



# Emerald Necklace Chapter

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

### Emerald Necklace Chapter 133

#### Trout Unlimited

January 17, 2006 – 6:00 PM

**Attendees:** Jim Augustyn, Carl Kocian, Chris Steffen, Craig Strachan, Scott Dennis, Kevin Halaburda and John Gallagher.

**Expressing regrets:** Dave Brown, Rick Cooper, Chris Eckley, Rich Nering

**Treasurers' Report:** The financial status of the Chapter is still good. The Chapter has had limited expenditures since the last Board of Directors meeting in October 2005. Recent expenditures include mailing fee for the December 2005 meeting, incorporation fees with the State of Ohio, and our booth fee for the upcoming Sportsman Show. Current balance is \$30,735.96 with the only check outstanding being the \$125 incorporation fee.

John Gallagher will prepare and file our IRS 990 for this year. This return is due by Feb 15, 2006. John also reported that the Chapter has officially incorporated and will check with the IRS to see if our EI number can be merged or whether we need to get a new one.

**New Business:** John Gallagher recommended that since the Chapter has no significant funding needs in the near future that we should consider purchasing a short-term CD (\$10-\$15K) so that we get a higher interest rate. The Board concurred with a unanimous vote. John will research and obtain the CD.

Jim Augustyn asked Board Members to consider volunteering to assume vacant officer positions such as Secretary, Conservation Chairman, and Education Chairman. Jim suggested that we may have to reach-out to general membership for interested volunteers.

**Sportsman Show:** Carl Kocian has agreed to be the Chairman for the show. Carl will schedule volunteers to man our booth. Please contact Carl at [flyguy@centurytel.net](mailto:flyguy@centurytel.net) to volunteer some time at the Show.

**Goal:** We plan to use the show to promote TU, recruit new members, and sell raffle tickets.

**Equipment requirements:** Augustyn can provide tables, chairs, and a large lockable, Rubbermaid storage chest. Strachan offered a portable display system from Novagard. Still need to locate TU banners from the banquet and cash box. Carl has container for raffle tickets.

**Raffle Items:** Thomas and Thomas 5 WT w/ Abel Reel. Doug Lamb and Sunnybrook Trout Club donated a day of fishing for 2. Rick Cooper has provided a copy of banquet inventory items that are currently available as additional prizes. Elk River Lodge in WV gave a verbal offer for 2 day fishing trip during the middle of the week. Augustyn will confirm and request that the package be for 2 since this would be a 5-6 hour drive to get there.

**Volunteers for the Booth:** Would like 2/shift if possible. John Gallagher developed an excel spreadsheet to track volunteers and assign time slots. Several members have already volunteered.

**Promotional Items:** Augustyn has obtained from TU National – new member applications (400), back issues of TU Magazine (Spring & Summer – 200 each), and 2006 Calendars (300). TU National has no displays or banners. Will need to develop a Chapter-specific display.

**Raffle Tickets:** John Gallagher has researched printing of raffle tickets. We can have 3000 tickets printed in books of 6 for less than \$200.

**Apple Creek and Clear Fork Chapter of TU:** Carl Kocian suggested that we participate with the Clear Fork Chapter of TU in the

stocking of Apple Creek. He suggested that we donate \$500 to assist in this effort. This recommendation was approved by all of the board members present.

**Action Items:**

Rick will contact Lake Metro Parks about the “catch and release” proposal.

Website is still unavailable. Jim will meet with Rich Nering to obtain backup version and make an effort to get it back on line.

Jim will pursue setting up the next general meeting on February 7, 2006

Chris Eckley will contact Craig Lewis from Erie Outfitters to see if he has accumulated any second-hand fly rods for our youth program.

John Gallagher to obtain short-term CD and submit IRS 990