

Great Bay Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes Of October 9, 2006

Attendees: Sean Smith, Mark Seymour, Jonathan Chorlian, Lyn Walters, Mitch Kalter
Absent: Graham Armitage, Travis Johnson, Steve Travis

Meeting came to order @ 1842H

Acceptance of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the September 11, 2006 Board Meeting and the October 2, 2006 Club meeting were read. Lyn corrected the date of the stocking on the Club meeting minutes. **A motion** (Seymour, Kalter) to accept was made and approved unanimously.

Treasure's Report:

Lyn gave the end of fiscal year balance for the 2005-2006 Season as follows:

General Fund Balance:	\$15,836.16
J. Brock Stocking Fund:	\$122.34

Volunteer Hours:

Mitch presented the summary of our volunteer hours for the 2005-2006 season totaling 485.5 hours. He passed around the new volunteer hours sheet for the new fiscal year for board members to log their hours. He suggested that we should try to get all volunteer's names on the list instead of just one line called "members". This would more accurately show the level of membership participation in our chapter and also be a way to keep track of truly active members.

Programs:

Program feedback on the October meeting was elicited. There was general consensus at the table that the speaker's presentation was somewhat disorganized. Jonathan noted that he had discussed topics that were going to be discussed with the speaker a week prior to the presentation, and that none of those topics were actually talked about at the presentation. Sean raised the point that in his conversation with the speaker a week prior to the presentation, that the speaker had to ask Sean what the date of the presentation was! (See "Speaker Contracts" below).

Mark thought that using the website to collect feedback from club members would be efficient and useful. All agreed that this issue would be discussed with the chapter's Webmaster to see if this could be arranged. Mark also suggested that printing GBTU business cards with mailing, phone and website information would be very useful in getting members involved by giving them contact information at their fingertips. All agree that this was a useful idea. Mitch said he would work on this and have them available for this weekend's stocking event.

Old Business

Speaker Contracts:

Mitch presented copies of previous contracts used with Flip Pallot and Dick Talleur. Based on the near miss with our October speaker, all at the table felt that initiating use of a contract should be started as soon as possible. Mitch said he would put a GBTU Contract together based on the information contained in the sample contracts and distribute this for board review shortly. Once agreed upon we would ask that our Programs Director send it to our next speaker for November.

Auction:

There is no Banquet /Auction Chairman at this time. The board felt that an organizational meeting should be held later this month to get the process started. It was felt that using the banquet document that TU National has put out would be an excellent format to follow. An Auction Organizational Meeting will be scheduled.

Casting For Recovery:

Sean stated that he has actually had to turn people away due to the active response. He has 11 women signed up for the event. He thinks he has about 10 volunteer guides, who should come prepared to wade, and with some basic flies and on stream accessories. Fly fishing outfits have been donated by Albright and will be used. Tom Justras said that all flies tied at a recent tying clinic at his shop would be donated for the event. Fly boxes with the Casting for Recovery Logo would also be obtained and distributed to participants. Mark will contact the newspaper for event coverage.

Bylaws:

No feedback regarding the presentation of the bylaws to the membership at the last meeting has been received. The website will be checked to make sure that a copy of the proposed bylaws is available for viewing. We will proceed with a membership vote to ratify at the November meeting.

Chapter Committee List

It was felt that the committees should be Auction/Fundraiser, Stocking, NH TU Council and Rules Change Committee.

River Stocking:

The logistics for using the remaining stocking funds to have additional fish available for the Casting for Recovery event was discussed. Due to the availability of the hatchery, and the fact that we would have to transport and stock, it was felt that additional stocking would be difficult and risky for the survival of the fish, and will not be pursued. The stocking of the Lamprey will begin at 10 AM Sunday at the Wiswall Dam, then Packers Falls.

Stocking the Cocheco will follow. Mark suggested that all the fish for the Cocheco be put in just below the dam on Watson Rd. He stated that this would give us information on fish movement in the river, as it is presently fished out. All at the table

were in agreement. Mark will check with the dam owner to see if he would allow us to use his access road for the stocking.

New Business

Tracking Memberships:

Mitch raised the issue of the present lack of our chapter keeping track of TU Memberships. He found out that one of the chapter's founding fathers has not been a TU member for years, yet is still on our membership list. He suspects that our list is grossly inaccurate and wonders what help we can get from TU National. From his experience with CCA, he knows that CCA National sends a list of all pending membership expirations to the local chapters on a monthly basis. He also suggested that we have some process in place once we get this data to follow up with members to keep memberships current. Sean raised the point that we have stated that someone does not have to be a member to attend meetings, which most felt should not change, but since the direction of our chapter is to work more closely with the state council, we should take on this responsibility as a TU Chapter.

