

Challenge Chapter TU Board Meeting

April 12, 2011

Present: Gordon Baughman, Greg Baughman, Nancy Spence, Ken McLellan, Ed Coe, Jim Zyla and Robert Sparks.

President's Report: There will be a southeast Michigan TU chapter picnic July 30th. It'll be a casual, fun outing at a park near Paint Creek with a work project in the morning and a picnic to follow. This will include the Vanguard, Clinton Valley, Paul Young, and Challenge chapters. Several members met with the Forest Service about our project at Davis Rest on the Au Sable. We will be grading and then building 16 steps but they have cut out the retaining wall by the river. They will have a project manager for us.

Treasurer's report: Our bank balance is \$16,294. All printing costs have been paid. We grossed \$1914 at the Expo.

Conservation: Our total donation budget is \$9000. So far the requests we've received are:

1. Copper County: want \$2-5,000 to buy land and put it in a conservation easement.
2. Casting for Recovery
3. Huron Pines: want \$3,000 for small damn removal (there are 5 of them) on the Thunder Bay River.

We would like to establish a cutoff date in the future for requests. No decisions were made at this time.

Fundraising: We have a raffle going for the Canadian fly fishing trip. (Doug Shore made the winning bid)
Stream guide sales: After Eric Drinkwine's article we sold 4 books and 1 Prosek print. After Eric Sharp's article in the Free Press, we sold 30 books!!!!

Education: The fly tying class went 10 weeks, we had 11 students and made \$350. There was discussion whether to continue it next year.

Youth Fly fishing Class: Robert Sparks reported that the class will be for 20 students, ages 12-16, and the cost will be \$80 with their own rod and \$140 if they purchase a Bass Pro rod set. It will be held for 4 hours on June 4th and 11th at Thelma Spencer Park which has a 35 acre lake and at Riverview Park in Auburn Hills on the Clinton River. LL Bean donated 2 rods and 2 chest packs for the class. If you're interested in helping or know of a kid who'd enjoy learning to fly fish please contact: Robert Sparks - roberts6182000@yahoo.com.

The volunteer training day will be Tuesday, May 24th.

MITU: Doug Shore will attend the April 2nd meeting. The head of DEQ seems to have lost interest in dam removal.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th at 6 P.M. This is our annual picnic at Meadowlake Park. Bring your rod and "think sun". Food and beverages will be provided and we'll vote on the new board and bid Dan Keifer goodbye. (Meadowlake Subdivision is located between Franklin and Inkster Rds., on the south side of Maple Rd. Make an immediate left when you enter the sub and the dirt road to the picnic site is on the right after 2 or 3 houses.)