

Columbia Greene Rip van Winkle Chapter

Trout Unlimited

Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2011

I. Call to order:

Steve Matheke, President called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia Greene Rip van Winkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited at 7:10 pm on November 15, 2011, at the Crossroads Community Room.

II. Roll Call; In attendance were:

Steve Matheke, Pres.; Vinnie Dubois, VP; Joe Liaz, Treas.; Fran Martino, Director, Greater Stockport Creek Watershed Committee; Todd Brightly; Edward Rivers; Jim Linzi, Fred Shuey; Wendy Neefus; Dick Rizzio; Janie Felix; Joe Reina and Tomm Eaton, Sec.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting: The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Treasury Report: Joe Liaz, Treasurer

a) General Account	\$5584.91
b) Ten Mile Creek Account	<u>1290.00</u>
c) Total Available Cash	\$6874.91

V. Open issues:

- a) New By-Laws
- b) Election of Officers
- c) Annual Conservation Dinner
- d) Marcellus Shale Site Hydrofracking Update
- e)

VI. Old Business:

- a) The New By-Laws conforming to the TU National By-Laws were unanimously approved by the membership. With thanks to Steve Matheke and his committee.
- b) Election of Officers; the President asked the membership to vote the slate and there being no deferrals the following slate of officers was unanimously approved by the membership following the motion by Joe Reina and a second by Wendy Neefus,

President Vinnie Dubois; 845-752-3915 *palakajojo@verizon.net*

Vice President Steve Matheke;

Secretary Tomm Eaton;

Treasurer Joe Liaz; and

At Large Board Member Todd Brightly.

VII. Committee Reports:

- a) **Membership;** Dick Rizzio, 121 members
- b) **Education;** Joe Reina, classes 7 - 9pm CGCC
 - 1) Fly Tying and Casting, January 11 through February 15, 2012
 - 2) Fly Fishing, February 29 through April 11, 2012
- c) **State Council;** Vinnie Dubois,
 - 1) DOT & DEC are not working together as well as the Greene County Communities affected by the fall floods would like.
 - 2) DEC to continue interviewing re: damage complaints
- d) **NYS Federation of Sportsmen;** Vinnie Dubois
 - 1) Federation to sponsor a march on Albany in March. Details to be announced.
 - 2) Dave Rudloff won a 30-06 rifle with scope at the annual banquet. Congratulations to Dave.
 - 3) Vinnie has raffle Tickets to help assist those in need due to the Greene County Flooding.
 - 4) Next meeting, January at the Hensonville Town Hall
- e) **Marcellus Shale:** Steve Matheke;
 - 1) NYS Steve feels will go ahead and support the project.
 - 2) Delaware River Basin Commission will Fast track the States actions.

VIII. New business

- a) **Stockport Creek Watershed Commission** Director Fran Martino requests funding for continued testing of the areas waters.
 - 1) Tomm Eaton Motions that we establish a \$500 matching funds grant to assist Fran with consistent funding. Janie Felix seconds.
 - 2) Unanimously approved by the membership.
- b) Joe Reina motions to purchase a **projector hook up for the computer.**
 - 1) Not to exceed \$350.00
 - 2) Second by Wendy Neefus.
 - 2) Unanimously approved by the membership.

- c) Carol Stevens donated an enormous supply of fishing gear to the Chapter
 - 1) Steve Matheke motions we invite her to our Conservation Dinner and to the Day on the Stream. Second Dick Rizzio.
 - 2) Unanimously approved by the membership.

IX. Conservation Dinner: Steve Matheke,

- a) Passed out donation solicitation letters for our use in securing raffle items.
- b) Date; **March 31, 2012**
- c) **Red's Restaurant, Route 9W, West Coxsackie, NY**

X. Next Meeting: **Christmas Pot Luck Supper**

- a) December 13, 2012 6:30 to 9pm
- b) Crossroads Community Room

XI. Adjournment

Steve Matheke adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm. With the membership applauding Steve for his work as president during the last two years.

Minutes submitted by: Tomm Eaton