

# MadDog Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

Attendees: Clark Amadon, Kurt Budliger, Colin Cascadden, Don Coffey, Ray Daigle, Bob Hynes, Jared Carpenter.

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES
  - Ray motion to accept, second by Don, no changes, unanimous vote.
2. TREASURER REPORT
  - Balances as of 3/8/16 –
    - Chapter balance is \$6,373.49
    - Trout Camp is \$4,967.75.
      - Sent \$300 deposit to Jackson.
  - Now on e statements with TD, Bob working on Amazon Smile Chapter name.
  - Clark motion to accept, Kurt second, unanimous vote.
3. SECRETARY REPORT
  - Only Minutes.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - Warren Dam update – it's still there, discussion of meetings, letters to editor.
  - Winter Fly Tying Class:
    - Tom Cate on board for instructing, dates will be 3/24, 3/31, 4/14, 4/21; discussion of teaching versus open session free tying, will advertise AS class, but say also space available if members want to attend to free tie.
    - Clark will double check with Tom before we send out notice.
    - Discussion of cost, decided on \$40 total for the 4 sessions.
    - Will advertise on website, Facebook, Valley Reporter, Waterbury Record, Front Porch, blast email to members.
  - VT Paddler Rep recap – Clark and Jared met with Michael from Paddlers Re Green River flows, discussion.
  - Fundraising “Paint Night” – idea floated by Clark, has been successful for other groups, painting instruction for fundraising, Clark will look into logistics, costs.
5. 2016 BANQUET
  - Jared handed out lists of who has been contacted, donation list so far, and last year's contact list. Discussion of whom else to ask, esp member donations, guides, artwork.

- Tickets will cost \$35 / \$60 per couple, kayak raffle is \$20, rod raffle is \$5.
  - Discussion of format, will do same as last year, instruction groups at 3 pm and 4 pm, demo and cocktails at 5 pm, start banquet at 6 pm.
  - Instruction with Rachel Finn, discussion, decided on 4 people per session (ie, ‘space is limited’), \$25 each, 3 pm will be intermediate, 4 pm advanced class.
  - Discussion of timeline for notifying members, will sell tickets through website this year.
6. CONSERVATION
- Rogers Farm planting will be with multiple state and NGO partners this year and held Apr 22, 23, and 25. MDTU will host Apr 23, send blast on March 23, but encourage people to come on all days.
  - No word yet on whether our watershed grant application was approved.
  - Chase Reagan Eagle Scout Project: he still wants to do a project for spring, might be one through Friends of the Mad River, could co-sponsor and split costs, but time is a concern.
6. MEMBERSHIP
- 3 new members this month and 24 re-upped, Colin will reach out.
  - Colin and Ian working to get merchandise on website, banquet and raffle are up.
7. EDUCATION / TROUT CAMP
- TIC –
    - No news, Joe Mark getting new funding, including for 2 in MDTU region, possibly Sapulding, Main Street Montpelier, or Moretown Elementary
    - Joe is regularly putting out blog with updates.
  - Trout Camp
    - Will be from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Sent deposit to Jackson Lodge, have to sign contract.
    - Sent out fundraising request letters to other chapters for continued support, Clark will bring up at April 3 Council meeting as well as pitch for camper applications.
    - Motion by Kurt for MadDog to donate \$1200, Ray second, unanimous vote.
    - Discussion of volunteer availability and signup and ways to get out word to potential campers to apply.
8. VT TU UPDATE
- Next meeting April 3 at VLS.
  - Focus will be on Strategic Plan incl how to state membership drive, Trout Camp, Council website, advocacy issues.
9. ADVOCACY
- MWL, Mollys Falls, Wrightsville, other relicensing. Waterbury license issued.

**Next meeting on Apr 13.**

Motion to adjourn by Jared, second by Ray, vote unanimous.