

OPTU Board Meeting
January 27, 2010
Viscount Inns, East Broadway

Attending:

Lauren Lucas
Steve Koktavay
Mike Mehrer
Roger McKee
Clay Hernandez
Mick Fletcher
Stan Vanagunas
Steve Reiter
Colin Cotter

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

The Banquet:

Roger will carry out the traditional presidential function of MC

Mick is working on obtaining a new OPTU Banner.

Clay will check on the location of the buckets, the bucket tickets and general paraphernalia.

Board members and willing others should show up at about 3:00pm for set-up on the day of the event

Lauren reported that about 67 banquet tickets have been sold or committed. 450 hard copy flyers have been sent out to the members.

Jay and Clay will contact the Auctioneer.

Lauren delivered the presentation book to Jay Elliott for his fund raising work.

Lauren will contact John Murphy to request donation of a personalized Apple/mac book as an auction item.

Lauren suggested we need to obtain more trips for the auction. She will also ask J. Murphy to prepare a powerpoint presentation for the banquet.

Budget

Mike moved to create a standing budget committee. Clay seconded the motion. After discussion Mike volunteered to chair the committee and Lauren and Clay volunteered to be permanent members. It was agreed that the committee would prepare a budget and annual plan as soon as possible, preferably before the AZ budget and National Health Care plans are approved. Approval of the standing committee was approved unanimously.

Bank Account changes

John Singley moved to change the signatories on the OPTU bank accounts, deleting the Former president's name, Clay Hernandez, and adding the new president, Roger McKee and Vice President, George (Mike) W. Mehrer. Mick Fletcher seconded the

motion. After brief discussion the vote was called for by the president and the motion was approved unanimously.

Recruitment of new Officers

Roger noted that in the spirit of healthy and broad involvement of the membership in OPTU business and management, both the Treasurer and Secretary have announced their desire to resign. Board members should seek replacements. Several names were mentioned and will be contacted.

Membership Involvement

Roger called to the attention of the board the lively responses to his monthly newsletter editorial calling for ideas to increase membership involvement. Several themes/ideas evolved during the discussion that followed

- Should *conservation or fishing* be the lead theme of meetings and activities? Since TU goals are clearly conservation based how should fishing trips and presentations be used to create an attractive and balanced mix? Some argued that fly fishing is a universal interest but that commitment to conservation of fisheries is a natural by product and there is no inherent conflict between the two. Most seemed to be in agreement. Some argued that fishing trips and activities should be the catalyst to develop fellowship among members. Conservation becomes a critical and natural spin-off. Some comments were heard regarding the need to refresh the work-day conservation projects. Crayfish collection is getting old.
- What can be done about low meeting and work-day attendance? Some letters to Roger as a result of his editorial suggested that a more central meeting location might help attendance. Some argued that a restaurant location would be a more attractive meeting location. Others noted that they had attended meetings but had not been made to feel welcome so they did not return. Roger said that he would continue is request for member input in the next newsletter. Mike noted that he had picked up several relevant ideas from leadership information on the TU website. Urban chapters often have a more difficult time maintaining membership interest than do rural chapters which are near the water and conservation project locations. Sometimes partnering between two such can be of mutual benefit. Mike also noted that of the almost 500 OPTU members about 195 had e-mail addresses and of those over 170 were in Tucson. Because, these people are easily reached by email and close by they might be considered the A list to target for more active involvement in the chapter. He said TU also urges monthly meetings should have agendas that combine business, fun and information. Membership should be active in the meetings, not just passive.

The question was tabled for further attention at the next meeting.

With no additional matters to consider Roger moved to close the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously at 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted by Mike Mehrer, Secy.