Sean will try to get this information from TU National as well as membership forms, and this issue will be reexamined at a later meeting. We will also take a poll of our attendees at our next club meeting to see how many have a current TU Membership. Membership forms should be made available at all club events. Having a Chapter Brochure would go far in publicizing the chapter and TU's mission. Mitch said that he had started work on a brochure already.

Mark Seymour suggested that we send a card or coupon included with our next newsletter that would be sent back by the member to qualify them for a door prize drawing. This would be one way to keep track of active members.

Mark also suggested that we should look into being a cosponsor for a tying night at Tom Jutras's shop. This would probably increase our chapter's exposure, and potentially increase membership. Tom is an active member of the Merrimac Valley TU Chapter.

President's Report

Sean had no remarks.

Adjournment @ 2030H

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary

Great Bay Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes Of November 13, 2006

Called to Order 1900H

Present: Sean Smith, Mark Seymour, Mitch Kalter, Graham Armitage, Lyn Walters, Steve Travis, Jonathan Chorlian

Absent: Travis Johnson

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the board meeting of October 9, 2006 were reviewed as amended. Motion to accept was made and seconded and passed.

No minutes were available for the club meeting of Nov. 2, 2006 as the secretary did not attend.

Treasurer's Report

Lyn Walter's presented the balances of the accounts as follows:

General Fund \$11, 081

J. B. Stocking \$380

Report motioned seconded and accepted.

Volunteer Hours

Mitch reported the new designations for volunteer hours required by TU National. They are General Administration, Travel, Education, Conservation, Special Events, Other. Mitch suggested that instead of Other we use this for our Banquet. Stocking and Casting for Recovery would be included under the Special Events category. The volunteer hour sheets were passed around the table to be updated by the members.

Programs

Steve reported that the feedback he had received regarding the November presenter's was 2/3 positive. He stated that the presentation given was somewhat abbreviated from the one he saw at the show where he met the presenters. The board members who attended generally agreed, but stated that more information of actual fishing technique would have improved the presentation. The presentation generally received two thumbs up evaluation.

Steve reported that he did not use a speaker contract but would try to start with the next speaker, Chris Henson, in December.

Old Business

Bylaws

The bylaws were presented at the meeting. The only critic made was related to TU National Rules and could not be changed regarding lobbying on issues. It is hoped that a vote to ratify them would be held at the December meeting, needing a vote of at least 29 members to ratify.

Casting for Recovery

Sean reported that the event was a success. Only six women of the original twelve could participate due to the schedule change necessitated by the weather. There were however 15 volunteer "guides" who showed up to help, including several from other of the state's TU chapters. The women were each given a box of flies donated by Tom Jutras, and a fly outfit donated by Albright Tackle. It was felt that these items should be sent to the six women who could not make it. There was clear consensus that this should continue as an annual event sponsored by our chapter.

There will be 3 extra Albright fly rods. Sean will ask the donor if these should be returned or kept for use at the next event, or for use at our fund raiser.

Fly Tying Night at Mountain Road Fly Shop

Sean reported support for this by Tom Jutras. Tom would like GBTU to host this by supplying snacks. Tom would need to charge a \$10 fee for each tier. Mitch will look into the possibility of projecting a live image of the tier, as Tom only has one video system and there would likely be two classes going on at once. The first tying night would be Thursday, December 14, 2006.

Membership Data

Mitch reported his results in pursuing updated membership data from TU National. Our present TU active membership is 287; however, when comparing this data with the membership list we used for our newsletter mailing, 167 active paid TU members were not listed. A second newsletter mailing was made to these TU members prior to the November club meeting. Additionally, a monthly update is available which shows expired memberships. Some policy on how to pursue membership renewals will be needed. Also, there is the issue of the large number of non TU members on our old list and what to do with them. It was felt that the 25-30 people who attend our meeting regularly who are largely not TU members should continue to receive mailings. No firm policy decision was made at this meeting.

