

BROOKIE NEWS



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

March 2015

Prez Sez

March and the ice is off the Pine River! Time to fish in my back yard!

A most important action for the March Board meeting was the election of a new Chapter President, something we do every two years. The new President is Mike San Dretto, from Neenah. Mike, a recently retired Radiologist, began attending our Board meetings and events as he

Check out this neat old video:

Lee Wulff Goes Fishing:

<https://www.spinozarods.com/2014/11/archives-aldo-leopolds-fishing-trip/>

If you haven't already done so, be sure to clip or copy the form for CWTU Habitat Restoration at the bottom of this issue of the Brookie News and send in your contribution to support this important work.

approached retirement. Naturally, we notice new faces that show up at our events and display a sincere interest in what we do. One day you are invited to join the board and in the blink of an eye you are President! Congratulations Mike.

We spent quite a bit of the Board meeting discussing plans for how to meet our objectives for this year. More discussion is needed. The objectives are included in this newsletter. We also discussed the impacts of state budget cuts on the DNR, and how that may affect the work we do in the future. Lots to worry about, local, state and national.

We have a lot of events coming up, so please check the web site for the dates and times. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Fall Banquet. This

year it will be at a new location, the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel in Oshkosh on October 10, opening at 4:30 pm. One of the keys to profitable raffles and auctions at this event is that we get very desirable items at low, or better yet, no cost. If you will donate new gear, outdoor items, or other things of interest for this event, we will certainly appreciate your generosity. Contact Laura Tucker at 920-540-5293 or Jeff Wegand at 920-290-4522.

The Board has voted that we will have exhibition tents and an indoor booth at The Greater Wisconsin Outdoor & Sportsman Festival. This is a new outdoor event, June 12-14 at the Sunnyview Expo Center and Grounds in Oshkosh. We are planning to provide fly casting and fly tying demonstrations, as well as display booths showing off the things we do. Stay tuned for more announcements.

If you have not done so, please make a contribution to our Work Day Fund Drive. Any amount of donation is appreciated. The contribution forms are available on our website, and the contributions are tax deductible.

This is my last Prez Sez. It has been a pleasure serving you.

John Tucker

**Board of Directors Meeting, 3/10/15
Fin 'n Feather, Winneconne, WI**

Called to order by President Tucker at 6:20 pm

Treasurers Report – Mr. Schaefer. 1/31 thru 2/28 Healthy Chapter, Steve Dewitt DNR will eventually need some monies from fund for for upcoming work projects. Mr. Schaefer reported on revenue and expense balances.

Income and Expense report. \$1350 revenue from TroutFest. We received an email from National asking us to change password. National rebate \$300.

Membership report - Mike San Dretto. Emailed pdf of his report. Nine new members from TroutFest event. Still having some issues with Nationals CWTU email list.

Publicity - Mr. Gremmer and Mr. Haase could use some help. There is a need to put their duties in writing for use in the training of others. Laura Tucker has volunteered to be trained.

Finance - Mike Schaefer. He is working on putting a plan together before grants end. His duties should also be put into writing.

Programs- Youth Camp July 16 - 19, email from National to go out soon.

Casting and Kayak Fishing Clinic - Linn Beck. Clinic will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in June.

Watershed - Mr. Bahn. Workdays will be held on the 3rd Sat of the month work days May thru Sept. We received \$2500 from Embrace a Stream for the W. Branch of White (the monies to be used within 2 yrs or forfeited)

There is a need to use some of the monies we have in funds for the Chaffee and Mecan. Waiting to hear from DNR to see what the status of river and stream rehab needs are in accordance with the 2 yr plan they have.

Old Business and New Business: Mr. Gremmer would be interested in passing on the River Keepers leadership role. That or possibly put River Keepers on hold until we find out if the data will any longer be of use to the DNR in the wake of all the state budget cuts.

Mr. Treu has put a 2014 / 2015 Wild Steelhead Initiative Report / Plan together in the form a pdf .

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Haase commented that the outlook for conservation groups like ours is bleak due to all the state cutbacks. This hurts our credibility especially concerning projects with the DNR.

Executive Committee – Election of new President. Mr. San Dretto was elected by acclamation. Mr. San Dretto thanked

John Tucker for all his mentorship. Mr. San Dretto stated that a booth, tent and outdoor area have been

secured for Great Outdoor Festival in Oshkosh June 12 thru 14.

Mr. Tucker noted that four members of our Chapter recognized at state banquet.

Mr. Haase is regional chair for the Central Region.

Mr. Beck said membership and leadership work in progress soon to be passed on to chapters.

Mr. Herlache received approval for new camera equip \$300. Also possibly new audio equip in future.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Treu, Acting Secretary



Some Tyers at the Lee Wulff Night Program following the March Board Meeting



John Tucker shows Ira Giese how to tie the Blond Wulff pattern at Lee Wulff night



Ye Ed ties flies with kids at the J-S Sports Show in Milwaukee



Chapter President Mike SanDretto ties flies with kids at the Journal Sentinel Sports Show in Milwaukee

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
Work Day Fund Contribution
Please feel free to copy this form
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when making a contribution.

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