

Columbia Greene Trout Unlimited May 15th Meeting

Two DEC conservation officers Jim Hayes and Jeff Cox held a Question and Answer session. After much discussion, it was evident that these guys are very dedicated. They are working as usual, though they have no contract, a depressed conservation fund and a hiring freeze. They are down 30 people in Region 4 and it takes 6 months to train and replace someone.

They urged us to write letter to legislators and pressure them for funding 1. For new stocking vehicles and 2. For stream restoration.

The meeting started at 8:11.

The treasurer report: We have \$6060- in is checking account. We have \$1200 more coming in.

The June meeting is changed to Sat. June 16th at 10:00. After a short meeting, we will fish the Roe Jan together. Location will be Bryant's Farm. You can meet us at Dad's restaurant in Copake N.Y. At 9:30 if you need help finding us. We will have a streamside cookout (hamburger and hot dog) around 1:00 PM.

Our next Board of Directors meeting will be at Crosswinds in Hudson on June 12 at 6:30. All members are welcome

TU national stream clean-up day is June 23rd. Vinnie is coordinating multi- group Greene Co stream clean up with the boy scouts,

girl scouts, Agro- forestry (will do Catskill Creek) sportsmen, etc .

Vinnie is waiting to hear from Kessler Insurance to make sure we have insurance for the stream clean-ups etc.

Catskill Water Shed Corp will supply garbage bags for the event.

Vinnie will attend the Greene Co. Sportsman's Federation meeting to ask

For their help

Please show up for this, Hurricane Irene did a lot of damage over there.

We need your help.

Taghkanic Creek: 300 fish were stocked behind the firehouse in West Taghkanic. The field below that on Route old 82 is owned by Catskill Mountains Chapter TU. The intent was to stock fish there, since we had permission from Ron Urban (CMCTU President) but, since the field was all plowed up it was impossible to get a vehicle down there to either stock or fish.

Vinnie and Ron will meet with the farmer and make some arrangements.

WILL DESPERATELY NEED A CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN- Vinnie is trying to do it all.

We are trying to procure permits for "rock-n- rolling" or opening up the mouth of tributaries for spawning trout this fall.

Trout in the Classroom: On May 3rd the trout the students raised were released into the stream. Windham Ashland Jewett students paired up with their pen pals from NYC to release the fish. They even name the

big one (4" long) "Walter". Some of the fish were donated to the Stanford School.

Hunter School: 22 kids took part in releasing their trout into the Schoharie Creek at Carr Rd.

On May 19th 9:00 AM to whenever at the Elizaville Deli, we will hold the second "Day on Stream ". This will happen only if we get more interest than we had before (only 2 attended).

Wendy made a motion to provide lunch for the fly fishing class

Lunch (if we hold the event) at the Elizaville Deli (Pizza, wings and beverage) Joe seconded the motion. It was passed and carried.

This Sunday or Monday in the afternoon or evening Hank, Linda and Dick Ricco would like some help moving the donated equipment to Fred Syler's basement. Please Call Hank 851 9442. They have been doing a lot of work, inventorying Janet Schnitzer donation of Tomm Eaton fly-fishing equipment.

Fran Martino said that her stream spotter Janie Felix testing has found the oxygen and phosphates out of wack on the Claverack Creek. They will be re-tested.

CGCC TU proposed fly-fishing Symposium: Chairman Todd Brightly gave us a power point presentation on the feasibility of this project.

Proposed Date: March 16 and 17 2013

Potential sites: Kattskill Mountain Club in Hunter or CGCC

The price would be \$600/day and a \$60- one time set up fee. It would be additional for others rooms for lectures. Food would have to be catered.

Columbia Greene Community College Option 1.

Rent it outright Gym, classrooms, cafeteria (negotiable food prices).

Figuring \$350/ day for the gym and extra for classrooms plus staff charge. Plus with other printing, advertising costs Todd figures it would cost us \$3000.

Option 2. We could co- sponsor with the college. We would share the costs, but we would have to give a percentage of the profits to the college in the form of a scholarship. This would help us greatly with marketing and organizing. They have the expertise to make our event successful and felt to be worth it.

We would need a million dollar liability insurance rider with all option. We can get this from national TU, said Vinnie.

The committee is figuring on charging \$10- admission at the door. Renting out booths (10x10) for \$200- each. Guess fly tying demos, casting clinics and most lectures would be free.

Todd says, “ figure for the worst and how for the best”

15 booths at \$200 equals 3000-

100 people at \$10- equals 1000-

Gross income \$4000

Since we are not for profit. If we ear mark the proceeds for conservation fund we avoid any sales tax issues.

There was a lot of discussion pro and con. Finally a motion was made by Don and seconded by Phillip Buses. It was passed and carried With 8 for and 2 against and 3 abstained.

Lastly we were approved: We got the grant of \$500- from Columbia Greene Sportsmen’s Assoc. to purchase a chapter lap top computer.

Meeting end at 9:50