

Phil Young Honored with TU Youth Education Leadership Award

A decade has passed since Phil Young, who was not yet a Trout Unlimited member, came to one of the Oak Brook Chapter's regular Wednesday night meetings with four Boy Scouts in tow. Phil, who had been actively involved as a troop leader and Scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America for years, was, at the time, involved with a Venture



Phil Young

Crew which was very interested in fly fishing. And so he and his Scouts came to see what Trout Unlimited had to offer. We all witnessed what happened. Phil proceeded to lead our chapter in the development of our own Scout Merit Badge Program, which became a chapter institution in a day well before youth initiative and engagement entered the lexicon of Trout Unlimited at the grass roots. This led to a series of youth education activities which have become a hallmark for the Oak Brook chapter. For his farsighted effort, Phil Young, this year, received Trout Unlimited's Youth

Education Leadership Award, which was presented to him this past September at the 2011 National Conservation Awards Luncheon in Bend, Oregon. The citation for Phil's award read as follows:

"Phil Young has been a member of the Oak Brook Chapter (OBTU) for nearly 10 years. He has served multiple terms as a chapter director and Education Committee chair. Phil has always been a ready volunteer for chapter activities, education programs, conservation work days and fundraising events.

In 2004, Phil suggested starting a fly fishing class, based around the requirements of the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge. Phil became the program chair and collected volunteers, sponsorship, equipment and kids. Over the past six years, Phil has developed a highly successful Fly Fishing Merit Badge program that conducts five sessions each year, and has helped nearly 400 boy scouts to earn their Fly Fishing Merit Badge.

The leaders of a local Boy Scout troop approached Phil regarding additional opportunities to expand their Scouts' knowledge of fly-fishing and stream conservation. Phil enlisted members of OBTU and organized a High Adventure Fly Fishing Camp (HAFF Camp). The camp was modeled after other TU youth camps and presented a full five-day program of conservation topics in addition to fishing some of the Driftless Area's prettiest little trout streams. The story of the HAFF Camp later appeared as an article in Scouting's national magazine Boys Life.

Phil Young's efforts did not stop with these successful programs. He organized fishing trips for scouts that eventually served as the framework for the Illinois Council's Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp, now in its fourth year.

There is no doubt that Phil Young is the father of Oak Brook youth initiatives. His accomplishments with the Merit Badge Program, the HAFF Camp, and the Illinois Council Youth Camp have inspired others to carry on the work to bring younger members into TU." ■

Future Meetings and Events



Go to your 2011 calendar and mark down the following meeting and event dates:

- November 17**
OBTU Directors' Meeting
- November 15**
Annual Financial Report Submission Deadline
- December 7**
Holiday Supper, Harry Caray's, Lombard, IL
- December 14**
OBTU Directors, Meeting
- December 19**
Hanukah begins at sundown. Happy Chanukah!
- December 25**
Merry Christmas!
- 2012**
- January 1**
Happy New Year!
- January 11**
OBTU Directors' Meeting
- January 18**
Annual Meeting of OBTU, election of Directors, Papa Passero's
- February 9**
OBTU Directors' Meeting
- February 16**
Chapter Meeting, OBPD Rec Ctr, Speaker Frank Veraldi, USACE talking about Hoffman Dam and other Corps projects.

Letter from the President

Dear Fellow OBTU Members,

Have you made the Holiday choice yet? Hunker down, tie flies and build rods til you hear the creakin' of ice-out. Or are you ready for some steelheadin'? Whatever your choice, still plan on joining us on the evening of December 7, 6 PM, at Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse & Bar at the Lombard Westin for the Oak Brook Chapter of Trout Unlimited's Annual Holiday Supper. This year's menu is the best yet. Bring your spouse or a friend for an evening of good cheer. There'll be some great gear, fishin' and kitchen, and guided trips for auction and in the raffles. For our annual rod raffle get your tickets now and buy some more at the door. The consummate rod building skills and craftsmanship of Eric Heckman from Coren's Rod & Reel are waiting to build you the rod of your dreams, be it fly, ultra light spin or even that broomstick for Muskie. Drawing for the custom rod by Eric will be held at supper. Supper tickets are \$50. RSVP NLT December 2 to our chapter secretary Dave Hilvers at 708-516-5902 because we need a headcount. Rather than pay at the door you can also send Dave your check at 3114 Candlewood Court, Flossmoor, IL 60422-1450.

