



Directors: Art Cottrell, Lisa Gilmore, Keven Graham, Ken Krueger, Mike Lesiak, Steve Shapiro,
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Officers: Dave Carlson, President; Dan LaFave, Vice President; Jack Potts, Treasurer; Carol Hennessy, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 7:05 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
Dan LaFave, Vice President
Jack Potts, Treasurer
Willie Beshire, Past President
Wally Bock
Lisa Gilmore
Ken Krueger
Greg Prosen
Steve Shapiro
Marvin Strauch
Joe Vitti

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs Absent and Excused:

Art Cottrell
Keven Graham
Carol Hennessy, Secretary
Mike Lesiak
Ed Michael

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs Absent and Not Excused

Members present:

Call to Order:

D. Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approve Minutes From the August 9, 2023 BOD Meeting:

A motion was made by M. Strauch and seconded by J. Potts to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion passed.

W. Beshire reported that he has begun to post the approved minutes on the website. He is also posting selected constant contact messages on the website.

Order of Business:



The order of business was approved without objections.

Reports:

President's Report

D. Carlson reported that J. Vitti has schedule this room for the next six months. Our monthly chapter meeting location has been reserved for next week as well as through April 2024. He was informed that Central Park West will be undergoing renovations beginning in May 2024. D. Carlson reported that we have the raffle licenses for the next three meetings.

D. Carlson updated the Board about the Silver Trout Award. TU National is sending a check of \$750 to help defray travel expenses. W. Beshire, J. Potts, and he will be attending the award ceremony in Spokane, Washington. It was reported that our chapter was nominated by Jamie Vaughn, Great Lakes.

D. Carlson led the discussion on the 50th Anniversary Recap. Congratulation to all involved. We estimated 180 attendees. The fly box presentation and the check presentation both went well as did the State Rep's presentation. There was a brief discussion about what to use with the extra fly boxes. L. Gilmore recommended that we tie in the 50th Anniversary into the Holiday Party. She also reported that the author John VanVleet thought the anniversary event was a great day. It may be a good idea to invite him to one of our Driftless fishing trips.

Treasurer's Report

J. Potts briefly reviewed the financial reports with the Board. Through the end of August, over \$1,000 has been raised for the donation of the fly box made by Carl Hueter. The annual fundraising solicitation has brought in \$8,639. J. Potts reviewed the expenses with the Board. Total expenses for the 50th Anniversary was about \$8,000.

Financial Development

D. Carlson led discussion about the 2023 Fundraiser and how to identify people that have donated in the past and that have not donated this year. The Board discussed possible locations for the Holiday Party. K. Krueger said that he will once again ask his relative about his banquet facility. The Board noted that it is above board and not self-dealing. The location at Lake Street and I-355 is a great location. It is Venuti's. The Board agreed to look at the 1st Wednesday of the December and exploring the different options. L. Gilmore volunteered to start the process.

Programs and Special Events

S. Shapiro reported that Joel Ruby videographer will be in-person and the writer/director Judy Larson via zoom for our September meeting the topic is diversifying the sport of fly fishing. October meeting speaker is Mat Wagner from the Driftless Angler presenting on fishing Patagonia. P.J. Smith from the Wisconsin Driftless will be here in November potentially. S. Shapiro also reported that he has a list of potential speakers that could present via Zoom. The consensus of the Board is to use remote speakers when necessary.



Membership:

K. Krueger asked about doing a wine tasting or a bourbon tasting type of event as a membership engagement. Is this something he should pursue? The Board concurred that he should continue to look into this.

Education:

M. Strauch recruited for volunteers to the Cold Water weekend.

Conservation:

D. Carlson stated that he will report on this at the next month's meeting.

Communications:

W. Beshire reported that he is working on the next newsletter which scheduled to go out at the end of October.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by M. Strauch and seconded by D. LaFave to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: October 11, 2023
Date

Carol Hennessy
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Secretary