

**PSA Steelhead Association
General Meeting
9 August 2006**

Attendance:

Directors and Officers

- Not sure of who was present. Attendance was not taken.

Members

- There were 25 individuals present for the general meeting.

Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- The meeting minutes of 12 April 2006 were approved unanimously.

Treasury Report:

- According to the Treasurer's Report, there is \$9,577.44 in various PSA accounts. A motion was made to approve the report, and it was seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously. There are currently 467 members of the PSA.

Hatchery Report:

- Too early for this.

Old Business:

- Brian gave a report regarding the Walnut Creek Project. The \$560.00 spent for gravel and lumber yielded a great result. Many thanks to those who participated in this project.
- Glenn indicated that shirts, hats, and patches are available for sale.
- Ticket sales for the Fall Run Banquet need to be boosted.
- As a reminder, the coastal clean-up will take place at both Walnut and Elk Access areas beginning around 10:00 am on Saturday 16 September 2006.

New Business:

- Jim Sharpe will be the featured speaker at the next PSA meeting in September.

Guest Speakers: John Simmons, Scott Bollinger, and Bernie Kosnowski – Chief Real Estate Agent

- March commenced the easement input with PFBC and Trout unlimited.
- Talks have been going on with all Township Supervisors except Springfield Township.
- Good information has been coming from these talks with the supervisors.
- Things have been slow to start, but progress is being made almost daily.
- There is approximately 22 miles of stream on Elk Creek; 18 miles on Walnut; 10 miles on Crooked; 4 miles on Raccoon; 4 miles on 20-mile; and 5 miles on 4-mile.
- PA Land Trust Organization – the foremost authority on easements are busy developing models and other documents to help in the effort. Additionally, they are conducting training seminars on this topic.
- The Lake Erie Regional Conservancy is identifying and prioritizing land opportunities and having discussions with landowners. Additionally, this group is assisting landowners with applications.
- Acquisition projects include the George Miller property on Elk Creek. There is 8.32 acres and 350 linear feet available. This property was appraised at \$146,000 (473,000 from PFBC and 473,000 from DCNR).
- The first easement is on the Tom Brink property which is located next to Follies. This constitutes 48 acres with 3600 linear feet on the north side, and 2900 linear feet on the south side.
- Acquisitions under investigation include Cassidy Campground located in Millcreek Township. There is 22 acres available and it has been appraised at \$320,000. This is very close to being finalized.
- In sum, 1.34 miles of linear stream will be open for public access because of these initiatives.
- There is assurance that any easement, regardless of who is involved, will contain language that stipulates that the property will never be closed off to public access by anglers.

From the Floor:

Adjournment:

8:30 pm

Next General Meeting:

Wednesday 13 September 2006 @ 7:00 pm at the **American Legion Post 773 on 4109 West 12th Street, Erie, PA. 16505.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael "Doc" McSkimming
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