We won't be having a guest speaker at this Holiday Supper, but Marvin Strauch will give a short presentation on our programs for which we need plenty of volunteers. NTU's stats show an average of 4.7 hours of volunteer time per member down the previous year of 5.3 hours. We fell short of that at Oak Brook this past year with only 3.5

annual volunteer hours per member. Like many other organizations, some are in it only for the annual contribution to the cause and getting their quarterly issue of Trout, while others tend to be zealots, giving a hundred or more hours of their time annually. Nothing wrong with either approach, but a day, 8 hours, of volunteer time per member doesn't seem too unreasonable of an expectation. Maybe a more reasonable expectation would be more and bigger checks for conservation and education. It probably comes down to the absence of gurgling trout water out the back screen door. Oh well!

Calvin Dee of River Forest came home from the Illinois Council of trout Unlimited's Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp so enthused that a fly fishing club for youngsters is blossoming in River Forest. Calvin's Mom, Laura, is the driving force around which other parents and their kids have rallied. The club has already met twice and plans on meeting two days a month throughout the year. Almost a dozen kids are on board. A curriculum has been planned by Stan Zarnowiecki, who needs volunteers now!

Should you be precluded from attending the holiday supper, we'll see you at our annual members meeting in January for our elections. In the meantime, Best Wishes for healthy, prosperous, and very Happy Holidays for all!

Greg Prosen



Tyler Creek, Michigan Workday October 8th

By Jim Jones

Agorgeous, warm Columbus Day weekend found Oak Brook Trout Unlimited members on Tyler Creek near Grand Rapids, Michigan helping to rehabilitate this important tributary of the Coldwater River. We were working with the Coldwater River Watershed Council (CRWC) which included members of Schrems West Michigan Trout Unlimited, the local TU chapter. Most members took advantage of the great weather and outstanding fly fishing venues available in south-west Michigan to do some quality fishing the day before and then after the workday session. Some folks hit the more intimate streams like the Coldwater River while some tried their luck on bigger water such as the Muskegon River for both salmon and trout.

Our work crew was made up of OBTU members Mike Bicek, Rich Ference, Betty Ference, Jim Jones, Ron Kurasz, Gary Padalik, Tom Rabourn, Marvin Strauch, and Stan Zarnowiecki.

The workday started at the beautiful Tyler Creek Country Club (which is a member of CWRC) where we met the local folks at a nice breakfast and sorted out work assignments. Aaron Snell from Streamside Ecological Services, Inc. has been the consultant for this work on these streams and had a list of jobs for this rag tag work crew. After the necessary caffeine and sweet rolls were consumed, we split into work teams and caravanned to the various stream locations. Some of us were lucky to ride with Aaron who filled us in what progress is being made with this Coldwater River watershed. Several important sections of the Coldwater River were rehabilitated several years ago and they are seeing good success with their efforts. Aaron had just completed some electro-shock surveys and said that they are already seeing a four times increase in the number of trout in those areas where work has been completed. Also, with the better stream flow

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rates after the work, they are seeing improved water temperature and clarity. It should only keep getting better!

On reaching Tyler Creek, we saw firsthand the work that was just done that week where sycamore tree trunks were harvested from the woods surrounding the stream and then half buried in the creek to channel the water and create small riffles and plunge pools. We were amazed that even though this work was done only a couple of days before, deep pools were already being formed. Our work for the day was to clear brush and stabilize the banks of the areas near where these structures have been added. Aaron showed us how to take logs and limbs and anchor them to the banks using metal cables connected to specialized metal anchors. The idea is to stop any bank erosion and secure the bank until the silt from the river permanently anchors the added logs and limbs. It was fun doing the work together and learning more about these worthwhile activities.

After our work assignments were completed, we met up again at Tyler Creek Country Club where we were treated to lunch and coordinated our fishing plans for the rest of the afternoon. It was nice that several of the OBTU members, who are familiar with the fly fishing in this area of Michigan, adopted some of us the less experienced members and took us to some of their favorite waters. I was lucking to be in the group shepherded by Marvin Strauch who showed us a great spot on the Muskegon River where we fished until dark where pretty much everyone got into a trout or a salmon.

