



**Directors:** Art Cottrell, Lisa Gilmore, Keven Graham, Ken Krueger, Mike Lesiak, Steve Shapiro,  
**Ex Officio Director:** Willie Beshire; **Emeritus Directors:** Jeff Berg, Joe Hammon, Ed Michael, Gregory Prosen,  
Marvin Strauch, Doug Vanerka, Joseph Vitti

**Officers:** Dave Carlson, President; Dan LaFave, Vice President; Jack Potts, Treasurer; Carol Hennessy, Secretary

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

On Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 7:06 PM, the OBTU Board of Directors held their monthly meeting at the Downers Grove Public Library and via conference call (Zoom)

### **Officers and Directors present**

Dave Carlson, President  
Jack Potts, Treasurer  
Carol Hennessy, Secretary  
Willie Beshire, Past President  
Art Cottrell  
Lisa Gilmore  
Keven Graham  
Mike Lesiak  
Ed Michael  
Greg Prosen  
Steve Shapiro  
Marvin Strauch  
Joe Vitti

### **Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs Absent and Excused:**

Dan LaFave, Vice President

### **Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs Absent and Not Excused**

### **Members present:**

### **Call to Order:**

D. Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes From the January 11, 2023 BOD Meeting, the January 18, 2023 Annual Meeting, and the January 18, 2023 Special BOD Meeting:**

A motion was made by M. Strauch and seconded by M. Lesiak to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 Board of Directors' meeting. The motion passed.

A motion was made by M. Strauch and seconded by M. Lesiak to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

A motion was made by M. Lesiak and seconded by M. Strauch to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Special BOD Meeting. The motion passed.



### **Order of Business:**

The order of business was approved without objections.

### **Reports:**

#### **President's Report**

D. Carlson reported that the state of the chapter is very strong. We are financially strong with over \$120,000 in assets and had \$27,000 in income this past year. We have over 1,300 members. Our nationally renowned youth education program was highlighted in Chris Wood's annual presentation back in August. We have great partnerships with a number of organizations and businesses. Our website and social media program are up to date. Popular membership activities include Trout on Tap and the Breakfast Club.

D. Carlson welcomed the three new Board members. Thanks to S. Shapiro, A. Cottrell, and K. Graham for agreeing to join the Board. He also thanked K. Krueger and M. Lesiak for re-upping to the Board.

D. Carlson mentioned a few of the things that he would like to do this year. We should review the chapter's strategic plan to make sure it is in line with National TU's strategic plan. We should also consider doing a membership survey sometime in the future. We should also develop and maintain an image library.

The Board briefly discussed this. A. Cottrell volunteered to research the various options available. Google has a product that has 3 GB of storage. The google account Oak Brook Trout Unlimited has already been taken. A. Cottrell volunteered to create another Google account. It was noted that J. Potts had set up a Microsoft Shared Drive account as part of the Business Share Point Account. It was also mentioned that we can use National TU's account as a backup program.

D. Carlson reported that the next fishing show is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19 in Tinley Park. We do need a few more volunteers.

D. Carlson informed the Board that he has scheduled a fishing outing in the Fennimore, Wisconsin area for April 21 and 23. This outing is rather informal and participants are invited to make their own arrangements at the Fenway Hotel. There is a block of rooms set aside.

#### **Leadership Development:**

No Report.

#### **Financial Development:**

C. Hennessy reported that TU National will be having a web seminar on chapter fundraising efforts and will be discussing TU's preference of sweepstakes versus raffles. It was noted that chapters in other states do raffles similar to what we do since sweepstakes as presented by TU National are not allowed or have restrictions that make them not profitable.



C. Hennessy reported she had contacted Alpha Graphics numerous times requesting the invoice for the postcard mailer.

### **Treasurer's Report**

J. Potts reported that the Financials were sent out earlier today for the Board to review. Work has begun on the draft budget. The fiscal year begins on April 1 and runs thru March 31. Most of the changes in the budget will be in the Conservation Program. He added that we would like to show a deficit in the budget to spend down the fund balance. In the past few years we raised more money than we had spent.

J. Potts reported that there was not a lot of activity this past month. We did receive the \$1,000 corporation matching donation, however.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

K. Graham gave a brief update on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee met recently via zoom and they will be convening another meeting soon. They are developing subcommittees to work on various tasks. They are also developing a budget for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

K. Graham reported that he has had conversations with other park districts across the area. They would be happy to promote the event.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is working on finalizing the programming of the August 12<sup>th</sup> event.

D. Carlson stated that he researched various shops where one can make custom ordered items. He purchased 100 stickers for \$60, which he is donating, from an merchandise outlet at the Oak Brook Mall. He wanted to see what is available. He plans to give some to the volunteers in the conservation program.

K. Graham also reported that another option is to set-up a program with a vendor where members can purchase their own shirts or hats with the OBTU 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo.

The Board discussed other options available such as reusable water bottles, fly boxes etc.

### **Conservation**

D. Carlson reported on the Traverse Valley grant application. The grant for \$6,000 has been approved. The \$6,000 budgeted in the current year will probably not be spent this year. The Wisconsin Clear Waters Chapter will be submitted another grant application for a similar project in the near future which would be awarded next year.

D. Carlson reported that he has reached out to Sara Strassman for ideas on projects that we could participate.



**Education:**

M. Strauch reported that the next Education Committee meeting is set for this upcoming Monday via Zoom. He reminded everyone that the Train the Trainor day is set for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. He will have Youth Fly Fishing brochures at the Tinley Park show.

**Communications:**

W. Beshire reported that he is working on the electronic newsletter. This should be out by the end of the month. He also reported that the calendar on the website has been filled out to the end of the year.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by E. Michael and seconded by M. Strauch to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: March 8, 2023  
Date

Carol Hennessy  
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Secretary