



From the President

Hi all:

It has been awhile. It was a busy summer with working around the house and lots of Trout Unlimited Projects. It was a good summer except just one thing; not enough fishing.

Some of the activities the board are working on are:

The Christmas party is confirmed for December 5th at the Isaac Walton Cabin. This year, the Christmas Party will start at 6:30 and go until around 9:00pm. The chapter will provide pulled pork sandwiches. We are requesting everyone bring something to pass. Members whose last name begins with the letter A thru I, please bring dessert. J thru Q bring an entrée. R thru Z bring a salad. (Please use this as a guide -- if everyone wants to bring dessert, that's fine with me!!)

The 2011 Driftless Rendezvous was a big success. We are starting to plan for another in 2012. We have already reserved the group camp at Whitewater on September 14,15 and 16, 2012. It would be nice to see this event grow every year.

This Summer, Ray and Sue Ricketts, Marlene and Tom Huston and I had dinner on Trout Run with John Duke Welter. We had a very good dinner and wonderful conversation. One of the things we discussed was developing a Trout Unlimited License Plate in Minnesota. Several states already have done this as a fund raiser for TU. I believe developing a Minnesota trout license plate would be a worthwhile project.

The board (mostly Ray) are gearing up for another busy year of stream improvements during 2012. If you have not had a chance to see the work that was completed on Pickwick, it would be worth your while to see it.

Thank you for allowing me to be the President of the busiest Trout Unlimited Chapter in the country. I have learned so much and had so many proud moments during the past 2 years. This experience has made me a better person.

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Introduction to Fly Tying

Did you know that short of cutting a limber branch for a rod, bending a wire as a hook and impaling a worm as bait, fly fishing is the oldest form of angling? The first known fly pattern was described by the Roman author Claudius Aelianus in the second century A.D. By employing modern methods and materials, it is now possible to construct an imitation of virtually any prey item that is pursued by any fish that swims. Join Frank Angelotti and members of Hiawatha Trout Unlimited for a class that will unravel the mysteries involved in creating artificial flies. We will tie our way through five different fly patterns which will illustrate the basic techniques that can be employed to create a majority of the fly patterns used today. Each participant will be able to finish the class with four copies of each fly pattern which will be useful for catching fish right here in southern MN.

Participants will be required to purchase a materials package at a cost of \$35 on the first evening of the class. All participants must have their own set of fly tying tools. A list of tools will be provided. Bring your tools to the first class and contact the instructor if you need a full tool set.

Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2011

1. Approved purchase of annual liability insurance from TU National for volunteer events.
2. Discussed legal liabilities of temporary Construction Easements for project work. Question: Should HTU continue to acquire these easements or should this move to MNTU(State Council)? Since easements are temporary liabilities are also temporary. Cost for easement is better managed by HTU. No changes are planned.
3. The annual Chapter fund-raising banquet is March 10, 2012 at the International Event Center. We need our web-site to host selling on-line banquet ticket again. We used Pay-Pal last year, and we would like to do this again. We sold over 30 tickets from the Web-site last year. We will not accept Will-Call ticket requests (pick up Tickets at the door) unless they have been paid for in advance. We will limit Walk-In sales at the event to 10% (15).
4. Monthly news-letter. If we know in advance that we might not be able to publish a newsletter for a particular month, we need to attempt to consolidate into a two month edition.
5. Check writing security. The board passed the following rules:
 - Treasurer can write checks for \$100 or less, requires board approval for over that amount.
 - Treasurer, Mike Goin to request bank change checking account to require 2 signatures on checks over \$500.
 - Ray Ricketts was added to Treasurer, Mike Goin and President, Scott Steffens as authorized signers on the checking account and debit card.

UP COMING EVENTS/ MEETINGS

MEETINGS

Monday, November 7th

Meeting at the Isaak Walton Lodge at 7:00 pm. The speakers will be:

- John Hoxmeier (MN DNR Fisheries, Lake City) speaking on "The Distribution of Brook Trout and Their Origins in Southeastern Minnesota".
- Melissa Konsti (MN DNR Fisheries, Lanesboro) speaking on "Pit Tagging".

BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Monday

7:00 pm at Gander Mountain

Board Meetings are open to the public

UP COMING EVENTS

Monday, December 5th

HTU Christmas Party, 6:00 pm at the Isaak Walton Lodge.

SAVE THE DATE

You will want to mark your calendar for these events in 2012:

March 10, 2012

Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet, Rochester International Event Center.

March 24, 2012 weekend

Great Waters Expo, Blaine, MN

September 14-16, 2012

Driftless Rendezvous, Whitewater State Park Group Camp.



6. The Driftless Rendezvous was a success. Attendance at the hog roast was 55 and program attendance very good. The FFF did a fantastic job with their Fly casting classes for beginners and advanced casters. The DNR walk and the two geology hikes very popular too. All receipts are in and have been paid. The board will recognize volunteer Gary Janzen with a TU shirt for cooking multiple meals. Those banana/orange/chocolate-chip pancakes were incredible. Financially, we made \$100. The goal was to break even and have fun.

7. We voted to extend the \$1350 loan to the DR account to pay for the 2012 rent deposit.

8. The Whitewater Group Center is rented for Sept 14, 15, 16 2012 for next year's DR. The site will cost \$358 per day in 2012.

9. 2011 Christmas party at Izaak Walton League building on Dec 5

- Authorized Frank Angelotti to spend up to \$350 on prizes and decorations.
- Authorized Frank Angelotti to spend up to \$150 on beverages.
- Authorized to spend up to \$100 on food.
- Banquet tickets to be available for sale at the Christmas Party

10. Fly tying will start on Dec 10 at Gander Mountain. There will be a theme tying/teaching for the first hour per Saturday. Details later.

11. HTU will donate a box of coasters and a fragrant diffuser set to the Fly Fishing Women of Minnesota banquet.

12. To view the International Event Center to determine banquet layout we will attempt to host next board meeting on site. President Scott will arrange.

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