Peak fall colors, pleasant temperatures, fine fishing and the opportunity to do some interesting and important work – now that is great weekend! ■



Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting LII

By Greg Prosen, NLC

The Three Sisters, three now hopefully extinct volcanoes, resplendently capped in snow, played host to the 51st gathering of the members of Trout Unlimited at Bend, Oregon. Bend, acknowledged capital of South Central Oregon's high desert country, with its score of artisan craft breweries and chic restaurants, can also claim to be the hub for some of the best fly fishing in the nation. In its eastern hot desert breath can be found some isolated relatives of the Lahontan, the recently rediscovered Alford and the Whitehorse basin cutts. Right through town flows the Deschutes, whose headwaters are filled with not only all sorts of trout but Kokanee. Bend can also lay claim to a half dozen or so small fly shops in addition to one of the largest Orvis company stores ever seen, but not quite rivaling the magnitude of Cabela's at Sidney. Ninety degree days on the plain can be avoided by driving west past Mt. Bachelor toward the Sisters' Wilderness, where cold trout streams and lakes can be enjoyed in pleasant enough low seventy degree weather. The headwaters of the Deschutes can be found there, amid scores of lakes that contain not only trout, but landlocked salmon and those unmentionable trophy bass. Northwest out of town takes you to the Metolius, whose full waters instantly spew forth as a raging river from the side of a hill and rush headlong to join the Deschutes through the most beautiful stately red barked Ponderosa Pine standing on forest floor totally bereft of underbrush, as if some Forstmeister had been diligently at work. The Metolius, home to the notorious but threatened Bull Trout, *Salvelinus confluentus*, joins the Deschutes, whose lower reaches, before joining the Columbia, hold legendary steelhead runs, now being plied by that western bandit of spey, Skagit. Given the backdrop, it was indeed a wonder that the multitude gathered at Bend could even think about settling into the business of TU, especially for one trout water deprived Chicago boy. Some absenteeism at meeting workshops was suspect, but no one was keeping attendance. The annual meeting is traditionally preceded by a day or so of fishing for those who come early and fish they did!

Another tradition of the annual meeting is the watershed conservation tour. The morning took us in search of the Tale of Two Rivers, Whychus and Metolius, upon which a conservation campaign has been launched. A part of the restoration of these two wild and scenic rivers is to reintroduce anadromous fish, which will have to navigate several dams on the Deschutes, before reaching their historic natal sites on the Two Rivers, as they are known locally. On the upper reaches of the Metolius we viewed in-stream improvements as well as trail and access restoration aimed at preventing deterioration of banks by the continuous trod of a herd of anglers overly in love with the Metolius. Although much of the restoration role is very partnership orientated, Trout Unlimited does lead the Upper Deschutes Home Rivers Initiative with a series of ongoing projects, including the Odell Lake Bull Trout Conservation Project, Suttle Lake Dam Removal and restorations of Deep Creek and Crooked River.

The after lunch stop took us to the largest project ever undertaken by the Deschutes Land Trust. At Camp Polk Meadow, the restoration of

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the natural meander of the Whychus is underway. The straight channel engineered by the Corps will be bypassed by a massive earthen dam and elevation of the upstream bed of the Whychus to allow waters to spill onto the flood plain in the meadow where the new stream channel has been realigned. The meadow stream was historically a spawning ground for Steelhead and Chinook running the Deschutes.

The last stop of the day was at the Three Sisters Irrigation District, where the waters of the Whychus were previously diverted with countless trout to water surrounding farm and grazing land. A football field long fish screen has now been constructed, allowing fish to be returned to the mainstream after the diversion of water into a pipeline instead of the traditional western irrigation ditch, the bottom line being no water lost to evaporation in the dry high desert air and no trout stranded in an irrigation ditch. At this site the streambed was once again elevated to allow the returned trout to again migrate upstream.

The only possible downside of these massive efforts to bring back Steelhead and Chinook is that it will allow the native kokanee to morph into sockeye again, thereby depriving the bull trout of considerable part of its food base for a part of the year. The river feeding the Metolius Arm of Lake Billy Chinook is one of the last bastions of the bull trout in the lower 48.

Early on the Friday morn, Jon Christiansen, our CEO, officially called the annual meeting to order, bringing Chris Wood to the podium to deliver his second ever State of TU Address. Chris opened by stating he held the best job in the world, but that the "best is yet to come with TU." Chris continues to bring a wave of enthusiasm to our organization, which was readily apparent in his every word when he reviewed the major nationwide 2011 Trout Unlimited successes. As Chris weaved the tale of success for scores of national programs, it almost appeared that he had some personal involvement in the TU strategies of protecting, reconnecting and restoring cold water fisheries in each of the projects ranging from Maine to Alaska. Chris also recognized that the forty or so projects with TU national involvement were far out numbered by local grass roots projects. Restoration is still the bread and butter of the TU grass roots, such work recognized by NTU as being done in the Driftless Area as well as part of TU's New Rivers Initiative on the Rogue River just north of Grand Rapids.

