

Challenge Chapter TU November 11 Board Meeting

Present: Jon Griffin, Ed Coe, Jim Zyla, John Shoup, Maureen Shoup, Doug Shore, Dave Parker, Nancy Spence, & Greg Baughman.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Coe reported the current balance is \$20,872.36. Our agreed donation of \$500 to Cedars of the Au Sable and \$1000 to Huron Pines has not been paid. Ed will take care of this. He presented the proposed budget, a few adjustments were made, and it was approved.

Fundraising: Jim Zyla reported that the new guide book is at the printers and will be ready for Christmas sales. The board decided not to include an article on dams as they felt it would be more appropriately aired in our newsletter than a book dedicated to the pursuit of fishing.

The Prosek print will be sent to a gallery which has a store in NYC and also in Santa Fe. We will have a signed contract and be guaranteed a certain price if it sells.

President's Report: Jon Griffin told us about a guided fishing exchange he has been offered by the executive director of TU Canada. They are offering a guided trip on the Grand River for 2 and we will reciprocate with a guided trip on the AuSable (Jon Griffin and another chapter member will guide at no cost to us). The board voted to offer this to the Michigan Council of TU in lieu of our \$1500 donation this year and they can maximize the income potential however they see fit. We hope it will build good will between our respective countries as well as our Challenge Chapter, MCTU and TU Canada.

Through Julio Mazzoli we have an opportunity to purchase Pac-Fly fishing shirts with a logo on them at a discount. (Orders were taken at the meeting and the order has been placed for 40 shirts).

Jon reported the following tentative speakers are lined up:

January - Eric Sharp

February - Chuck Hawkins "Stalking & Catching Trophy Trout"

March - Bob Jacklin, owner of W. Yellowstone Anglers

April - open

May - picnic

The Raffle: Maureen Shoup presented a nice list of ideas for possible raffle items in addition to the guided trip to Argentina. Ed Coe stated that the State of Michigan license application has specific content requirements for tickets. Maureen will review the requirements and present new ticket design ideas at the next meeting. Once the ticket is designed, the license application can be completed and sent to the State of Michigan. It was decided to let the raffle committee decide on the prizes.

Salmon in the classroom: This is a new national program promoting the understanding and survival of a healthy fish community and the Michigan DNR has now begun to be a part of it. Dave Parker made a presentation on a middle school project where they will watch salmon eggs grow in coolers and eventually plant them in various rivers next spring. They are requesting \$1749 to pay for 2 coolers, one of which will be used in the school's science lab and the other at Hawk Woods Nature Center in Auburn Hills. (At the chapter meeting which followed, we voted to donate \$1000).