

**Challenge Chapter TU Board Meeting**  
**October 13, 2009**

**Present:** Jon Griffin, John and Maureen Michaels Shoup, Jim Zyla, Greg Baughman, Ed Coe, Ken McLellan, Gordon Baughman, Doug Shore, and Nancy Spence

**Our new board members were all present:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Ed Coe has 5 boxes of old financial records. We voted to keep 7 years of tax records. He has sent our yearly financial report to MCTU. He presented the proposed budget for 2010 and after discussion of it, he will make some suggested changes. The yearly audit will be in November.

**Conservation:** Jon Griffin will explore jobs for our outings.

**Raffle:** Jim Zyla, chairman, asked what value we should put on the trip to Argentina for the IRS. A motion was made and passed to use the value of the December trip, although the winner isn't able to take the trip then because of shoulder surgery. He's negotiating with Julio about another date. Our cost for the waders is \$179.95 and our cost for the rod and reel package is \$98. Eighty-six tickets were sold and our profit from the raffle is approximately \$150.

**Update of the Lower AuSable Guidebook:** It needs to be in color, some of the south side directions are wrong and there are some new accesses since we did the book. John Shoup offered to chair this project with Jim Zyla, Nancy Spence, Greg and Gordon Baughman on the committee. John feels we can do the update ourselves. Jon Griffin offered to check out the new

sites when he's up north.

**Emergence Schedule:** It was suggested that we take the existing schedule and pictures we already have and compile them. A motion was made and passed to print 50 copies.

**Coaster Brook Trout Picture:** Several years ago we commissioned an original watercolor picture of a coaster brook trout by James Prosak, a well-known artist. We also had prints made from it. Last winter we sent the framed original to a gallery in New York City. Happily, it has finally sold for \$3500.

**Other business:** Jon Griffin looked into the possibility of selling our stream guides at Cabelas. They wanted too many concession from us which wouldn't have made it profitable. We discussed taking an ad in Michigan Trout, which is under new management. It was decided to take a quarter page ad for \$270.

**Project Healing Waters:** Our speaker for the evening was Peter Huthwaite, who gave a presentation on this new project for injured soldiers. It was started at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Volunteers come to the VA hospitals and teach the patients to tie flies and give casting clinics. Then, those who are able, are taken fly fishing. This project has just started in the Detroit area at the John Dingell VA Hospital on John R. near the DIA in downtown Detroit. They need volunteers to teach fly tying and casting. If you are interested, you can go to: <http://projecthealingwaters.org> or contact Peter at (248) 506-1527 or [pkwaite@gmail.com](mailto:pkwaite@gmail.com) . We thought it was a wonderful project.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30P.M. at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. This is w. of Telegraph, s. of Hickory Grove on the east side of Franklin Rd.

Nancy Spence, Secretary