



Coulee Region TU Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on January 9, 2025.

Board directors present: Berger, Freund, Hubbard, Muresan, Spademan, Townsell, Welter D., and Welter K.

Board directors absent: Jonson, Kyte, and Rees

Quorum is present.

The President called for any discussion of the minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting. There was no discussion and it was moved by Townsell to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Welter K. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

President's Report

- The President reported to the board that board member Suz Jester had requested to rescind her resignation. Discussion supported the acceptance of the rescinded resignation. President will inform Suz Jester of reinstatement to the board.
- The President reported that the chapter has been asked to fill a fly box for the State Council meeting auction event. It will be announced in the member email reminder of the membership event on January 15 to bring any flies to the event.
- The President reported that the Mississippi Valley Conservancy is having a work day on Plum Creek and they would like us to publicize and join the workday. Freund will post and share on Facebook.
- The President announced that space was still available for the Driftless Symposium at the end of February.

Treasurer's Report

Financials were unavailable for presentation due to the on-going transition of the Treasurer position. Muresan reported that she has been added to the bank account and a debit card has been issued as well. It was noted that the current bank balance is sufficient to support anticipated activities.

Committee Reports

- Membership Events – Muresan reported that the arrangements for the membership events post the annual banquet are set. Muresan also reported that traditionally the Annual Meeting of the chapter is held in January. However, due to press of business, proper notice per the Bylaws was not issued. Muresan suggested that since the Bylaws allow the Board to set the date of the meeting that it be switched to the April event date since there is no voting for Board directors. April lines up better with our activity year and the meeting can be declared in January when voting is necessary. After discussion, the Board gave consent to issue notice for an Annual Meeting in April when no voting is to take place.

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Muresan also asked for feedback for the 2025-2026 Membership Event season. Welter D. suggested Bob Trevis for the March or April 2026 event. Muresan was instructed to contact with invitation. Freund suggested that Nick Voss from Driftless Angler would be interested in speaking at the September 2025 event. It was also suggested that another joint meeting in Richland Center be planned to include WDNR personnel to report on the statewide fisheries, beaver studies, and fishing regulation changes. Muresan to contact and confirm.

- The summer event dates are pending for TroutFest as June 21; Youth Outdoor Fest is TBD in July, and StreamGirls has been confirmed with clubhouse reservation for August 9.

Old Business

- CRTU Banquet Update – Muresan informed that the committee had met (Freund, Berger, Muresan, Hubbard, Townsell, Kyte and Spademan) for initial planning. Rees will continue to be involved for ticket sales only. After a committee discussion of the needs for the banquet and auction, a proposed budget was submitted by Muresan with a request for approval. After discussion, it was moved by Spademan to approve up to \$3,000 for banquet needs and costs. The motion was seconded by Townsell. The vote to approve the budget request for the banquet was unanimous. Muresan reported that assignments and duties would be scheduled and distributed.
- Harry Peterson Donation Update – Muresan reported that she had contacted Peterson with several suggestions for his donation of fishing gear and fly-tying materials. Peterson responded vaguely but was open to some of the suggestions made. Muresan will continue to work with Peterson.
- University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh “Freshwater Camp”- Berger reported that he was still gathering information from both the university and others. He is scheduling a meeting with the program coordinator.
- Westby area educator requesting ‘Fishing Day’ interest – Berger reported that while he is still putting together details, the dates are tentatively April 4, 7, and 9. Each session will be a different topic and last 90 minutes. Berger will contact volunteers with details as they become available.

New Business

- Purchase on Seas Branch by WDNR and Wisconsin State Council– Freund discussed and important purchase opportunity on the Seas Branch of the Widner/Anderson property. This would be a significant acquisition of access. The chapter has been asked about potential participation along with the Watershed Access Fund.
- Fly-Tying Events– Welter D. announced the schedule for winter fly-tying. The event runs from 5 PM to 8 PM typically and is hosted on alternate dates at either the Old Oak Inn in Soldiers Grove or the Hotel Fortney lounge in Viroqua. Food and drinks are available. CRTU will publicize the schedule.
- Central WI TroutFest– Freund announced that he would be speaking at the Central Wisconsin TroutFest February 15 about terrestrials.

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Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted:

Deborah Muresan, Chapter Secretary