

BROOKIE NEWS



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

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As is appropriate for this time of year, we have been busy making plans for the coming year. Chapter Objectives have been approved for 2015 and are included in this Brookie. Please take a look and help us stay on track. The Committee structure and responsibilities were also reviewed and revised with the new objectives assigned to their appropriate Committees. The time spent on

Troutfest February 28 Fin ‘n Feather Winneconne

getting this set up for next year certainly was not exciting, but a good structure exists for planning and accomplishing actions necessary to keep us a successful chapter.

There has been some good planning for our 2015 Banquet, much earlier than usual, and with strong participation. As you may know, the 2014 Banquet was the second most profitable on record, but had a lower turn out than we had hoped. There will be a greater effort at marketing and advertising in 2015. I am very happy to report that Laura Tucker and Jeff Wegand will continue as the Banquet Co-Chairs.

The final plans are in the works for the February 28 TroutFest at the Fin 'N Feather in Winneconne. This popular event is free and open to the public. While we do earn a small profit from raffles and equipment sales, it is mainly a good will event to interest adults and children in trout fishing and Trout Unlimited.

Support for next year's Stream Work Days is in good shape. We recently received a matching grant from the Trout and Salmon Foundation for work on the White River. This compliments the grant funds that we have remaining for Chaffee Creek and the Mecan River. CWTU, FVTU, and ShawPaca Chapters recently completed a fund raiser to support the addition of summer interns for the Wild Rose DNR Trout Habitat crew to assist with the restoration of streams in our area. Our Chapter will also do a Stream Work Day fund drive during the first quarter to support expenses not covered in the grants. It looks like a good year for our Trout streams.

I am happy to announce that Jeff Treu was just elected to our Board and that Bob Burke has been appointed to the new Chapter Historian position .It is a good feeling to be ready to begin the new year with all positions filled. We have all had much for which we can be thankful during this year just ending. We should all be anticipating more goodness in 2015.

Laura and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

John Tucker

CWTU BOARD MEETING

12/09/14

FIN 'N FEATHER, WINNECONNE, WI

1. Meeting called to order by President Tucker at 6:25 p.m.
2. October minutes published in the Brookie News were not presented for approval. They will be presented at the January meeting.
3. Mr. Schaefers presented the Treasurer's Report. He noted that the Chapter had received and deposited \$4000 from the Trout and Salmon Foundation. This must be matched by \$2000 from CWTU and \$2000 from the Elliott Donnelly *Chapter. Treasurer's Report was approved as distributed.*
4. The name of Jeff Treu was placed in nomination to fill a vacant Board position. *The nomination was approved unanimously.*
5. Objectives and Committees. Mr. Tucker reviewed the documents "2014-2015 CWTU Objectives," "Current Responsibilities,"

- and “CWTU Proposed Committees 2014-2015.” After discussion, the *CWTU Objectives were approved unanimously. The Proposed Committees were approved as distributed.* Discussion of the Current Responsibilities concluded that they match up well with the approved committee structure.
6. Mr. Gremmer stated that there was a need for about 8 new good quality fly tying outfits for the FVTC class sponsored by CWTU. There is currently between \$900-1100 available. Mr. Murphy moved that \$1050 be allocated for the purchase of equipment for the FVTC fly tying class. *Motion was approved.* It was noted that additional kits were available to loan from both Project Healing Waters and the Youth Tying.
 7. Troutfest 2015 is scheduled for February 28 at the Fin ‘n Feather. Mr. Smaglik is looking for additional volunteers to present the mini-seminars and for other duties. It was suggested that one mini-seminar be devoted to presenting the Chapter’s goals and accomplishments.
 8. There will be a second Annual Banquet planning meeting on January 20, at Oshkosh Office Systems. Mr. Wegand handed out some data on the 2014 Banquet fund raising and suggestions for possible changes to 2015.
 9. Old Business: Mr. Harmon stated that Mr. Krause has conducted the required annual inspection of the memorial benches and found all to be in order. Mr. Haase noted that the Winnebago Conservation Alliance, of which CWTU is a member, has placed seven handicap accessible fishing piers on the banks at Fond du Lac Lakeside Park. He noted also that 42-44 habitat structures will also be installed. This is another good example of inter-group collaboration. Mr. Beck stated that the annual Wisconsin State Council Banquet will be held on February 7, in Oshkosh. Mr. Haase noted that commemorative fly boxes have been distributed to the chapters to be filled with hand-tied flies. This represents about \$300 of our Chapter’s commitment to a \$500 contribution to State