Chris also emphasized the need to continue and enlarge our efforts to build conservation sustainability. Not only do we need to grow the number of conservation camps, now at 22, Trout in the Classroom schools, and first cast outreach, but we need involvement at the university level by further developing the Five Rivers concept of partnering college clubs with local TU chapters. Chris noted that TU membership has grown from 134,000 in '09 to 147,000 in '10. He said TU will continue to expand outreach programs, particularly to youth, by improvement to volunteer services, marketing and communications. TU's website is being expanded to embrace the whole angling community. Ground breaking science and assaults on the Hill will continue as mainstays of TU national effort.

Chris was followed by Hillary Coley, our Chief Financial Officer, announcing the receipt of 8.8 million dollars in revenue thus far in

the current fiscal year, which was to end in a couple of weeks. Also announced was over 664,000 volunteer hours, valued at \$13.845 million (\$20.45/hr.), which included 99,138 youth education hours and over 176,000 general education hours. Of the expenditures, only 3% went to administration and 10% to fund raising, leaving a healthy 87% left for programs.

Larry Harris, chairman of the NLC, gave the State of the Grass Roots address, taking time to begin with a brief history of the evolution of grass roots representation into the NLC. TU at its inception in '59 was itself a totally volunteer and accordingly a grass roots organization. The articles of incorporation specifically provided that no one was entitled to a salary. Pre '92 there were 100 grass roots board members. In '92 a National Resources Board was created, consisting of 30 NRB Directors and 10 NRB regional V-Ps. In 2002 the NLC was established, with 10 Grass Roots Trustees, 8 of which are elected, joined by the NLC Chairman and Secretary sitting ex-officio as Trustees. NLC members, chosen by their councils, are required to sit on at least two workgroups, one organizational and one conservation. Larry summarized the role of NLC members as follows: prioritize and implement the National Conservation Agenda; work with staff and council to engage NCA issues; serve as liaison between NTU and the state; integrate staff and volunteer efforts in state; attend the annual meeting; and serve on NLC workgroups.

Larry then proceeded to cite some stats. Sustainment still holds the lion's share of our efforts at 71% with the remaining conservation part of the pie divided at 11% protect, 4% reconnect, and 14% restore. Viewed without sustainment, chapters devote a full 50% of their conservation efforts to restoration and only 36% for protection. At the council level the roles seem to reverse with only 34% effort devoted to restoration and 52% to protection. Reconnection at both chapter and council is 14%. Volunteer hours were down from last year at 664,000 (cf. 677,000 prev. yr.), the average hours volunteered per member falling to 4.7, down from 5.3 the previous year. The average chapter effectiveness index, however has been on a steady rise from 47 in '07 to 58 this year ('08 at 54 and '09 at 56).

Larry closed by stating that we are indeed moving toward One TU with staff and workgroups better functioning together, grass roots BOT members playing a major role, regional meetings and workshops being on the increase, and with a new interactive website soon to be launched. Larry summed it best, saying it's the people, the chapters and councils that are the backbone of Trout Unlimited!

In a circus tent, which miraculously appeared overnight on a main street in downtown Bend, awards for outstanding achievement in conservation were bestowed upon volunteer and professional leaders as well as chartered organizations. The state council award this year went to the Oregon Council; largely for taking care of some real world class trout water. The Golden Trout Award went to Pennsylvania's 'Cumberland Valley Chapter for its continued protection and restoration of those legendary limestone streams in the valley. CVTU also runs our oldest kid's trout camp, the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Silver Trout Awards went to Idaho's Ted Trueblood Chapter and the West Denver Chapter. Youth Education Awards went to Maine's Greg Ponte and Illinois' own Phil Young. Stories of all the award winners are usually published in Trout at the beginning of the next year.

