

## April 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes H&L Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The Hollow, Montfort. April 19, 2022

Members present: Don Pluemer, Kyle Richards, Carol Murphy, Dave Swanson, Todd Templen, Mike Mooney, Kurt Meyer, John Morton, Gordon Grieshaber, Dr. Kris Wright, Steve Scott.

Present via ZOOM: Brian Larson, Tom France. The meeting called to order @ 7 pm by Don Pluemer.

Elections: for two 3 year terms on the Board of Directors: slate presented of Brian Larson and Ted Swenson. Todd Templen will finish Carol's term on the board. All approved unanimously.

Officers of the Board: slate presented-President, Carol Murphy; Vice-President-Kyle Richards; Secretary-Gordon Grieshaber; Treasurer-John Morton; Past President-Don Pluemer. No alternatives from the floor. Moved to approve by Mike Mooney, seconded by Todd Templen. Approved unanimously.

1. Approval of agenda. Done.
2. Approval of minutes from the March 5, 2022 meeting. Motion made and unanimously approved.
3. Public comment. None.
4. Treasurer's report—John. Sent via email. Accepted and approved unanimously.
5. Diversity initiatives/water monitoring—Carol. New stream monitors will be trained this Saturday at the Otter Creek bridge on Highway Q west of Dodgeville from 0900-1230.
6. Workdays/website—Ted via text. Website calendar being updated regularly. Agreement among members present on the signs for the stiles and will try to place a boot cleaning station near them as those were quite important to Tim Fraley. The plaques will have his picture. No new workdays information.
7. Youth report—Kurt. Release of Trout in Classroom will be May 17 at the Castle Rock campground. He will apply for a chapter school grant to fund the transfer equipment which will be used regularly. Kurt is still working on the Mayfly project to help foster children old enough to fish. No recent changes.
8. Membership/Grants report—Brian. Five new members over the past 6 weeks. Southeast Wisconsin chapter advised him they are giving more to the State Council to help with state wide funding. No other news on grants.
9. Project report—Don. Work will begin on the Blue when weather and ground condition allows.
10. Threats to resources—Dave. Townships in northern Wisconsin are fighting the CAFO groups and dairy lobbying groups. Townships have made regulations regarding CAFOs within their territory. Opponents are arguing that the townships are exceeding their authority and asking the state legislature to explore that so that the policies do not become state wide.
11. Banquet—Gordon. We will need a plan moving forward to store the chapter's items such as old trophies, old pictures, presentation board, tumbler and buckets and other banquet supplies. Banquet set up will be Thursday, May 5 at 6 pm at Castle Rock Ridge event center. Hoping for at least 70 in attendance for the banquet. If one has donations for the banquet or an assembled collection for a bucket raffle, notify Gordon by email at: [ggries@mhtc.net](mailto:ggries@mhtc.net). Several items donated by the Bill Weege estate will be given to the Badger Fly Fishers to aid their fundraising to include larger weight fly rods and reels and books on salmon and steelhead fishing and flies. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 and proceeded with the presentation by Dr. Kris Wright from UW-Platteville.

Summary of his talk—There is no set way of comparing data from around the world regarding the success or failure of stream improvements. No conformity on what parameters to measure and how to interpret that data to demonstrate success or failure. He summarized his recently published paper based on the data the intern program has gathered over the past 14 years from improvements the chapter has funded and helped accomplish on the Blue River and Grant/Platte River watersheds. Dr. Wright discussed how he tried to present a method of measuring and comparing several categories on restored/improved streams to the data from pre-improvement and to never improved streams. His data shows that the stream work has led to improvement in the habitat, the fish population, and the amount of life available for feeding trout. The biggest improvement that affects the water quality is to

narrow and deepen the channel. Extensive discussion and question and answer period followed. Thank you Dr. Wright. The past model of intern work will resume this summer.

Remember that there is a celebration of life planned for Tim Fraley on Saturday April, 30 at the Brigham Park near Blue Mounds. Times and other information will be posted on the chapter web site.

Submitted by Gordon Grieshaber, Secretary.