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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, November 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
Dan LaFave, Vice President
Jack Potts, Treasurer
Carol Hennessy, Secretary
Willie Beshire, Past President
Wally Bock
Art Cottrell
Keven Graham
Ken Krueger
Mike Lesiak
Greg Prosen
Marvin Strauch
Joe Vitti

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs Absent and Excused:

Lisa Gilmore
Steve Shapiro
Ed Michael

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs Absent and Not Excused

Members present:

Annie Vitti

Call to Order:

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

Approve Minutes From the October 11, 2023 BOD Meeting:

A motion was made by M. Lesiak and seconded by K. Graham to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Board Meeting with the corrections noted by D. Carlson. The motion passed.

Order of Business:

The order of business was approved without objections.



Reports:

Financial Development

C. Hennessy reported that we are set for Venuti's in Addison. The cost to the chapter is \$55 per person. The price of tickets to the Holiday Party is \$60 in prior to November 28th and \$70 after that date. The raffle application has been submitted to Addison. The rod raffle is the same format as past years. Work continues on getting items for the silent auction. A. Cottrell and she were out contacting restaurants in the Oak Brook and Downers Grove area trying to get donations of gift certificates. She gave a status report on what is lined up in terms of bucket raffles and silent auction items. The Board offered suggestions of other types of raffle/silent auction items. In terms of responses, that there has not been a lot of responses for the Holiday Party or the Rod Raffle. C. Hennessy stated that we will be sending out multiple Constant Contact messages as we get closer to the Holiday Party inviting member to purchase both raffle tickets and party tickets.

As in the past, we will give comp tickets to Orvis and DuPage Flies since they donate items to the Holiday Party. Since it is a buffet dinner it is more important to get a more accurate count of attendees. Although we will take money at the door, we prefer people buy their tickets in advance. The Board discussed using the list of attendees to the 50th Anniversary event. There was a question as to where this list was.

President's Report

D. Carlson reported that they are still working on getting a speaker for next week's meeting.

C. Hennessy stated that she reached out to the staff at the Lanesboro Fish Hatchery since they have given presentations at various Minnesota TU chapters about the native Brook Trout program that they are working on in that part of the Driftless. She has not heard back from them yet. W. Beshire reported that he had reached out to Jeremy at DuPage Flies to see if anyone from the shop could speak, but they have conflicts. The Board briefly discussed other possible speakers.

W. Beshire reported R. Rowe has been initiating a joint event with the Sierra Club down in Peoria which will include fly-tying. R. Rowe reported that they are looking at Sunday, March 17th at the Forest Park Nature Center in Peoria. That same weekend there are tabling events at Bass Pro Shops. The Bass Pro Shop tabling events are two-day events. The fly-tying workshop is only a one-day event. They need to recruit fly-tyers. M. Strauch recommended focusing in on the one-day joint event with the Sierra Club. It was noted that March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, would that be a problem? D. Carlson recommended that we still have volunteers at both the Bolingbrook Store and the East Peoria Bass Pro Shop handing out brochures about TU.

Treasurer's Report

J. Potts reported that the financial reports were sent out earlier. There were no major expenses or revenues this past month. We still continue to collect revenues for the annual appeal. Total funds raised from that was close to \$9,900. As far as expenses for the month, he reimbursed individuals



for the Tinley Park deposit, the Oak Brook Rental, T.I.C. expenses, and additional 50th anniversary expenses.

Membership:

K. Krueger reported that he is setting up a Trout on Tap later in the month. He also reported that there is a new event: He is working with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in participating in its Adopt-a-Highway. This will be coordinated with the Nature Nook trip in the Spring. We need to clean our section of the highway three times a year. The section of highway that we have is on Highway 56 between County Road 5 and East Reed Drive.

Communications:

W. Beshire reported that the latest newsletter is set to go out. It is 25 pages long..

Conservation:

D. Carlson reported that the joint work day with SE Wisconsin TU on Karcher Creek was held on October 21st. There were four members from our chapter helping out that day. The DuPage River Clean-Up day was on October 28th. There were ten participants that day.

D. Carlson reported that he was driving by Grau Mill Dam in Oak Brook today, saw some workers, and was informed by one of the workers that the dam on Salt Creek would be removed by the end of the year.

In terms of the Dowagiac, D. Carlson reported that the M.E.A.N.D.R.S. group wants to install the monitoring units, Enviro DYI. There was a special sub committee meeting, with this Monday being the main M.E.A.N.D.R.S. meeting. Our chapter has committed \$1,000 to help pay for the monitors.

D. Carlson reported that the Bear Creek Project in Iowa won't start until next year.

In Wisconsin, the Clear Waters TU still can't find its documents of incorporation which they need for the Traverse Valley Creek grant. Therefore the \$6,000 that we budgeted as a match will roll over to the next fiscal year. D. Carlson also reported that Peter Jonas from that chapter has hired as a Partner Specialist with TUDARE.

D. Carlson reported that the Conservation Committee agreed to move forward with the e-DNA project. We have \$2,500 budgeted for the purchase of the pump and filters. The committee is working on a pilot project in the Driftless area to look for Brook Trout.

Education:

M. Strauch reported that he is still waiting for word from the state regarding when the eggs will be delivered to the 17 schools



Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: December 13, 2023
Date

Carol Hennessy
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Secretary