

CGTU Board Meeting Feb. 21st 2012

Discussion regarding proposal of fly fishing symposium, with vendors, fly casting and fly tying demos, lessons fishing lectures and maybe an equipment swap.

Project Healing Waters of Maine asked for help teaching vets on Monday and or Tuesday, (April 23, 24). They need flies and bake goods.

On Feb. 29 Our annual fly fish course starts at Col. Greene Community College. We have 7 people signed up so far. The instructors should be ready to go at 6:00 PM for the instructors class given by Sherrie Barthlomew (Joan Wulff casting instructor). She is a great teacher, and us with our teaching skills. At 7:00 we start the class with the new students.

There was discussion to cover gas/mileage for the president's meeting travels and council delegant to attend state council meetings. This was tabled for later discussion.

Steve Mathke spoke about our annual banquet. Set aside the date March 31 st 2012. Orvis gave us a Helios fly rod, reel and line to raise money at our dinner. The financial success of our dinner depends on how many raffle tickets we sell before and at the dinner. So far we've spent \$400- on the dinner. Please ask every one that might interested, not just fly fishing, but in conservation. We must have a head count for Red's Restaurant by March 13th.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on March 13 at 6:00 to phone members and urge them to come to the banquet. The actual BOD meeting will start at 7:00. Our regular monthly meeting will be the week after on March 20, at 7:00.

Vinnie attended a meeting at Hunter regarding the damage to the Greene County streams from Hurricane Irene. In attendance was CGTU, DEC, DEP, and town board members. DEC stated they would not be stocking the East Kill and West Kill. They will only spot stock the Schoharie and Batavia Kill.

Vinnie and Dr. John Brako are working on a plan to educate and certify all contractor to prevent future bull dozer damage. Many streams were torn apart after Hurricane Irene. Our chapter is responsible for over 1100 miles over stream in Greene and Columbia Counties.

We had a good talk from Dan Miller on the DEC study of the Hudson River. Our regular meeting started at 8:15.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I've omitted anything recorded in the Board meeting minutes.

Annual Banquet, VP Steve Matheke: Red's Restaurant on March 31st, 2012. The restaurant is charging us \$25- per meal, depending on the number attending. The cost to attend (per meal) is \$30-. Please send you checks ASAP.

Fran Martino has sent out a press release to the Register Star, Dick Nelson's Columun, etc.

On Feb. 24th Vinnie represented the CC Sportsman's Federation and our chapter at a meeting regarding Flood Damage in Greene County. CMTU and the Asohkan Chapter TU were in attendance.

On March 16th, we will do a fly tying demo at L.L. Bean in Albany, in show of our thanks for their support of our annual dinners.

March 20th, Sportsman's Day in Albany, Katie Dunlop will talk about limiting the water taken.

Vinnie and Dr. John Brako are preparing a presentation for the legislators on hydrofracking. This is a lot of work.

At the present time, hydrofracking is on hold. Waiting for the commissioner to decide on a small number of leases allowed. Opposition has slowed things down. No government money to oversee the drilling. The governor is definitely in favor of it, since it means more revenue.

We have to decide on our venues for 2012 stream clean ups.

On April 23 and 24 "Project Healing Water" from Maine is asking for help teaching the vets fly-fishing.

Our local "Wounded Warriors" program through Pam Green of the Adaptive Sports Foundation has been delayed until September. Vinnie has been appointed chairman by the Federation of Sportsman to arrange a turkey hunt in the morning and a fly fishing outing in the afternoon for the vets.

Batavia Kill Celebration to be announced.

The Board of Directors has set up a committee to look into the feasibility of a Fly Fishing Symposium. Joe Reina and Todd Brightly are checking out sites and vendors. Will report next month with a proposal. Scheduled for March or April of 2013. All proceeds from this event would be ear marked for our Conservation fund.

New Conservation Committee: Dave Rudloff has volunteered to be chairman . Wendy Neefus and Fran Martino are also on the committee.

Wendy Neefus has volunteered to be our new “ recording” secretary.

Membership Committee: Dick Ricco said we are at about 120 members

A few of our chapter members were on the Radio WGXC on Feb.6th. The show was titled “Living Lightly On Land”. This can be achived from their web-site.

Fran Martino reported on her committee of 1 “Trout in the Classroom”: Gilboa school lost their trout. Windham Ashley Jewett Central School, Chatham and their elementary school Mary L. Dardess School have a program. Kim needs help. Fran said she would assist.

Any monies that come to the chapter in memory of Tomm Eaton, Janet would like it to go to “ beginning fly tying”. We will need to inventory and appraise the donated fly-fishing equipment she is donating to the chapter.

Sherrie Bartlomew has been instructing our fly casting instructors How to Teach. The board recomends that she

teach the first casting class this year. She's already taught one instructor seminar and will do another on Feb 29. She will teach our first casting class. Motion was made by Joe Reina and seconded by Wendy Neefus to pay her \$200- for her travel time and expertise. Motion passed and carried.

A proposal to help ease member burn out. Members earn points for their activities, service and at the end of the year the one with the most points wins a fly rod and reel. Food for thought. Tabled for more discussion.

Treasurer's Report Joe Liaz

Joe is trying to get an address change from Greene County Bank, so statements come directly to him. We currently have \$4500 in our Checking account.

For next year's banquet, keep in mind Chuchtown Fire House. Great food at a very good price.