

Upper Credit Trout Club

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016



LOCATION: UCTC		CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 pm
PRESENT: Kim S., Pierre T., Norm H., Simon W., David M., Randy U.		
MINUTES: Minutes from Dec. 14, 2015 were adopted		
Item		Action by
CORRESPONDENCE:		
1. Letter from landlord requesting rent payments for 2016 (\$1000/mth); postdated cheques for 2016 sent by Pierre T.		
BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:		
1. Clubhouse Improvements: Downspouts: (Carry-over from last meeting.) Simon to pursue with Jerry. **This item to be dropped from future agenda until issue is resolved.		Simon
2. Need for annual meeting to provide audit exemption: Still deferred due to delay in legislation being enacted. Pierre suggests that there will likely be a three-year window to make necessary amendments, so his recommendation is to not pursue any changes until legislation arrives and keep monitoring its progress. Pierre to maintain monitoring the situation. **This item also to be dropped from future agenda until legislation arrives.		Pierre
3. Dock repairs:		Dave M.
Dock #1: To be tackled at Cleanup Day. David to coordinate.		
Randy to do an inventory of decking needed to maintain the other docks and purchase necessary materials so repairs can be completed on Clean Up Day.		Randy
4. Bank signing authorities: changes / update Deferred until after tax time and Pierre is able to complete.		Pierre
5. Outdoor furniture: Simon and Kim to get it done themselves in the spring.		Simon and Kim
6. Website to be used for renewal reminders and posting of meeting minutes and financials. Simon and Randy have it ongoing and up-and-running.		
7. Barn cats advice and/or procurement: After consulting with local farmers, Simon was advised by Cam Limebeer (local farmer) that barn cats are hard to come by and likely wouldn't solve our mouse problems. Cat idea abandoned.		

- 8. Clubhouse items: Back room heater and proper garbage bins for road: Simon had Dave (Golf Course Manager) repair the heater and it's now working well. Proper garbage bins arriving soon. Simon to ensure they're put out on garbage day.

Simon

REPORTS:

1. Simon Witts:

- a. Membership update and 2016 projection:
Simon ran through the latest status
 - Simon to reach out to Norm M and John Francis to include as Friends of the Club (a newly created designation for former long-standing members who, through the discretion of the executive, will remain on our distribution list and will always be welcome at our events)
 - Simon to go back in records to see if any other ex-members should be included in this category
- b. Re-introduction of annual fishing trophies: what and when?
"One-fly" competition on mornings of Opening (and Closing Days to be considered too after the first event)
Simon to come up with rules / names etc.
Start at Opener 2016
- c. Flag pole and flag
 - Simon to approach Dave (Golf Dave) to get flag pole repaired and he will get a new flag in time for Opener. Will ask for evestroughs to be cleaned out while equipment for flag pole is onsite
- d. Budgets
Went over the budgets and discussed
Approved pond (minus enhancements) and social (including increased / more accurate cleaner cost)

Simon

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2. Norm Huff:

- a. Wall Calendars – Norm suggested this be an annual giveaway. Inaugural 2017 calendar to be created in time for Closing Day 2016. Norm and Simon to coordinate.

Norm / Simon

3. Kim Shikaze (Social / Clubhouse):

- a. Winter Dinner 2016
 - Kim reported that there were 20 people in attendance; plenty prizes; Norm won scotch and to bring to Clean Up Day
 - numbers not as good as used to be; Kim asked what we should do??
 - Simon suggested look for a new venue
 - Need a venue with caché (Norm); Pierre suggested Old Mill in Toronto and Kim will pursue it as a possibility for 2017

Kim

<p>b. Path safety improvements (the crossing over the small ditch on the house side of the south pond) Some work has recently been done over there and Simon to talk to Golf Dave about finishing this section of the hill / path and making it safe for members to traverse.</p>	<p>Simon</p>
<p>4. David Martin (Pond & Fish):</p>	
<p>a. Pond matters - AOK and water levels are up from last fall. - Some discussion about well pump and diminishing water levels last year. David to monitor and will turn pump on at earliest sign of low levels.</p> <p>b. Feeding / Feeders - Some discussion about modifying the feeding protocol, but decision made to maintain feeding as per tradition; Dave to control feed and feeding</p>	<p>David</p>
<p>c. Sulfur smells – a member complained and Pierre explained that it’s from the hot water tank; needs to be flushed periodically to handle smell</p>	
<p>d. Fly tying and casting lessons: Sheldon Seale suggested this at last year’s Closer; Kim suggested it would be a good activity to try out at Clean Up Day (and if well-attended, then offer at Pig Roast Day as well) Kim to contact Sheldon</p>	<p>Kim</p>
<p>e. Opening day Humour - Nothing further</p>	
<p>5. Pierre Turgeon:</p>	
<p>a. Financial update draft of Feb 29, 2016 Financial Statement - Pierre went over first draft of Final showing a slight profit for 2015 - Pierre to approach the bank to have exorbitant service fees lifted so we can keep two accounts and maintain separation of regular operating funds vs. Emergency Fund</p>	<p>Pierre</p>
<p>6. Randy Ugolini:</p>	
<p>a. Website update: - Eric V. has raised an issue about member communications; group agreed that there isn’t enough material for a regular official newsletter, and that between the website and Kim’s email updates, we have all items covered and all information communicated to the members. Kim will continue with his event updates and Simon will augment with occasional “President’s Update” communiqués</p>	<p>Simon & Kim</p>
<p>b. John Wright remembrance – Randy suggested that it’d be nice to memorialize John Wright and his contribution to the club, somehow. Suggested that we name one of the new fishing competition trophies after him and remember him at Opener as we remember all members who’ve passed in last year. All</p>	

agreed that these were good and appropriate suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Kim announced that he feels the time is coming for him to step down from his position as Director of House and Social and that we start looking for someone to replace him. He has agreed to remain on, for maximum one year, until we find his replacement, so he can help with the transition and mentor the new House and Social director.
The group accepted the news with regret, but with understanding and respect for Kim's decision.

Group

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tue. June 7th , 2016 at 5:30 pm at UCTC

Subsequent 2016 Exec meeting dates:
Tue. September 27th (at Club)
Tue. December 13th (tbd)