTU. They are shown here at their site on the White River.

John Gremmer

Current CWTU Officers and Board Members are listed elsewhere on the CWTU.org Website