

**Ashokan Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Chapter Meeting Minutes of Sunday September 26/2021
Annual Elections of Directors and Officers**

Attended By:

**Mark L, Jody H, Ed O, Chris H, Russell M, Todd S, Thom F, Roy M, Delia Adams, John H, Brian McDonald,
John Petrocelli, Lenny Millen**

12:01 PM: Meeting called to order

Treasurer's Report: Jody H reported that the August balance indicated total cash assets of \$12,530.80 and there being no expenses in the month, the chapter ended the month with total cash assets of \$12,530.80 as well.

Acid Rain Report: Jody H reported that there were 4 measurable storms, a liquid amount of 8 inches with a weighted average pH of 5.1. These numbers were down from the previous month but still historically high.

Minutes of previous meeting; Mark asked if anyone wished to add or delete anything from the minutes emailed to all Board members. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes as circulated, this was seconded by Roy, motion so passed.

Old Business:

Ed O. For the benefit of those present ED. formally announced that he would be resigning from the Chapter at the end of the year, leaving significant tasks to be done by others. Ed has done a terrific job; particularly with the Newsletter that was the most informative record of chapter activities, as well as just about anything of significance to the angling community and/or stake holders in the area and much more. We are all grateful for his long-standing efforts.

New Business:

John H mentioned that the "Lake Switzerland Project" to provide a way around the lake so the Bushkill could be reconnected to Vly Creek to restore a habitat suitable for Brown trout spawning as well as recreate a 20+ miles of stream was beginning to move and that TU National had joined the effort.

Meetings going forward:

Tony C: suggested that future BOD directors' meetings be held at the Boiceville Inn with zoom capabilities, if so needed, and asked if there were any Board members that weren't comfortable with meeting in a smaller confined space with Covid spiking in nearby communities.

All present expressed willingness to hold future meetings that way. No formal vote was taken but the consensus was favorable so a tentative date of October 5th at the Boiceville Inn was where, when, and how the next BOD meeting was to be but was tabled until more information was accumulated.

Yearly Elections of Board Members and Officers for which a slate of candidates had been prepared by Ed O and others as follows:

Officers: **President:** Mark Loete.
 Treasurer: Jody Hoyt

Vice President: Tony Coccoza
Secretary: Thom Frankel

Directors up for election or re-election:

Russell Martin **BJ Liefeld** **Roy Meyerhof** **Victoria Lawrence*** **Ed Ostapczuk***

Vacancies created: **Ed Ostapczuk** resigning after long service. **Victoria Lawrence:** DEC employers cite conflict of interest.

Either online or in person, all the candidates were re-elected, this left two (2) vacancies to be filled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thom Frankel