Council fund raising. Mr. Haase invited members to contribute 6-8 flies to our Chapter's box. We will provide another \$200 in donated equipment for the Banquet fund raising.

10. New Business: Several members will participate in the On-line Publicity Training session presented by TU National. They will report back to the January meeting.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. followed by the evening's program on Things to Do When Not Fishing in the Winter.

**Respectfully Submitted,
David Seligman, Secretary**

2014/2015 CWTU Objectives

1. Increase Membership Involvement.
2. River and Stream Status and Rehab Needs.
3. Communications to the Public and Members, and Publicity.
4. Succession Planning for Officers, Board Members, and Committee Heads.
5. Recruitment of New Members.
6. Fund Raising, Grant Writing and Management.
7. Enlisting Women and Youth.
8. Collaboration with Other Organizations.
9. Finance Committee.
10. Prepare an Official Position on High Capacity Wells.
11. Name a Chapter Historian to write and maintain Chapter History.

CWTU Committees Approved December 9, 2014

- A. Membership Committee: Chair Mike San Dretto, (Jim Pierce, Jeff Treu)
1. Increase member involvement (priority #1)
 2. Recruitment of new members (priority #5)
 3. Enlisting women and youth (priority #7)
 4. Membership Services
 5. Membership lists
 6. Member retention
- B. Communications Committee: Chair David Seligman
1. Communicate with the public and members (priority #3)
 2. Publicity (priority #3) (Gremmer)
 3. Collaboration with other organizations (priority #8) (Haase)
 4. Prepare an official position on High Capacity Wells (priority #10)
 5. Write and maintain Chapter History (Historian priority # 11) (Burke)
 6. Brookie Newsletter (Seligman)
 7. Website (Gremmer, Haase, Jozwowski)
 8. Facebook
- C. Finance Committee (priority #9): Chair Mike Schaefer
1. Fund raising, grant writing and management (priority #6)
 2. Annual Budget preparation
 3. Annual reporting to TU National
 4. Annual Audit
 5. Approval, with the President, of projects over \$500
- D. Programs and Education Committee: Chair John Gremmer, (Haase, Bouck, Harmon, Treu)
1. Monthly Programs
 2. Fly Fishing School (Harmon)
 3. Fly Fishing/tying classes (Gremmer)
 4. Masters Fly Tying (Giese)

- 5. Annual Casting and Kayaking clinic (Bouck, Seligman)
- 6. Youth activities
- E. Watershed Management (Conservation) Committee: Chair Scott Bahn
 - 1. River and Stream Status and Rehab Needs (priority # #2)
 - 2. Stream Work Days (Bahn)
 - 3. River Keepers (water monitoring) (Gremmer)
 - 4. Watchdogs (Elward Engle, all of us)
 - 5. Maintain a good working relationship with WDNR
- F. Events Committee: Chair Laura Tucker
 - 1. Annual Banquet (Laura, Jeff Wegand)
 - 2. TroutFest (Smaglik)
 - 3. Summer Picnics
 - 4. Awards (Harmon)
- G. Executive Committee: Chair Chapter President
 - 1. Succession Planning for Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs (priority # 4)
 - 2. Nomination of Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs
 - 3. Leadership Development
 - 4. Legislative (Mike Stapleton)

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