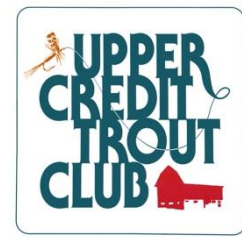


Upper Credit Trout Club



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes JUNE 8, 2021

LOCATION: Teleconference	CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm
PRESENT: Simon W., Randy U., Gregg E., Frances C., Lynn Malenfant - auditing.	
REGRETS: Norm H.	
MINUTES / AGENDA: Minutes from March 9, 2021 were approved (Simon; seconded by Randy) June 8, 2021 Agenda adopted (Gregg; seconded by Randy).	

Item	
<p>CORRESPONDENCE: None.</p>	
<p>BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES: COVID Response: As Ontario has moved into Step 1 of opening, members are welcome to return to fishing and may host up to two guests. However, the Club House remains out of bounds, except for the washrooms. Simon will write a note to inform the Membership.</p>	Simon
<p>REPORTS: 1. President (Simon Witts):</p>	
<p>a. Membership Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to the meeting Simon circulated a breakdown of the Membership. Membership is full at 71, including x6 Leave of Absence (LOA). There is still a demand beyond that which the Club cannot accommodate. • The 2021 Membership Directory will be posted out to Members. • Simon has completed the UCTC archives and will maintain them. • Randy has the Club's Fishing Records. • Lynn offered to digitize all the records. Randy will communicate with Lynn about this. 	Simon Lynn / Randy
<p>b. Financial Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pierre T sent all relevant financial updates to Simon who forwarded them to the Executive. UCTC continues to be in good financial shape. • Almost all Members are now paying their dues by etransfer. • Simon is to recruit a new Treasurer. • An Insurance Broker will look for the best deal for Directors & Officers cover alongside our Property Insurance by October 6, 2021. Simon will follow up. 	Simon Simon
<p>3. Past President (Norm Huff):</p>	

No Report

4. Social / Clubhouse (Gregg Embrey):

- a. Furniture update:
 - New Furniture has arrived. 6 upright Adirondack chairs, 4 small tables and 3 benches.
- b. Fireplace and Chimney update:
 - The Landlord will look at the situation.
- c. Potential Late Summer / Fall Social Event:
 - Depending on successful relaxation of COVID restrictions, the Club will hold outside social events in August or September.

5. Pond and Fish (Randy Ugolini):

- a. Pond Fish Update:
 - See Comprehensive report attached.

6. Secretary / Communications (Frances Chiddy):

No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Location: TBD

Randy's Report UCTC Executive Committee Meeting June 8, 2021

1. Pond / Fish Update

- Fish are in good shape and happy; they benefited from spring feeding regime and the break from fishing pressure during the most recent pandemic-related club closure
- All spring stocking complete; one shipment remaining for 2021 scheduled for the fall (mostly brookies)
- Dock repairs / maintenance:
 - Dock #3 in need of repair (4X4 cross-member broken); safe and able to be fished
 - All casting platforms need straightening after winter ice shift; most also need to be re-anchored to shoreline and, if possible, lowered to make fish landing and handling easier.
 - Dock #2 needs straightening (shimming up at header) and either re-attaching to shore or a step to the dock installed.

Randy met with Tony (Simon's carpenter / handy man) at the club to discuss repairs; now waiting on Tony's availability. Still hopeful that this work will get done this summer.

- Water Quality: Water quality is good and at springtime norms for our pond. Nice improvement after Bob Willard's Orb3 (beneficial bacteria) treatment last week.
- Water Level: Water level is still alarmingly low
 - still down approx.. 6 inches from seasonal norm
 - has been at this level since August of last year; seems to be holding at current level
 - Randy has explored the following to determine if this is a local phenomenon and / or possible causes:
 - Bank survey: in early spring, walked the bank and pond berm on river side to identify possible leaks. None found. Some minor seepage toward south end, but this is a traditionally wet area, according to Bob Marshall.
 - Neighbours (Adams house): Credit runs through their pond, so no change in their level
 - Mike Hunter (Osprey): Golf course ponds are down some as of early spring due, Mike thinks, to drought of last 14-18 months and lack of large snow load in winter (and subsequent melt)
 - Luis Lasso – Water Resources Management Advisor Region of Peel. Water levels down in Caledon Village, but no reductions noted in Alton area. No changes to pumping schedule at Beechgrove Sdrd well. Will explore further and get back to Randy with info.
 - Historical records – Randy has combed through the pond archives to determine previous incidents. According to the records, many times in past pond levels have dropped without definitive cause.
 - Bob Willard – no idea why levels may be low; hasn't seen same in other ponds in the area
 - Randy has asked Hugh Sholtz (Flow Water Systems), our well guy, to check well to make sure it's functioning properly. (Well has been pumping for three weeks with no significant effect on pond level.)

2. Pond Study 2021 Update

- Pond Study is underway.
- Action begun so far:
 - Preliminary water temps taken – members helping to take temps; somewhat unreliable thus far. Will need proper equipment to record temps for better accuracy, reliability, and usefulness. Randy to purchase data logger(s).
 - Bottom-dweller study begun – to gauge impact of crayfish and chub as possible cause of turbidity
 - Fact-finding / pond history – Randy has studied past pond records, going back to 1998, to determine trends and previous “pond study” mentioned by long-standing members
 - On-site Pond Consultation: One session with Lou Maeiron (Silver Creek Aquaculture)
 - Initial meeting with Peter deCarvalho (Matrix Solutions), biologist / engineer (hydrology) to discuss pond background, problem, goals, and study design
- Members involved thus far:
 - Michael Todd – temps recording
 - Arnie Fausto – pond study design
 - Adrian Renzetti – geological / biological input
- Next Steps:
 - Randy to purchase equipment needed to begin recording key pond measurements – data loggers (water and air temps, and dissolved oxygen) and begin recording data for analysis
 - Randy to send brief communication to members outlining pond study work thus far and planned.