

Columbia Greene TU Chapter Sept. 18th, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

Pledge of Allegence

Pres. Vinnie Dubois, asked for a volunteer to chair the elections coming up in Nov. Todd Brightly said he would do it. We need a Secretary and 2 Director.
Will Ask John Libruk and Dave Turco.

No Treasuer's report.

Membership; Dick Riccio said we have 131 members to date .
We picked up 6 new members over the summer.

Only 12 members in attendance. It was expressed we need better entertainment.to attract people.

Education Committee; Joe Reina We need an education budget. The fly tying and fly fishing school will need some equipment replacement, i.e. fly line, leaders, hooks.

Still looking for alternative venues for our schools, CGCC is still the best so far.
We will charge \$50- for the fly tying school and \$90- for the Fly Fishing course.

TIC or Trout in the classroom is now under the Education Committee. Fran will step down and Steve Matheke will over see this program.

The proposed fly fishing show, " The Show" is on hold for 2013. Too many financial questions. We are looking into other sites. Maybe the Carey Center of Albany County .

On the last weekend of July, Joe Reina, Viinne Dubois, and Todd Brightly attended the Northeastern Regional TU Conference in Springfield, Ma. Many interesting topics were discussed. We volunteed to host this event in 2013 . Joe is looking at Hunter or Windham in 2013. After 2013 this annual conference will go back out west. One of our responsibilities would be to take people fishing on the Esopus, Schoharie, or Delaware, that weekend.

Vinnie was applauded for his efforts with Dr. Brako (on TU stream advisory committee) to create the Contractor Certification program.

Another event: At the Sept State TU council meeting Todd Brightly was elected to be the new council Treasurer. Ron Urban was elected as council

NYS TU June council meeting 2013 (first weekend in June) We offered to host this event too.

The state hatcheries have had problems with diseased fish. They must be disposed over and start over. We will be getting less trout to stock this coming season.

The Greene Co. Soil and Water did some bank restoration. They still have 7000 trees to plant on the Batavia Kill and need some help.

We could lose some of the stocking sites on the Roeliff Jansen Kill. The cornfield area will no long be stocked and Ricky Sharp's property is for sale.

DEC approved the use of a herbicide to treat the over growth of Knot weed on the Batavia kill

After Hurricane Irene in 2011, the Gilboa Dam in Prattsville has been re-enforced will 10,000 tons of concrete.

TU national feels to attract new members, we have to drop the fly fishing focus and embrace all form of trout fishing .

In the near future TU National will have a new model web site with a link to our web site. There will be pull downs and search features. More later.

We have a chapter laptop, projector, and computer. Todd's been using these for our web site and it will be used in the future, for Walt Keller's next meeting, " The Solution to Perched Culverts".

Annual banquet, Steve Matheke: There was much interest in the Churchtown Firehouse for this event. Steve will check it out.

Tomm Eaton Memorial Tree Planting. Joe Reina has been trying to contact his son who owns "Secret Garden" on Warren St., in Hudson. He thinks it's a great idea and will donate a tree, (maybe an oak tree). Joe is contacting (Carol) from Hillsdale Recreation Park about planting it on the banks of the Roe Jan. We envision a Plaque, Poem and eventually a bench.

Gus Bryant property off Wiltsie Bridge road; Vinnie is researching the cost of a bench. He said maybe the Federation of Sportsmen might cover all or part of the cost.

Motion was made by Steve Matheke to adjourn, and seconded by