The rest of Friday, after the Council Chair meeting, found everyone involved in the NLC workgroup meetings. The workings of each of the respective work groups were reported at the NLC Business Meeting Saturday morning. At that meeting Larry Harris was reelected as NLC chair and Tom Anacker was reelected as it Secretary. Somewhat controversial, a resolution was adopted to preclude any chapter to endorse, aid or abet the stocking of non-native trout over native populations. The resolution seems nothing more than a restatement of TU policy, but more on that will surely follow later. It was also resolved that a Women in TU Workgroup be established. The details of the NLC Business Meeting will be promulgated to all in its minutes. The rest of the day was spent in Workshops: Partnership Panel; Youth; Women in TU; and Pebble Mine/Secure School Reauthorization Act.

The Annual Meeting came to end with the traditional fund raising banquet with over a hundred silent auction items and some really big auction items. At the banquet, Duke Welter received the Ray Mortensen Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership for essentially a lifetime of achievement in leading the restoration and preservation of the Driftless Area, particularly in Wisconsin, and his leadership of the NLC- an award well earned and deserved! Some members stayed on a day or two more to fish, but the Board of Trustees toiled on early the next morning and well into Sunday with their meeting. Next year the Annual Meeting shifts to the other coast at Asheville, NC, adjacent to the Great Smokeys, and all those native brookies. See Y'all there now! ■

NLC Minutes Annual Meeting

Bend, Oregon - September 17, 2011

Attendance by NLC Representatives: AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, GA, ID, IL, IA, KY, ME, Mid-ATL, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NJ, NM, NC, OK, PA, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

NLC Officers: Larry Harris, NLC Chair; Tom Anacker, NLC Secretary. Also present was Duke Welter, Past NLC Chair.

Larry called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Pacific daylight time. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Larry welcomed all in attendance and commenced the meeting with opening remarks. He noted that the NLC Work Groups were significantly more active during the past 12 months and were working effectively. Larry thanked all NLC Representatives for their hard work.

AGENDA:

1. Hatchery Trout over Natives Survey:

Trout Unlimited received complaints concerning the stocking of non-native hatchery fish over a population of wild, native trout in the State of West Virginia. The NLC was requested to conduct a survey of its members to determine the position of the grassroots on this issue.

Larry reported that a survey was sent out to all NLC Representatives and a total of 17 responses were received. The TU National Salmonid Policy recommends that Chapters and Councils oppose any project where non-native hatchery fish are to be stocked over a population of healthy native trout. The responses to the survey were unanimously opposed to this type of stocking.

Following discussion the following motion was made and seconded: The NLC is opposed to Chapters stocking non-native hatchery fish over native trout populations.

The question was called and a voice vote was taken. The motion passed with all voting members in favor of the motion with the exception of one opposed.

2. Awards:

Awards recognizing outstanding service to the NLC were given to Ray Smith and Duke Welter. Monogrammed fly boxes were also sent to those NLC members whose terms had expired.

3. Work Group Reports:

Written detailed reports for all Work Groups are being prepared and compiled for circulation. The following are a brief synopsis of the activity of the Work Groups over the past 12 months.

A. Conservation Work Groups:

Grassroots: John Deakins gave the report for the Grassroots Work Group. This work group has been looking at increasing membership and membership participation. The challenge is find ways to reach the silent majority we never hear from. Surveys which were conducted over the past several years were reviewed. These surveys indicated that people join TU because they like to fish, are interested in conserving the resource and want to be in contact with other like minded people.

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Oak Brook Chapter of Trout Unlimited invites you and your guests to the **Annual Holiday Dinner.**

December 7, 2011 at Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse & Bar
Cocktail Reception beginning at 6:00 PM | Dinner Buffet 7:00 PM

Menu:

- > Baby Field Greens with Cucumbers, Tomatoes, and Red Wine Vinaigrette Caprese Salad
- > Chicken Marsala Vesuvio Potatoes and Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables
- > Apple and Sage Stuffed Tenderloin of Pork with Apple Cider Demi glaze
- > Spinach Fusilli, Italian Sausage, Roma Tomatoes and Basil with Spicy Tomato Cream Asparagus, Sun-dried Tomato and Champagne Risotto Green Beans with Lemon Oil, Parmigiano-Reggiano Scalloped Potatoes
- > Chef's Selection of Assorted Desserts
- > Freshly brewed Starbucks Coffee and Gourmet Hot Tea Selections

Speaker:

Marvin Strauch
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The Work Group noted that approximately 5% of Chapter members are active. The alternative to increasing membership is to increase the number of active members in each Chapter. John suggested a target of 10-20%. A determination must be made as to what issues are important to local chapter members so their interests can be addressed by the Chapter. This is a local issue and can best be handled by the Chapter board. Increasing membership is something better handled at the National level. John noted that the New Initiative Work Group is looking at member retention. John also noted there is good information on membership matters online.

