

Columbia Greene Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting Minutes
By Wendy Neefus
Oct 16th 2012

Entertainment notes first:

Walt Keller, long time with DEC and now on the Habitat Recreation Advisory Board.

He spoke about an idea he has, that would eliminate the problem of “perched culverts”. Fish can not move into the tributaries because the level of the culverts are too high.

Walt thinks a 1 foot ? plastic, removable retro fit extension tube could be attached to the culvert. He passed out flexible staws to illustration his concept.

This would create an incline of water flow instead of an impassable shelf. This would be seasonal and no permit would be needed. This could help DEC since no funds are available for relining culverts. TU could play a huge role in this.

I believe Walt is looking for engineering help with the design, and connections to a company that could manufacture them for the right price.

Walt also talked about “in ground water” cold water underground springs so important for brook trout survival.

Dr. John Brako (hydrology expert) is on board with this flexible culvert idea. He says 50% of all culverts are perched. Sometimes a barrier like this is desirable. Being able to select what species you want to pass up stream.

This Idea is under review by TU.

I think this is Walt Keller’s Email ??? brigandwalt@verizon.net
His phone number is 607 652 3143. He would welcome your calls.

Meeting minutes:

We donated \$100- to the Col. CountySportsmen’s Federation.
Treasurer’s report . via Vinnie in Joe Liaz absence. We have\$ 3255- in our account and \$2000- in the fishing show account. There is \$1258- in the conservation fund

Our accidental medical insurance policy will be paid.

By Nov. 6 The CGTU financial report will be filed with National TU.

Education Chairman : Joe Reina

Our Fly Tying Course is scheduled with Col. Greene Community College for Jan. 30th through Mar. 6th . The fee is \$50- and the time is 7-9 PM.

The Fly Fishing Course will be March 20th through April 17th same place, same time. The fee will be \$90- for six sessions and a day on the stream.

Tomm Eaton's son wants to plant the memorial tree the end of October . We have had trouble contacting him.

The show committee will re group and meet at 6:00 before our regular meeting on Nov. 20th.

Membership Chairman: Dick Riccio We are down a little. We have 114 members. Some discussion about member retention.

Nominating Committee: Todd Brightly

Pres. Vinnie Dubois
VP Steve Matheke
Sec vacancy
Treas Joe Liaz

Director Don Towsky 2012
Director vacancy

For the record only :

2011-2014

Director Joe Reina
Director Todd Brightly

2010- 2013

Director Wendy Neefus
Director Dick Riccio

Banquet Chairman: Steve Matheke

Will check out the Chuchtown Fire house. Many recommendations for this site.

Vinnie Dubois , Ron Urban and Dr. John Brako are working on the contractor certification. This will be on- going for quite awhile.

Vinnie got a call from John Gill His farm on Route 209 was ruined from Hurricane Irene . Much fungus and mold corn crop ruined.

Christmas Party was tabled.

Suggestion to have a flea market, for old fishing gear.

We need raffle prizes for the meetings and our annual dinner . Please ask around for dinner donations especially.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wendy Neefus and seconded by Fred Syler