



Coulee Region TU Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on February 13, 2025.

Board directors present: Berger, Freund, Jonson, Muresan, Spademan, Townsell

Board directors absent: Jester, Kyte, Welter D., and Welter K.

Quorum is present.

The President called for any discussion of the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting. There was no discussion and it was moved by Townsell to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Freund. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

President's Report

- The President asked Berger to join in reporting on the brushing meeting they attended in Southwest Wisconsin. Progress reports on brushing projects for Southwest Wisconsin were made with respect to stream access, including Mill Creek in Richland County.
- The President reported that the Native Fish Coalition at UW-L will have an event on May 17 to discuss the importance of Wisconsin's Sculpin. The meeting will be at the WDNR fishing area on Maple Dale Creek.
- The President reported that TU DARE was looking for some setup help for the Driftless Symposium on February 25. Anyone interested can let him know.
- The President announced that space was still available for the Driftless Symposium at the end of February.

Treasurer's Report

Formal financials were unavailable due to press of time for banquet and auction preparation. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance is sufficient to support anticipated activities. Treasurer position transition is on-going.

An outstanding request for support from Reel Recovery. The President called for discussion. It was the consensus that this was a worthy activity for support. It was moved by Berger and seconded by Jonson that CRTU donate the requested \$1,000 to support the Wisconsin camp for 2025. There was no further discussion. The vote to approve the donation was unanimous.

Committee Reports

- Membership Events – Muresan reported that the arrangements for the membership events post the annual banquet are set.
- The summer event date for Youth Outdoor Fest is now set for July 12 in Pettibone Park.

Old Business

- CRTU Banquet Update – Muresan informed all plans were being implemented for the Annual Banquet and Auction. Currently there are 57 attendees registered and over \$4,000

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in fair market value for donations. There will be an email push and a FB push for attendance in the next week.

- University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh “Freshwater Camp”- Berger reported that he has had a lack of response from UW-Oshkosh. Recommends that further pursuit be done when and if he gets a response.
- Westby area educator requesting ‘Fishing Day’ interest – Berger reported that he has had good responses from volunteers. He will be contacting volunteers with details as soon as the school district agrees to the dates planned.

It was discussed that the number of vises for fly tying may not be adequate and several of our vises are clamp-on types which are problematic unless you have the right table which is rare. As we grow our youth programs, it was suggested that additional vises might be a good investment. It was discussed that the clamp-on vises could be converted to a solid base as new solid base vises are over \$200. Berger said he would look at that possibility. Townsell mentioned that he knows of some local fly-tying groups that use a regal-type base that he thought was affordable. Townsell offered to acquire one to try out.

New Business

- Council Meeting and State Banquet Report – The State Council reports to be financially in good shape. Topics discussed were the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program lobby efforts to keep this initiative funded, and a trout stamp fee increase. Lauren Genske, chapter member was also honored with the Distinguished Service Award for Youth Education at the banquet event.
- Purchase on Seas Branch by WDNR and Wisconsin State Council– Freund updated that the WDNR would like to proceed with this acquisition at the West Fork confluence. TU Watershed Access and local TU chapters are being asked to participate in funding.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Muresan and seconded by Berger. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted:

Deborah Muresan, Chapter Secretary