

May 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes for H&L Nohr Chapter of TU

Location: Gene Mazewski's Hollow along the Platte River

Members Present: Carol Murphy, Kyle and Stacy Richards, John Morton, Mike Mooney, Don and Julie Pluemer, Brian Larson, Ted Swenson, Kurt Meyer, Todd and Julie Templen, Gordon Grieshaber, Gene Mazewski,

Meeting called to Order at 7:35 pm by Carol.

1. Agenda approved.
2. Approval of previous minutes from 4/19/22 minutes- done unanimously.
3. Public comment-None.
4. Treasurer's report-John had previously emailed the finances. Madison Fishing Expo recently donated \$2,000 for stream work and the chapter will donate \$10,000, per the annual custom, from Money Market to the Project Fund. Motion to do so and approve the report made by Todd, second by Don, and approved unanimously. John has completed the chapter activity report for TU National. Lots of work goes in to completing that report so thank you John.
5. Banquet report-Gordon. Reviewed the summary previously distributed by email and posted to the Web Site. Banquet checking account will be transferred to the general checking account leaving the usual \$3,000 balance for next year's seed money. Everyone thanked for their help in setting up and for the generous bidding on auction items. Format will likely remain the same for next year with a goal of distributing tasks among more members for more education of board members on how to run the banquet and improve the sense of participation in our banquet. We will also look to bring back fly tiers and have presentations from our project work available for review.
6. Diversity Initiatives/water monitoring-Carol. She will be attending a fishing gathering, Driftless Women on the Fly, near Viroqua this weekend with other women from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.
7. Workdays/Website-Ted. Stiles recently installed along the Smith-Conley stream south of Barneveld with direction from Justin at the DNR. Workday this Saturday with the Southern Chapter on the same stream brushing and removing some of the invasives. Extensive discussion on the board's goals of workdays, particularly on how to help Don and the Project Committee. The board directed Ted to use his discretion on planning days to accomplish stile installation, potential clean up along streams where past projects have been completed, helping Don with seeding or mulching, planting some desired trees such as swamp white oak, or whatever else may present as an area of need. Goal is to do work that needs to be done and not just as a goal of making work for the sake of a work day. Please send any suggestions to Ted.

The Web Site continues to be updated with workdays, pictures, and other info. Ted has been working with Kevin from the Southern Chapter on web site management and improvement.

8. Youth Report-Kurt. Today was the big day at Castle Rock with Kurt and his students releasing 23 surviving trout from his egg hatching and raising trout in the classroom project (TIC). They also toured the Blue River to witness the stream improvement work and how the stream and its banks appear before and after the work. Kurt was the recipient of the chapter's school grant to help fund the cost of getting his students out to the stream and for help funding his TIC. He continues planning for summer fishing instruction sessions.
9. Membership/Grants-Brian. No new members. Brian will be working with Don on organizing bills and checks after completion of work on the Zadrzil property to file his report to the WDNR for funding of that project. The project for 2023 needs to be chosen by September in order to file application for a WDNR grant. We discussed several ideas for future meeting presentations which might improve membership attendance. One idea was shared by Jim Simes about his hundreds year old pine tree trunk showing the scars from fires on the land around the Blue River bluffs where it grew. Don will communicate with Jim and Rose Simes to help bring their tree researcher for a presentation.
10. Projects-Don. Dirt is being moved away from the recent large bank shaping work along the Blue River. Don reports there have been many personnel changes at the Grant Count NRCS office so he is working with new people who have to approve our stream work. We discussed potential stream projects for the next couple of years.

With that discussion the rain started and the meeting was adjourned at 855.

Thank you Gene for serving us brats and for allowing us to enjoy your beautiful land on the Platte River. Next meeting planned for June 21, 2022.

Submitted by Gordon Grieshaber, Secretary