

November, 2021 Meeting Minutes H&L Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The Hollow, Montfort. November 16, 2021

Members Present: Don Pluemer, Carol Murphy, Mike Mooney, Brian Larson, Ted Swenson, Todd Templen, Dave Swanson, Gordon Grieshaber, Kyle Richards, Chris Aultman, Joe Freeson and Shannon Mutert who are new members.

Called to order at 7:05 pm by acting president Don Pluemer.

1. Approval of agenda. Additions: None.
2. Approval of minutes from September meeting. Moved and approved unanimously.
3. Public comment: None.
4. Treasurer report sent by email by John Morton who could not attend the meeting. Approved unanimously. New worksheet sent around to better track every member's hours spent working on chapter activities. A copy of these minutes will be sent to Fran Sorenson who is our new trust administrator at First National Bank and Trust.
5. Diversity initiatives/water monitoring reports-Carol. Grants are still pending since no in-person TU activities have happened. Need in person activities to get funding. Water monitors have completed a state survey and we hope to obtain another set of monitoring equipment as it is needed. Anyone interested in becoming a monitor should contact Carol and new person training will occur in the spring of '22.
6. Workdays/website reports-Ted. Recently a stile placed at the Blue River access along Blue River Road. Ted contacted the Lee Wulff Chapter and they would like to place a stile on an area stream next spring. Suggestions for a location should be forwarded to Ted. He hopes to place two stiles and do some brushing on the same day. Todd mentioned adding some steps at certain stiles to improve safe stream access. Ted's goal is three work days per year. He hopes to put our area on the map and be known for "great stiles". The Web Site is being perfected and is nearly completed. Input from the SWTU chapter web manager is also happening. Motion made and approved unanimously to add Amazon Smile and PayPal to our Web site for opportunities to contribute to our chapter.
7. Youth report-Kurt. He will plan to renominate last year's student for the summer fishing camp in 2022. Skills Day for Grant County is typically the first Saturday in February. Updates will come based on COVID activity.
8. Membership/Grants reports-Brian. Six new chapter members (two present at tonight's meeting). State grant is submitted. Brian has gotten three volunteers to Fish with aFriend with members of the Elliott Donnelly Chapter from Chicago. That chapter will auction off those fishing trips to get money to donate to our stream work.
9. Project report-Don. No news from last meeting as the weather has prevented any new stream work. Hope to complete some work after deer season. There was a nice \$5,000 contribution from a TU person from Milwaukee as he was happy with the fishing opportunities on the improved streams in our area. Don wonders if any news is out there regarding beaver control as

there are many dams on the Big Spring and on Six Mile so landowners are complaining to Don. There seems to be more beavers and fewer trappers.

10. Threats to resources-Dave. The SW Water Groundwater studies will be available in 2022. At least there is still an ongoing study. Frustration voiced by board members about land work moving forward on the Hickory Creek power line despite pending court action. SWTU president sent us a copy of the letter that the DNR has been advised of the need for more study on the Martin Branch and Otter Creek degradation.

11. New business

- a. Board positions/Terms. Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously for Don to move to president to serve out Tim's term going until April, 2022. Another motion had Kyle Richards appointed to the vice-presidency, replacing Don, to complete the term until April. Also approved unanimously. Appreciation expressed to Don and Kyle for stepping up to these positions after our recent president, Tim Fraley's, unexpected death.

Current Board: President Don Pluemer; Vice president Kyle Richards; Treasurer John Morton; Secretary Gordon Grieshaber; Past-President Todd Templen; Board members: Dave Swanson, Mike Mooney, Ted Swenson, Carol Murphy, Kurt Meyer, Brian Larson.

Need signatures for the bank changes to the checking account. They were obtained from Don and forwarded to the Community bank in Livingston.

- b. Email lists. Brian explained some recent distribution problems due to his email system. Decision will be needed for the Web Site and how emails can be sent out to various groups within the chapter. Ted addressing that with his web building partners.
- c. Recent gift from Tim Fraley at the time of his death. Much appreciated. Discussion among board members about how to deal with important items that may come up unexpectedly.

12. Upcoming events:

- a. State Council banquet (Feb 5, 2022 in Oshkosh). We will donate a rod and reel along with an assortment of books for their fund raising. SWTU and Badger Fly Fishers have cancelled their January and February openers due to COVID pandemic per Dave Fowler.
- b. Nohr Banquet. New donations of fly tying equipment and supplies from John Dunagan. We have lots of books. Do we try an online auction or place items on EBay? Carol will discuss with TU hierarchy regarding options they can help provide.

13. Next meeting. Meet in December? Decision for no December meeting so next meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022. We hope to schedule a Lie and Tie in mid-February.

Submitted by Gordon Grieshaber, Secretary.