

**Challenge Chapter TU Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 2009**

**Present:** Jon Griffin, John and Maureen Shoup, Jim Zyla, Greg Baughman, Ed Coe, and Nancy Spence

**President:** Jon Griffin presented the proposed slate of officers for 2009-10.

President – Greg Baughman

Vice President – John Shoup

Secretary – Nancy Spence

Treasurer – Ed Coe

Conservation Chairman – Jon Griffin

Education Chairman - Maureen Michaels Shoup

Fund Raising Chairman – Jim Zyla

Membership Chairman – Ken McLellan

Director at Large – Gordon Baughman

MCTU Representative – Doug Shore

We will vote at the May meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

\*Jon also reported that the “Order of the Grayling” award was presented posthumously to George Fetherston and accepted by his daughter, Libby.

\*TU’s 50<sup>th</sup> celebration in Traverse City is August 18-22. We will have a hospitality suite on Wednesday evening, we also will host a float trip on the Manistee (with Jon Griffin and John Shoup as hosts), and we will be active at the banquet with our raffle drawing.

\*We will participate in MCTU’s 50<sup>th</sup> celebration on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Rayburn property in Grayling. The southeast Michigan chapters are planning on participating as a group and we will be selling our raffle tickets and river guides.

\*Jon made a presentation to the head buyer at Cabelas and there’s good chance they will start selling our river guides.

\*Doug Shore was unable to attend the meeting so we don’t have his final report on the 2009 Expo which will include suggestions for who’s responsible for the money box, the display, having 3 hour shifts, etc.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our bank balance is \$14,269.00.

**Conservation:** Greg Baughman presented several requests for donations. After discussion by the board and a vote at the general meeting, the following donations were approved:

1. Huron Pines - \$1000
2. Cedars of the Au Sable - \$500
3. Clinton River Watershed Council - \$750
4. Kalamazoo TU chapter (for youth trout camp) - \$650

(We also voted last October to donate \$1370 for 2 chillers for the "Salmon in the Classroom" project at Hawk Woods Nature Center in Auburn Hills in association with Oakland Christian School.)

**Raffle:** Jim Zyla is chairman of the raffle. Ads will be placed in Midwest Fly Fishing, American Angler (there will also be an article in this), and Streamside Journal. All Michigan chapters will be contacted. Raffle tickets will also be sold on our website, at the Rayburn celebration and the National 50<sup>th</sup> celebration in Traverse City, where the drawing will also be held. So far 11 tickets have been sold. **Be sure and bring your checkbook to the May picnic so you can buy a raffle ticket!!!**

**Webmaster:** John Shoup has done a super job of revamping our website and he reports that sales are gaining traction and are up 48% from last year.

\*\*\*Ed Coe asks that we come for a work outing at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center. They've been very kind letting us meet there free each month and they need 10-15 people to plant native plants and seeds along the south side of the lake from 9-12 on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting is May 12<sup>th</sup> – our annual picnic at Meadowlake Park!**

You may arrive anytime after 5:30 to fish. Food and beverages will be available after 6 P.M. We will have a brief meeting after dinner to elect the new board. It's always a great picnic with lots of fun and camaraderie! (Meadowlake Park is located on the south side of Maple Road (15 Mile) between Franklin and Inkster Roads. Turn in, make an immediate left, go 2 houses and turn right on a gravel road which leads back to the picnic area.) Hope to see you all there.

Nancy Spence, Secretary