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**Ex Officio Director:** Willie Beshire; **Emeritus Directors:** Jeff Berg, Wally Bock, 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, October 11, 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  
Carol Hennessy, Secretary  
Willie Beshire, Past President  
Wally Bock  
Art Cottrell  
Keven Graham  
Greg Prosen  
Steve Shapiro  
Marvin Strauch  
Joe Vitti

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

Lisa Gilmore  
Ken Krueger  
Mike Lesiak  
Ed Michael  
Marvin Strauch

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

### **Members present:**

### **Call to Order:**

D. Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### **Approve Minutes From the September 13, 2023 BOD Meeting:**

A motion was made by D. LaFave and seconded by J. Potts to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023 Board Meeting. The motion passed.

### **Order of Business:**

The order of business was approved without objections.



## **Reports:**

### **President's Report**

D. Carlson reported on the CX3 Annual Convention in Spokane Washington that J. Potts, W. Beshire and he attended at the end of September. He will bring our trophy for the Silver Trout Award to next week's chapter meeting as well as to future chapter events. He reported that there were numerous presentations at the convention including a report on the Snake River Dam Removals and ideas to increase membership participation such as moving membership meetings to a Saturday from time to time.

D. Carlson reported that our annual fund drive is wrapping up. Through the end of September we have received around \$9,000 with more to record in October. The number of donors is down from previous years.

### **Financial Development**

C. Hennessy reported that planning for the Holiday Party has begun. We booked Venuti's in Addison. In regards to the Rod Raffle, we will be raffling off the Helios Rod similar to what we did last year with second prize being a Lamson Reel. The next task is to solicit donations for the Silent Auction and the bucket raffle component of the party. In addition to our rod-raffle we will have a second raffle for the fly box that Carl Hueter made for the chapter. The Board briefly discussed whether to send out a post card like we did last year announcing the rod raffle and the holiday party. The consensus is to forego sending out post cards

### **Treasurer's Report**

J. Potts briefly reviewed the financial reports with the Board. The annual fundraising solicitation has brought around \$9,000. In terms of the Vanguard account, we saw a decrease of \$1,000 for the quarter, however, this account is still up \$3,000 for the year. J. Potts reviewed the expenses with the Board. He sent the \$5,000 check for the North Bear Creek, Iowa project. M. Strauch purchased a fish tank for the new Trout in the Classroom school. That expense was \$1,800

### **Communications:**

W. Beshire reported that he is working on the next newsletter which scheduled to go out later this month. He is also in the process of updating the website and its calendar.

### **Programs and Special Events**

S. Shapiro reported that the 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 March. He is working on getting another speaker for November. S. Shapiro brought up the idea of hosting an



outdoor meeting introducing women and kids to the sport of flyfishing. Other ideas for meetings would include entomology at a Springtime meeting and meetings with some of our initiatives.

**Conservation:**

D. Carlson reported that MEANDRS held a meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. There was a strong interest in the Mayfly monitors being installed a several potential sites. Jake Lemmon met with Steve Carlson and him to discuss this. Each monitor is \$1,600 with on-line data reported in real time. The is an annual fee of \$150 per monitor.

D. Carlson reported the Coldwater Entomology survey held October 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success with 14 volunteers participating. In regards to the May Fly units on the Coldwater, they are working on fixing the problems with these units.

D. Carlson also reminded the Board about the joint work day with SE Wisconsin TU on October 21 at Karcher Creek. This work included finishing the bio-log work. The DuPage River Clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, October 28. D. LaFave has agreed to be the coordinator that day.

D. Carlson reported on the plans for a film festival at North Central College on March 21 and 22. The focus of the film festival is conservation with one of the films being about local native mussels here in Illinois.

D. Carlson and A. Cottrell reported on the research regarding the chapter's proposed e-DNA projects. A. Cottrell stated that he has had discussions with Jake Lemon regarding e-DNA applications and sampling. He is still working on a formulation for the proposal.

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**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by D. LaFave and seconded by J. Potts to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: November 8, 2023  
Date

Carol Hennessy  
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Secretary