

**Challenge Chapter Board Minutes**  
**October 2008**

**Present:** John Marsh, Jon Griffin, Ed Coe, Greg Baughman, Doug Shore, John Shoup, Jim Zyla, Martin VanFossan, and Nancy Spence

Jon Griffin, our president, welcomed the new board members, Jim Zyla and John Shoup.

**Treasurer's Report:** The current balance is \$20,872.00.

**River guide:** Jim Zyla reported that the river guide is on target for Thanksgiving completion. It will be about 50 pages with colored pictures. We will print 250 at a cost of \$12/copy. We will sell them to fly shops for \$21 (\$11 profit /copy) and \$30 to the public (\$18 profit/copy). Martin VanFossan will do the press releases.

**Fundraising:** We passed a motion to form a committee for a raffle. Jim Zyla will chair it. Julio Mazzoli has offered a trip for two to fly fish in Argentina, which will be the grand prize. The committee will need to decide on two other prizes, set the price of tickets and how many will be printed, get an advertising plan, a lottery license, a budget, etc. Next summer is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Trout Unlimited and the festivities will be held in Traverse City August 18 – 24<sup>th</sup>. We'd like to hold the drawing for our raffle at that banquet.

**Fly Tying Classes:** Since there were only 4 people in the beginning class last winter, we will only be doing one class this year. John Shoup and John Marsh will decide the format, what flies to teach, and add info on how to fish with the flies, etc.

**Sale of the Prosek Print:** We have never sold the original framed coaster brook trout painting. There's a gallery in Santa Fe which will take it on consignment and give us \$3500 net if they sell it for more than that. We passed a motion, subject to legal constraints, to consign it to them to sell.

**Speakers:** We are in need of suggestions for interesting speakers. If you have slides from a fishing trip and would be willing to do a program for a chapter meeting, or if you know someone who would, please contact Jon Griffin. Any other ideas would be most welcome. Dave Parker, Nancy

Spence, and Jon Griffin are the speaker committee.

**Our chapter meeting:** Brian Burroughs, who started as the executive director of Michigan T.U. in June, 2007, attended our meeting. Our speaker was Dr. Dan Hayes, MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. He gave us an interesting talk on river dams in cold water fisheries. We have over 2000 dams in Michigan, many of which block fish, change the habitat and the temperature of the water which affects the number of fish.

**\*\*\*November meeting: Rich Merlino from the Royal Oak Orvis shop will speak on “Steelhead Fishing in the Clinton River”.** He will tell us the appropriate flies to use and he will be tying some of those flies for us. He will also be bringing along some coupons for his store to hand out.

Remember we meet on:

**Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 P.M.**

E.L. Johnson Nature Center (lower level)  
3325 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

(This is west of Telegraph and south of Hickory Grove Rd.  
on the east side of Franklin)

There will be a change of day for our **December** meeting. It will be on **Thursday, December 11 at Hank’s Fly Fishing Specialties** in Lake Orion/Clarkston at 6:30 P.M. to give us time to shop. Jerry Regan will be our speaker. Be sure and mark your calendars now!

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Spence, Secretary*