

OPTU Board Meeting  
6/23/10  
Viscount Inn

Attending

Roger McKee  
Joe Fagan  
Clay Hernandez  
Steve Reiter  
Mickey Fletcher  
Robin Marsett  
Stan Vanagunas

President Roger McKee called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Roger reminded us that we are still in need of an annual banquet assistant to work with Jay Elliott. Robin Marsett volunteered to fill the post. With undue haste the offer was accepted unanimously.

Taken with the success of the initial issue, Roger reminded us now that the post of permanent OPTU Secretary remains open. Mickey offered to take the post but Roger suggested we should seek out new blood for the position. All board members were urged to ramp up recruiting efforts. Mickey seemed disappointed but for the good of the chapter agreed with the decision

Clay reported that Eric, at Dry creek, agreed to display in his store a white board with OPTU activities and related notices. Mike reminded us that a white board would be valuable at the SK meeting location. Steve said that he was storing a white board at his home. Without objection, Roger authorized the purchase of a white board for Dry Creek and the installation of Steve's board at SK. Mike agreed to manage the SK board and Clay will do the same for the Dry Creek Board.

Clay will follow-up with Eric regarding the purchase of shirts and together with Roger will look into embroidery of the OPTU Logo. Clay reports that we still have an abundance of the handsome OPTU hats. It was agreed that they should be offered at the raffles.

Steve Reiter reported Steve Roemer (sp?), Alex Landeen, and Bill Watts are on his target list for future speakers. Several other names were suggested by the board which Steve noted but the acting secretary did not.

Newsletter hard copy was discussed as an incentive to members to increase attendance at meetings. Several approaches were discussed. It was agreed to table the matter until John Murphy returns to town.

The NW members meeting in June seemed to have been a success. Although attendance was similar to the meetings at SK (SE Tucson) most were new faces. Many

positive comments were heard from attendees. It was agreed that NW meetings should be continued and Steve agreed to work on a fall meeting in that area. The possibility of a meeting at the AZG&F headquarters in the Pima College area was also considered. The meeting format with a fly fishing workshop will be continued for the next several meetings. The raffle will also be a regular feature.

We discussed workdays, and OPTU objectives. It was agreed that for various reasons, crayfish capture in Burro creek is of minimal interest for the future. Clay, as conservation officer, suggested that we need a long term project of several years duration. Clay moved that the project should be in the AZG&F Tucson region, most likely the Pinalenos/Mt Graham area. Roger seconded. Clay will follow up with Jason at AZG&F for initial guidelines. Joe Fagan, OPTU science officer, will do the same with George Hayes. Once we identify a potential project OPTU will develop an EAS proposal. The motion was passed unanimously.

Joe Fagan updated us on the effort being put into the selection of a new Trout-in-the-classroom school. Doug Thornburg is coordinating the effort for AZG&F. Since OPTU members have not actively volunteered for the project volunteers will be recruited from other sources. OPTU will advise it's members in the school zip code area after school selection in the hope that proximity will generate interest in volunteering. Joe will keep us informed. And Mike will look into selected zip code mailing through TU.

Mike asked the board for ideas for the use of Gary Borger in addition to his big tent presentation during Halloween-on-the fly this year. We agreed that fly casting lessons for a fee should be offered on the lake near Roger's house (Fort Lowell & Swan area) in the morning. Other ideas are in the air.

Mickey reported on the donation of a boat, electric motor and trailer donation received from "Those Who care", a non-profit organization that is closing it's doors. For the moment there are no costs to OPTU. Questions of liability were raised. Robin agreed that Healing Waters might find uses for the equipment. Roger moved that we accept the donation. Clay seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was carried unanimously. Mickey will hold the boat at this place for the nonce.

No treasurers report was received.

Robin reported that the required donation had been received to fund the Healing Waters trip the BC. The Durango trip still needs volunteers. Robin will prepare an email message for the members seeking assistance. Mike will put it through the TU email message system. Pending a review of a current treasurers report, Roger moved that OPTU contribute \$400 to the Durango trip. Mike seconded. Discussion followed. the motion was approved without objection.

Steve Reiter was authorized to set up an OPTU PO box in a location convenient to the Broadway/swan area.

Without further business to discuss Roger, with a sigh of relief, adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Mike Mehrer, acting secretary.