

**Ashoka -Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday March 5th, 2019**

Present: Mark L. Tony C. Jody H. Ed O. Thom F. Roy M. Chris H. Todd S. Kevin B.

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 by Mark L.

Secretary Report Read: motion to accept by Mark L.; 2nd by Chris H., approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report Read: Balance of \$11,122.10 noted, motion by Roy M. to accept; 2nd by Chris H., approved unanimously. Acid rain report read by Jody H.

New Business: Ed O. Mentioned that the Heritage Brook Trout project was going forward and participants should bring cuticle scissors for sample clips and a lighter to sterilize the scissors after each use.

Ed O. brought up the storage of all pertinent chapter documents, it was suggested and agreed that a dedicated "Drop Box" would probably be the best way to do this.

Regarding the "De Bruce Camp" summer program Tony C. motioned that \$700 be allocated towards funding same, Kevin B. 2nd, so passed.

Mark L. passed around the banquet ad insert for the "Trout Tales" supplement of the Catskill Mountain News, as well as on the chapter website with a link for online ticket purchasing.

Chris H. noted that the Annual Banquet was fast approaching, it was agreed that formal notice of the event be sent out the following week and Todd S. volunteered to monitor ticket sales.

It was noted that the "Catskill Center for Conservation and Development", that manages Trout Tales, suggested that our chapter be mentioned in their mailings, ads, etc..

It was noted that the Spillian Resort was holding a Trout Tales dinner on April 26th.

It was mentioned that "Phoenicia Business Associates" wants to partner with us as they did in the past with the "Leaping Trout Art Project".

A meeting regarding Trout Tales 2019 was noted to be at Town Hall in Olive on March 27th at 7pm..

Mark L. Mentioned his presentation at the Annual Banquet of materials of interest indicating how the chapter put their resources to work, as the attendees were contributing by their presence. Amongst them a slide show, a preview of the Toby Carey film about the Esopus, underwater and drone footage of local waters, as well as indicating the multitude of groups that we partner with to promote conservation efforts.

Mark L. motioned to adjourn @ 8:40, no objections, so passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Thom Frankel