Bylaws: Tom Anacker gave the report for the Bylaws Work Group. All Chapters and Councils are in the process of amending their Bylaws to conform with the new National Bylaws. Templates and other guiding documents have been prepared and are present in the Tackle Box. Completion of the amendment process is being measured by tabulating the number of amended Bylaws which are posted to the web site. The goal is to have the amendment process completed by the end of 2011.

Each Work Group member has been assigned specific states and chapters to monitor. An online training session was held in June and periodic reminders and updates are made. Currently, 63 Chapters and Councils have completed the process. Many Chapters and Councils have their annual meeting in the fall so the number of amended bylaws posted to the web should increase substantially in the next several months. Work Group members will contact NLC members for the assigned states requesting follow-up assistance.

Council Staffing and Fundraising: Jim Walker gave the report for this Work Group. Jim noted that fundraising information for Chapters and Councils is being posted in the Tackle Box. The Work Group has collected fundraising ideas (52) for each year of TU's existence. A reminder was given to remember to make an EAS grant application if a Chapter has an appropriate project.

Youth Education: Greg Prosen and Dale White gave the report for this Work Group. Greg reported that the Work Group is progressing with a program to teach the teacher for instructors who teach kids to fly cast. Bruce Richards is assisting with the development of an instruction manual. Individuals beyond the NLC have been recruited to participate in this program. A set of core values are being developed for the existing youth programs including Stream Explorers and outreach programs – 1st cast, camps and college student program. Dale reported on the college student program. The Work Group is working with Franklin Tate to develop this program.

New Initiatives: To be covered during later agenda item.

B. Conservation Work Groups:

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture: Jeff Yates in the new Chair of this Work Group. This initiative is running well through the state agency and staff level. A look is being taken at the role of the NLC Work Group.

Delaware River: Rick Thomas gave the report for this Work Group. Efforts are ongoing to battle New York City for an equitable distribution of Delaware River water.

TU Dare: Brett Lorenzen provided the Work Group report. A meeting was held last fall to inventory 150 priorities as part of the development of a 5 year plan. Laura Hewitt left TU employment during the past year. This significant loss was tempered by the hiring of Duke Welter.

Over the past year the following activities have occurred –

- fundraising plan for first large project completed
- monitoring program underway for completed restoration projects
Approximately 100 miles of stream have been completed in the past 5 years.
- large fundraising sources are being developed
- science and research symposium held
- stream restoration planning symposium held
- newsletter published, web site on the way
- participate with NRS state technical committee
- engaged elected officials
- engaged in legislative process.

Brett thanked the many folks involved with this initiative.

Responsible Energy Development: Bruce Eberle provided the report for this new Work Group. The organization of this Work Group has been set up and allocates individuals to different types of resource development. A webinar is being developed and will be available to Chapters and Councils. Phone calls dealing with the Marcellus Shale issue will be conducted. Meetings with stakeholders and the public will be conducted on responsible energy development. Bruce made a call for additional folks interested in this issue to join the Work Group.

Pacific Salmon and Steelhead: Jamie Hunter gave this Work Group report. The following items have been identified to be addressed by the Work Group:

- Develop model for determining adequate anadromous escapement levels
- Compile a database of successful projects in OR, WA, CA and ID

The idea for the database is to provide assistance in the development of anadromous projects by reviewing past successful projects with an eye toward identifying fundraising sources and technical project design details. The Work Group is also tying in with the Pebble Mine initiative staff.

Conservancy: Tom McInnis gave the Conservancy Work Group report. The role of this Work Group is to provide guidance for TU Chapters and Councils to work with Land Trusts to develop conservation easements. A grant program is being developed.

Stream Access: Tom Anacker provided the Work Group report. This Work Group has been split into two sub-groups. One sub-group is focused on voluntary access acquisition and the other is focused on involvement with defending existing public access. A survey of voluntary access acquisition programs in the TU states was conducted.

Tools and guidelines are being developed for the voluntary access acquisition.

A draft application form and a decision reporting form have been developed for when Chapters and Councils desire to become involved before the Stream Access Work Group (SAWG) on an access issue. When the draft documents are finalized, they will be forwarded to the SAWG for their review. The database of stream access laws in the TU states is being updated and reviewed. A survey will be conducted to gather information on the types of access issues, if any, currently present in the TU states.

