



Directors: Lisa Gilmore, Ken Krueger, Dan LaFave, Mike Lesiak, John Snyder,
Ex Officio Director: Dave Lunardini; **Emeritus Directors:** Jeff Berg, Joe Hammon, Ed Michael, Gregory Prosen,
Marvin Strauch, Doug Vanerka, Joseph Vitti

Officers: Willie Beshire, President; Dave Carlson, Vice President; Jack Potts, Treasurer; Carol Hennessy, Secretary

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 7:00 PM the OBTU Chapter held its Annual Meeting at Oak Brook Park District, Central Park West, 1500 Forest Gate Road, Oak Brook, IL 60523 and Via Zoom.

Call to Order:

President Willie Beshire called to Order the Annual Membership Meeting at 7:10

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to elect two Directors to serve full terms of three years and to elect two Directors to serve the remaining two years of two three-year terms.

C. Hennessy reported to the membership that the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee has nominated the following members to serve a full term of 3 years as Directors: Ken Krueger and Mike Lesiak.

Further nominations may be made from the floor.

No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made by Steve Carlson and seconded by Chuck Clark to approve the slate as presented. Upon show of hands, the general membership approved the election of the aforementioned nominees as Directors, with one dissenting vote.

C. Hennessy reported to the membership that the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee has nominated the following member to serve the remaining two years of a three-year term: Art Cottrell. This position was left vacant by the resignation of Dale MacDonald

Further nominations may be made from the floor. Art Cottrell was appointed by the Board of Directors to temporarily fulfill this position at the November meeting of the Board of Directors until this election and has been doing so.

No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made by Steve Carlson and seconded by Chuck Clark to approve the election of Art Cottrell. Upon show of hands, the general membership approved the election of Art Cottrell to fill the remaining two years of a three-year term. There was one dissenting vote.

C. Hennessy reported to the membership that the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee has nominated the following member to serve the remaining two years of a three-year term: Steve Shapiro. This position was left vacant by the resignation of John Snyder.



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No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made by Steve Carlson and seconded by Chuck Clark to approve the election of Steve Shapiro. Upon show of hands, the general membership approved the election of Steve Shapiro to fill the remaining two years of a three-year term. There was one dissenting vote.

C. Hennessy announced that the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee had nominated the following members to serve a term of one year in the offices as indicated: President – Dave Carlson, Vice President – Dan LaFave, Secretary - Carol Hennessy, and Treasurer – Jack Potts. Action on the approval of this slate would be by the new Board of Directors. Further nominations may be made from the floor. No nominations were made from the floor.

W. Beshire thanked the membership and the Board of Directors for their support over the last number of years. He stated that he still intends to stay active with the chapter and will be devoting more time to the maintenance of our chapter's website.

W. Beshire announced that there are two upcoming fishing shows. The first is the Chicagoland Outdoor and Fishing Show in Schaumburg. The Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited has a booth at this show which will be held on January 26 – January 29. We will have volunteers from our chapter at this show. The council uses this opportunity to grow the membership in all of the four chapters. We also recruit campers for the Illinois Council's Youth Camp at this show. The second show is the Tinley Park Fishing Show, held at the Tinley Park Convention Center in February. Volunteers are still needed for this show.

M. Strauch reported on our Trout in the Classroom Program. He is looking for volunteers for both the in-classroom entomology portion of the program as well as the trout release days. Good news to report, the IDNR has agreed to a trout release site on a creek much closer to the Chicago area. Rock Creek is a tributary of the Kankakee River in Kankakee River State Park. It is about 45 minutes south of many of our schools. We will be able to do the activities that were done on streams that we used in the past. M. Strauch reported that Dean Hanson will be returning this year with his entomology program. They are planning to split up the schools into two groups for this part of the program, therefore there is a need for more volunteers for the in-school days.

M. Strauch recognized the key people for the Education Program. Mike Lesiak heads up the Youth Fly Fishing component, Alexa Cottrell heads up the StreamGirls component, and Stan Zarnowiecki does much of the behind the scenes work in our T.I.C program.

K. Graham briefly updated the membership on the 50th Anniversary of our chapter. Our main event is set for Saturday, August 12th here at the Oak Brook Park District. We anticipate this to be a family event so he is inviting the membership to bring their kids, grandkids, and neighbors. Our main speaker for the event is Chris Wood CEO of National Trout Unlimited.

E. Michaels gave a brief slideshow presentation on the founding of our Chapter in the Spring of 1973. He provided background on how it was founded and some of our earliest projects.



After the conclusion of the general business, the chapter welcomed Jay Allen who spoke about fishing opportunities for trophy-size trout on the water on and near the Wind River in Wyoming

Seeing that there was no new business, the Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: February 8, 2023
Date

Carol Hennessy
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Secretary