

# **MadDog Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 15, 2015**

Attendees: Clark Amadon, Colin Cascadden, Ray Daigle, Bob Hynes, Jared Carpenter.

## 1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

No changes.

Ray motion to accept, Bob second, no discussion, unanimous approval.

## 2. TREASURER REPORT

Balances as of 12/15/15 –

\$6,742.79 Chapter

\$3,717.49 Camp.

Bob submitted the Chapter tax return.

Ray motion to accept Treasurers report, Colin second, discussion.

Discussion of signing up Chapter for Amazon Smile, would get 0.5% of any sales. Bob made motion to sign Chapter up, Ray second, discussion, unanimous vote.

Discussion of signing up chapter for Techsoup, a not-for-profit that provides discounted software to other not-for-profit groups, will use for Quickbooks (budgeted). Bob motion to join and purchase, Ray second, unanimous vote.

Clark submitted annual report to National, chapter is complying with new TU standards.

Unanimous vote to approve report.

## 3. SECRETARY REPORT

Colin set up Google Docs, will send out email to Board to start posting inventory.

## 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Clark handed out TU Volunteer Operations sheet as guide to Toolbox.

Sunny Brook Dam in Northfield – no update, but Clark will reach out to Dave about contacting Brian Fitzgerald.

Website – Clark has posted Minutes and Agendas for Board meetings, will add info on dam removals; having some issues accessing new website on mobile devices; Jared will send Clark some policy documents / letters for posting.

Winter Fly Tying Class – discussion on setting up possible series of classes; Ray and Judd Levine will reach out to / discuss with John Wolfe about leading a class; Ray will also reach out to Tom Cate; discussion on possible locations; will aim for six weeks starting in mid-Feb.

5. CONSERVATION REPORT

No report.

6. MEMBERSHIP

Currently have 259 members.

No members have signed up in the past month.

Colin reached out to those with expired and soon expiring memberships, will also check on status of youth memberships for Trout Campers.

7. EDUCATION / TROUT CAMP

No Trout Camp update.

TIC moving forward – have been some issues with the Spaulding program, Ray will get in touch with Chris Perry about status. Schools will pick up eggs after Christmas break.

8. VT TU UPDATE

Strategic Planning session recap, especially focus on membership efforts, how Council can help Chapters, fundraising.

9. FUNDRAISING / BANQUET

Clark contacted Kurt about whether Rachel Quinn can be speaker.

Commodore reserved for April 30.

Colin will make tickets for fiberglass rod to start selling at monthly meetings.

Discussion of getting members to donate items or skills for raffle.

Discussion of grand prize raffle, possibly a fishing trip or kayak.

Clark motion to purchase kayak from Umiak for \$695 plus a \$125 gift certificate to Umiak for accessories. Ray second, unanimous vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of inviting guest speaker to Board meetings or monthly meetings early. Will invite Corrie Miller, Executive Director of Friends of the Mad River, to Feb 4 monthly meeting at 5 pm to talk with Board about joint projects.

**Next meeting on Wed., Jan 13.**

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