Western Native Fish: To be covered in later agenda item.

4. Chartering and De-Chartering Chapters:

A list of Chapter re-charters was provided for review by the NLC and a vote to recommend re-chartering to the OD Committee and the Board of Trustees. A motion was made to recommend that the following Chapters be re-chartered:

082 Boulder Flycasters – CO
 319 Grand Valley Anglers – CO
 508 Cheyenne Mountain – CO
 032 Northwestern Carolina – NC
 033 Land O Sky – NC
 034 Pisgah – NC
 072 Blue Ridge – NC
 219 Table Rock – NC
 321 Stone Mountain – NC
 324 Nat Greene Fly Fishers – NC
 345 Triangle Fly Fishers – NC
 348 Rocky River – NC
 363 Dogwood Anglers – NC
 373 Tuckasegee – NC
 613 Great Bay – NH
 755 Enchanted Circle – NM
 754 Delta Chapter – TN
 078 Southeastern Wisconsin – WI
 168 Kiap TU Wish – WI
 255 Wisconsin Clear Waters – WI
 256 Northwoods – WI
 278 Coulee Region – WI
 375 Aldo Leopold – WI
 415 Wild Rivers – WI
 153 Mountaineer – WV
 164 P.Pendleton Kennedy – WV

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved upon a voice vote. The recommendation for re-chartering will be passed on to the OD Committee and the Board of Trustees.

5. New Initiatives Report: by Tom Jones.

Review of National Conservation Agenda: The Work Group has reviewed the TU National Conservation Agenda and makes no recommendation for changes of the issues identified on the agenda. The Work Group does recommend that Critical Focus Areas be adopted on an annual basis to highlight the highest priority projects such as the Yellowstone Native Fish Restoration Project and the Pebble Mine.

Adopting this list will better inform members and the public who we are and what our top conservation priorities are.

A motion was made and seconded to approved the following Critical Focus Areas:

- Pebble Mine
- Yellowstone National Park native fish conservation
- Protecting roadless areas (i.e., killing HR 1581 - McCarthy bill)
- Hydrofracking for gas & oil development
- Upper Colorado water withdrawal
- Clean Water Act
- State & Federal natural resource funding

The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

New Chapter Model: An ad hoc committee has developed guidelines for a new chapter development method to assist in the creation of a new Chapter. Under these guidelines, a group based in a geographical area of a State, such as a river basin, can become an outreach or developmental committee of a chartered Chapter for the purpose of becoming an independently chartered Chapter. This process allows the existing chartered Chapter to mentor and assist the potential new Chapter group to become organized and functional and if all goes well, become a new chartered Chapter. This method supplements but does not replace the traditional Chapter development process. A copy of the guidelines is attached.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend adoption of the Chapter Development guidelines to the OD Committee and the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded, discussion was held and the motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

EAS Election: The New Initiatives Work Group nominated Bill Schudlich and Sean McCormick to the EAS review Committee. A motion was made to approve the slate of nominees. Said motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Election of NLC Officers: The New Initiatives Work Group nominated Larry Harris as Chair of the NLC and Tom Anacker as Secretary of the NLC for one year terms. No other nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. This motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. A motion was made to approve the slate of nominees and approved unanimously by voice vote.

6. New Business:

Outgoing Grassroots Trustees: Larry stated that 3 Grassroots Trustees; Paul Maciejewski, Mike Slater and Rick Murphree were terming out. Larry recognized each of the three individuals for their hard work and valuable contributions as Trustees. Larry requested that each NLC Representatives thank the three individuals for their service to TU.

Women in TU Work Group: A motion was made and seconded that a new NLC Women in TU Work Group be established. Following discussion the motion was approved unanimously upon a voice vote.

7. Adjournment:

Larry thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting and the meeting was adjourned. ■

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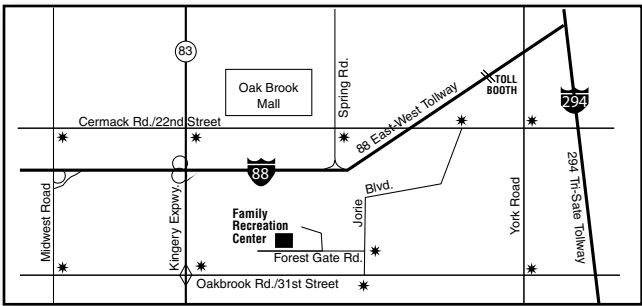
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