

# CHALLENGE CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** September 28, 2021

**Time:** 6PM

**Location:** Moose Preserve, Bloomfield Hills

**Meeting Description:** Challenge Chapter Board Meeting

Attending	Absent
Mollie Proctor – President	Dave Baumhardt – At Large
Judson Street – Vice President	Dan Cronin – Special Assignments
Ed Coe – Treasurer	Jon Griffin – MI TU Rep
John Shoup – Acting Secretary	
Jim Zyla – Past President	
Dave Parker – Conservation Chairman	
Greg Baughman – At Large	
Conrad Surdu – Special Assignments	

## Agenda

### Acting Secretary's Report

presented by John Shoup

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Summary of Informal Meeting held on September 11, 2021

Purpose was to inform all board members of the discussion held at the EL Johnson Center

- There is great interest in revitalizing the chapter after the suspension of activities due to COVID
- This information meeting triggered activity within the interested members to start of the new fiscal year with this board meeting
- Key areas of discussion were around:
  - Filling and certifying the Board for fiscal 2021-2022
  - Financial health of the Chapter
  - Pursuit of opportunities for donations, work projects and educational programs
- Minutes of Informal Meeting were documented and shared with the membership
- Our initial plan is to not utilize EL Johnson for our meetings, but to use restaurant venues

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Contact EL Johnson to discuss the Chapter's planned usage	Greg B	10/28	Complete
Organize next board meeting	John S, Mollie P	9/15	Complete
Develop agenda for next board meeting	John S	9/28	Complete

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## Summary of MI TU meeting attended by Jon Griffin

Purpose was to inform all board members of the MI TU council meeting held on 9/25

- Jon Griffin provided a copy of the agenda and presentations from that meeting
- Key topics were discussed:
  - MI TU council will provide assistance to our Chapter for revitalization efforts if requested. (Board will discuss at next meeting what those requests shall be)
  - Two Hearted chapter in the UP has been disbanded. Fred Waara chapter will cover the area previously covered by the Two Hearted and will adopt their membership
  - TU National (TUNA) has a new “Great Lakes Engagement Coordinator”, Jamie Vaughan. Her role is to work with chapters to collaborate in conservation activities.

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Contact Tom Mundt (MI TU Chair) in regard to non-profit filing requirements to ensure our 501c (3) remains intact (Federal, State or both)	Ed C	10/28	In Progress
Contact Jamie V. to mine for conservation opportunities for the Chapter	Dave P	10/28	Not Started

## Treasurer's Report

presented by Ed Coe

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- We currently have \$28,622 in our account
  - We have outstanding requests for donations from the previous year. Allocations will be determined at the next board meeting, pending 2021-2022 financial forecast:
    - Cedars of the Ausable - \$1000
    - MITU Youth Camp - \$700
    - Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock - \$2500
  - Ed compiled a list of additional potential recipient organizations. Other than those mentioned above, we have not had any requests for funding:
    - Clinton River Watershed Council – Paint Creek, Cold Water Conservation Project
    - Anglers of the Au Sable
    - Huron Pines
    - MITU – River Stewards Program, Great Lakes Stream Restoration, Summer Intern fund

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Complete state filing for 501c (3) if required	Ed C	10/15	In Progress
Develop financial forecast for next board meeting based on previous years' sales records. Present to Board prior (via email) to October Board Meeting	John S, Jim Z	10/15	In Progress

## Open Discussion

All Board Members

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### Discussion Topics

- Board discussed the focus areas for the Chapter for fiscal 2021-2022:
  - Possible rewrite of the Boardman fishing guide – with the dam remediation happening on the Boardman, our guide has become obsolete
  - Explore the possibility of an additional book, possibly a UP river
  - Continued participation in the Youth Fishing program at the EL Johnson
  - Schedule for board meetings and general membership meetings
  - Possibility of virtual fly tying class
  - Improving Internet / social media presence
  - Timely distribution of announcements to membership. Previously Mailchimp has been used
  - Book sales and allocation of funds to donations and projects
  - We need to update our membership email list so that it is current
- Mollie has resolved the open sales tax issue with Michigan Department of Treasury and has receipt of payment of taxes in arrears. **UPDATE:** We are still receiving dunning letters from State of Michigan. Last one received on 10/7. Ed to lead the resolution activity.
- FFF Expo is has been announced by MFFC for March 12-13, 2022.  
<https://midwestflyfishingexpo.com> .Board to contact MFFC to discuss our participation.

### Decisions

- Boardman river guide update is needed. Begin exploration on how to combine a river survey with a conservation project for summer 2022
- Board meetings will be held monthly. Next board meeting October 28 (Rusty Bucket)
- General membership meetings will be held bi-monthly for this fiscal year in November, January, March and May. Next meeting scheduled for November 11 (location TBD)
- Chapter will continue to support the Youth Fishing program at EL Johnson, Chapter will support 3 fishing days (June, July, August)

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Contact Adams Chapter and CRA for opportunities to partner on a conservation outing in the Traverse City area for 2022	Dave P	11/30	Not Started
Discuss logistics to conduct surveys to support creating a new Boardman book. Build a survey team for 2022 with the objective of training additional members.	John S, Jim Z, Greg B	12/31	Not Started
Research potential watersheds for new river guide. Present findings to Board	Judson S	1/31	Not Started
Contact EL Johnson on our decision to participate and schedule	Greg B	10/28	In Progress

Talk to Lockhart's BBQ to see if basement meeting room is available for general meetings. Schedule as appropriate	Judson S	10/28	Not Started
Solicit speakers for general membership meetings	Mollie P, Judson S	10/28	Not Started
Research virtual fly tying class. Determine if Chapter will move forward with the. Discuss next steps at October board meeting	Not assigned	Open	Not Started
Identify website update needs and follow up actions. Review recommendations for next steps at October board meeting	Mollie P, Greg B	10/28	In Progress
Determine best method of distribution of announcements and information to general membership (is Mailchimp still viable?)	Mollie P	10/28	In Progress
Contact MFFC to sign up Chapter for booth at 2022 Fly Expo	Not Assigned	11/30	Not Started
Download chapter membership list from TUNA website	Mollie P	10/28	Not Started
Resolve situation with State of Michigan in regard to 2020 sales tax dunning letters. Ed to obtain documentation from Mollie and complete the exercise.	Ed, Mollie	10/15	In Progress