

Nohr Chapter TU Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 9/21/21 7:00 PM The Hollow, Montfort WI

Members present: Tim Fraley, Don Pluemer, Brian Larson, Ted Swenson, Carol Murphy, Dave Swanson, John Morton, Mike Mooney, Todd Templen, Gene Mazewski, Gordon Grieshaber

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

- 1) Approval of Previous Minutes. Motion by Dan and seconded by Carol. Approved unanimously.
- 2) Public comment. None.
- 3) Welcome to new Treasurer, John, and Board Member, Dave. Thank you both for serving.
- 4) Treasurer Report – John, first meeting as treasurer.
 - a) Volunteer time recordkeeping. Emphasis that EVERY hour one spends working for TU needs to be recorded and reported. We have been lax and are under-reporting hours.
 - b) August financial report: account summaries distributed. Accepted and approved.
 - c) Closure on the “lost” check. It was never written and now the donor will make an electronic transfer into the stream improvement account.
 - d) Update on Chapter property inventory >\$200. Only item is a trailer for transporting equipment.
 - e) Discussed budget requirements, our usual expenses and income. Tim proposed a budget committee to include Tim, Carol, Gene, John, and Don. Motion by Todd and second by John and approved unanimously. That group will communicate and bring a recommendation to the board in the near future.
 - f) John wondered about more people reviewing the Trust. We must follow Laura Nohr’s will. Plan is to leave things as they are now and we can meet with those overseeing the trust to discuss any adjustment options. Very conservatively invested, currently.
 - g) Review potential changes to the account type at Community First Bank. John needs for the books to be reviewed regularly by another chapter member per TU National guidelines. Currently, the accounts are set up for an individual rather than a club or a group with multiple people involved. Tim made a motion to switch the accounts to a business account. Seconded by Brian. Unanimously approved. No change to the Claire Bank account which is the Project Account. John will continue to serve as the reviewer on that account.
- 5) Banquet – Oct. 9 Castle Rock Ridge. Concern about the level of the delta variant of COVID and safety of the typical attendees. Option of an online auction of the available items was discussed and will be further investigated. Motion to cancel the banquet by Gordon and seconded by Tim. We will try to reschedule it for Friday, May 6, 2022, which is the usual time for the annual banquet, on the night before the Spring opener. For Awards, we will still try to give the awards such as the Land Owner’s Award and start with fresh awards in the spring. Gordon will contact the venue and send out letters to members without emails. We will get an email out to the membership with this news ASAP.
- 6) Women and Diversity– Carol. Women’s Clinic next week with about six attendees in Viroqua. There is a new Driftless Women’s website and Facebook page that is newly started for the same group. She is also involved with the Mayfly Project.
- 7) Website – Ted. He is now 95% set up. Hope is to have it ready and operational in a few weeks. Will need input from board members as Ted shares the current new website information with them

in the near future. There are related PayPal and Amazon Smile accounts on the new website to help with chapter income. The old site will need to be decommissioned. Wordpress will host the new website.

- 8) Workday – Ted. This Thursday, September 23, members will set build a stile with a DNR team at the Blue River crossing at Blue River Road. Plan is to follow the DNR model for building stiles in the future. October 2 is another chainsaw training day in Muscoda. Gordon attended the SAWW course for chainsaw training near Port Washington last Friday, 17th. He can now do chainsaw activities at our work days. October 9 is a work day near Barneveld with the Southern Chapter.
- 9) Membership/Grants/Project resolution for 2022 – Brian. No new members and he is working on grants for next year. We certified the board resolution for his state grant request for Drews' property on Big Spring. Unanimously approved.
- 10) Project Report – Don. Work on the Zadrzil property on the Blue River continues. Vegetation planting has done well considering the drought situation. Work on The Blue will be finished next spring with some work possible after crops are off the fields. Tim reports that the Smallmouth Alliance would like to be involved in a project involving water that is marginal for trout but more suited for smallmouth bass. Tim complemented the board for responding to a recent email regarding beaver dams. Thank you. Suggestion made by the board of making short videos of the stream work to post on the website. They will allow everyone to see the amount of dirt and rock moved and progression of the stream improvement sites.
- 11) Youth – Kurt. Email report: Eggs will arrive in mid-November for the Trout in the Classroom. Survivors will get to live in Borah Creek. The summer fishing camp was cancelled due to you know what (COVID). He is discussing potential easements on a local stream with the landowners.
- 12) Threats to resources, Dave. A move is afoot in one particular county to change land ordinances to hinder CAFO development. Tim notes that once a CAFO is approved there is little to do to prevent its progression. The CAFO letter Tim and his team have developed will be published and available to chapters for use.
- 13) Upcoming Events
 - a) State Council – Westby/Zoom. October 2. Advise Tim regarding input or plans to attend.
 - b) Banquet October 9 has now been cancelled. Will send out letter to those members who do not have an email contact.
 - c) Season Close October 15

Meeting Adjourned at 845 pm.

- 14) Next Meeting
 - a. Date: 10/12/2021 7:00 PM*
 - b. The Hollow - Montfort, WI

Submitted by Gordon Grieshaber, Secretary