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Newsletter of The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CWTU) April 2015

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Boy do I have a tough act to follow! Thank you John Tucker for leadership of Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited as President for the last 2 years. It is good to know John will continue to be active in leadership as Past President. John was very helpful to me getting ready to be President. Much of the April Business meeting was devoted to the River Keepers. As

Save the dates:

Tuesday, May 19 (Note date Change!!) Annual Robert Hunt Memorial Lecture: “Mr. Trout” Bob Hunt: The Man, His Life and His Legacy! See below for details.

Tuesday, June 9

Annual Casting Clinic and Kayak Fishing Clinic, Arthur Marble Park, Winneconne. Food starts at 5:00, program starts at 6:00.

you know from John Gremmer’s e-mails, he and Rick Fahrenkrug are moving away from leadership of this program. John Gremmer described to the board of directors and chapter members present the status of the program and duties of a program coordinator. He also explained direct management of the monitoring teams by the Wisconsin Water Action Volunteer (WAV) program in Madison. I want to thank both John and Rick for all the advocacy, education, time and effort they have put into making River Keepers the success it is.

As I am writing this we have not found a person in CWTU to be coordinator for the River Keepers. The board decided to wait till the May

meeting to see if a coordinator within the chapter could be found. It is important to remember even if we don't have a local coordinator teams can continue to monitor and will be supported by the WAV program. Next month's program is a very special one. "Mr. Trout" Bob Hunt: The Man, His Life and His Legacy! is the first program in the Annual Hunt Memorial Lecture Series. Bob Hunt was a fisheries research biologist who developed, studied and tested the most common forms of stream restoration work we do today. He started it all in a time when many Wisconsin trout streams were in pretty bad shape and still had cows in them. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. He was also a founding member of our chapter and participated in chapter meetings and events till his health would no longer allow it. Bob passed away last year. A lecture series in his name devoted to the science of conservation, preservation and restoration of trout habitat is planned. This is the first. Even if you knew Bob Hunt you will probably learn something new from the material John Gremmer has collected. May 19th at 7:30 pm at the Fin n' Feather in Winneconne. (*Note the change from our regular meeting date.*) I think you are going to like this one. And when you come why not come to the business meeting at 6:15 pm? We could use your help in running the

chapter. It's not uncommon for the board to be discussing something and the answer comes from a chapter member. Nobody knows everything. You may be the one who knows the best place to buy something we need or advice on something we don't usually have to deal with. Yes, sometimes meetings aren't a lot of fun but these are about helping the trout and having more people learn about trout. Everyone always leaves feeling they did something important and they did.

As John Tucker wrote about last month we will have a booth and access to outdoor space at the Greater Wisconsin Outdoor and Sportsman Festival June 12-14 at the Sunnyview Expo Center and Grounds in Oshkosh www.wioutdoorfest.com . This is a new event for us. We are hoping to meet and talk to people who enjoy the outdoors but haven't had the opportunity to meet someone in TU. We would like to show people of all ages, men, women and youth that tying a fly or casting a fly rod is not mysterious and give them a chance to do these. Would you be able to help out for a half day or more? If interested call me, Mike San Dretto 920-716-1016 or Bob Haase 920-579-3858.

Thank you for being part of Central Wisconsin Trout Unlimited and what you do for it. It is a privilege to be your president.

Mike San Dretto

CWTU Board of Directors Meeting

4/14/2015

Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI

1. Meeting *called to order by President San Dretto 6:18 p.m.*
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were *approved* as distributed.
3. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Schaefer was not present but reported to Mr. San Dretto that there were no unusual expenses. We received an Embrace-a-Stream grant. We also received a \$2500 River Keepers Grant (see below for further information regarding the River Keepers Program). Treasurer's Report was *approved*.
4. Mr. San Dretto reported on several housekeeping matters. We are in good shape as far as committee structures and objectives and it is time to get on with our work. "Thanks for all you do."
5. River Keepers update: Mr. Gremmer. Changes in the DNR have been frustrating to the leadership of our program. Messrs. Gremmer and Fahrenkrug are stepping down after years of service, but thus far no one has stepped forward to take over. Kris Stepenuk, who has been our liaison will

be leaving her position in July. Team leaders will need to be trained in the new SWIMS data base. With this as preamble, Mr. Gremmer suggested that those teams that wish to continue monitoring while things get sorted out, should do so and continue to work with Kris Stepenuk in the interim. Cost of replenishing DO kits would be about \$300. Mr. Jozwowski proposed that we table any Chapter action on the matter until the next regular meeting of the Board. Mr. Haase moved that action on future CWTU support for River Keepers be postponed until May. If an individual steps forward to take over the program the Chapter will continue support. If not, individual teams can decide whether to continue. *Motion approved.* Mr. Gremmer also reported on the FVTC Beginning Fly Fishing class. Currently 15 people enrolled. Mr. Gremmer is seeking volunteers to help out with the classes which are held at the Winneconne High School. Mr. Gremmer also thanked Scott and Carolyn for preparing the great materials for the evening's "A Chaffee Creek Runs Through It" program.

6. A.TU Upper Midwest Meeting: Mr. Beck reported that the meeting was useful and provided helpful guidance on membership and leadership. Materials will be available soon. There is also a climate change weblink available.

B. Mr. Beck and Mr. Haase reported on pre-enrollments for the second Wisconsin Youth Fishing Camp scheduled for July 16-19. Currently there are 8 or 9 students enrolled.

Waiting for additional sponsorships from chapters that have not yet nominated anyone. Chapters that have sponsored one youth will have an opportunity to sponsor a second one if the class is not filled.

Mr. Harmon moved that the Chapter allocate funds from the Education Fund to sponsor one youth and, if a space is available and a suitable candidate is proposed, a second sponsored youth. ***Motion approved.***

7. River Alliance of Wisconsin request for funding. Mr. Beck noted that as State Council Chair he had been approached by Denny Caneff requesting support from the State Council and the chapters for the River Alliance in the light of the State of Wisconsin having cut funding for the Alliance. They have asked for \$5000 from the

State Council and an additional total of \$5000 from the chapters. State Council has allocated \$5000. After much supportive discussion from the Board, Mr. Herlache moved that the Chapter provide a donation of \$750 toward the chapters match. ***Motion approved.***

8. Greater Wisconsin Outdoor and Sportsman's Festival: Messrs. Haase and San Dretto reported that CWTU has secured both a booth and a green space for demonstrations of tying and casting, as well as presenting the mission and work of the Chapter. Volunteers are wanted to staff the booth and demos at the Oshkosh Fairgrounds on June 12-14. Contact Mr. Haase or Mr. San Dretto.

9. Chapter Vice President. Mr. San Dretto reminded the Board that we have a current vacancy for the Vice President position. Recommendations and volunteers are solicited.

10. Old Business: Mr. Treu provided an update on the Steelhead Initiative.

11. New Business: Mr. San Dretto noted that date of the May Board meeting and program will have to be moved due a scheduling conflict at Fin 'n Feather. After discussion, it was agreed to hold the ***May***

Meeting and Bob Hunt Memorial Lecture Program to the third Tuesday of the month, May 19.

12. Announcements: Mr. Haase announced that the old Outdoor Expo formerly held in Beaver Dam will again be held under its new format at the McKenzie Center in Poynette on May 20-21. Mr. Seligman showed the new logo caps from Cabelas. They were well received and brisk contributions ensued.
13. ***Meeting adjourned, 7:33 p.m.,*** followed by a great program, "A Chaffee Creek Runs Through It."

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.

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
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