New Business

Working Under a TU Charter

Due to recent events surrounding stocking and the fact that next year our chapter will undergo a Rechartering by NH TU Council, dissent among board members regarding the course of the chapter surfaced. The issue of living up to our mission statement was raised. Our chapter would score poorly on the "Chapter Effectiveness Score" used by TU National. This is largely due to a lack of conservation activities, and budgetary planning. A segment of the board felt that most of our membership are there because of a desire to be part of a recreational fishing club, and a survey filled out at the last club meeting would support that contention as reviewed by Graham and Jonathan. Other board members felt strongly that money raised for the chapter under a TU banner obligates the chapter to spend that money consistently with the stated purpose of that banner,(ie. Conservation and water quality improvement), and felt that the chapter's repeated transfer of general fund money to the stocking fund was inappropriate use of these raised funds. The issue of continuing to operate under the TU banner was discussed, and lead to a lengthy and occasionally heated debate among the board members. It was finally agreed, that adding conservation projects to the chapter's venue should be pursued, at least on a trial basis. A motion to form a Conservation Project Committee was made (Kalter) but not seconded. Some discussion of possible projects in our area was discussed, but due to the late hour no definitive plan of action made.

A motion to make the Jack Brock Stocking Fund a restricted stocking fund was made (Kalter, Smith). This would ensure that member's money donated for the sole purpose of stocking

our fall/winter special regulation rivers could be held separate from the chapter's general fund money, and prevent the continued transfer of general fund money into the stocking fund, or the reverse. This started a very lively debate. Several board members argued that all the funds collected by the chapter were available for stocking and that this was the desire of the membership. Others on the board argued that while the fall/winter fishery created by our pursuit of the rules changes and stocking was a very worthy program and should be continued, it was not "conservation." Options of using a fixed budget percentage for fund the stocking was discussed. Concerns regarding handcuffing ourselves regarding funding for projects were strongly voiced.

A motion to amend the previous motion (Walter's, Chorlian) to continue to fund the stocking fund for the next year was made and discussed, and brought to a vote. It did not pass by a vote of 3 yeah, and 4 nay. The original motion was then brought to a vote and passed by a margin of 4 yeah to 3 nays, making the Jack Brock Stocking Fund a restricted fund with directed donations and funding upfront.

Board Function Ground Rules

Concern regarding the events surrounding a second supplementary stocking of the Lamprey River after the last board meeting voted against this prompted this item. A motion was made (Kalter, Chorlian) that any emergent items requiring action occurring between board meetings would be directed to the available executive officer (President or Vice President), who would then make the decision to poll the board by email or phone if immediate action was required, or table the issue until the next board meeting. This proposal passed unanimously after a brief discussion.

Chapter Officer Access to "Leaders only Area" on TU National Website

Mitch and Lyn requested that chapter officers be given access to the leader's only area on the TU National website to obtain the necessary documents and data to perform their duties efficiently. Sean agreed this appropriate and would make the necessary arrangements.

Restarting Scholarship Award

Mark Seymour raised the issue of restarting a scholarship program to help round out the chapter's education commitment. He cited Jordan Greene, who has been an active participant in the chapter for many years, and will be going to a conservation college next year. Lyn reminded the board that our scholarship program ended because we did not receive any applications, and felt that a true "scholarship" program would not fly.

A suggestion was made to consider an awards program for younger school and college age group. We could call it a GBTU Junior Citizenship Award or something to that effect. There was general consensus to pursue this at a later meeting.

DES Contacts for Possible Cocheco River Projects

Mark relayed DES projects that he had participated in like "Scoop the Poop" that eventually became adopted by municipalities as established, ongoing programs. The board encouraged Mark to look into possible river projects with which we could partner.

Impending Loss of Our Webmaster

Graham Armitage announced that he would be resigning from the board after this meeting due to time constraints with work. He said that he would like to continue to manage the GBTU website, and would volunteer his time for this activity. The board thanked him for all his work and dedication in the past, and thanked him for continuing to manage the website.

Project Consideration-Salters

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

Committee Reports

Auction Committee

Mitch announced that the first 50 tickets were distributed earlier this evening, with sales of the tickets to start once the issues regarding the status of the chapter were resolved. Ticket sales would start with person to person contact, and a more aggressive sales and advertising campaign would start after New Year. Order forms, brochures, and Item Donation Forms would be made available at all club meetings from now until the Banquet in March. Some contract issues were still pending, but should be resolved shortly.

NH TU Council Committee

Awaiting next meeting to be announced.

NH TU Council Rules Change Committee

No activity to report.

Stocking Committee

Jonathan referred the board to his email proposal which can be discussed at a later date.

President's Report -Deferred due to time.

Adjourned @ 2145H

Respectfully Submitted,
Mitch Kalter, Secretary

GBTU Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2006

Called to Order: 1850H

Present: Sean Smith, Lyn Walters, Steve Travis, Mark Seymour, Mitch Kalter
Absent: Jonathan Chorlian, Travis Johnson

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes of previous board meeting and December 4 club meeting were reviewed and passed (L. Walters, S. Smith).

Treasurer Report:

General Fund - \$10,690.98
Jack Brock Fund- \$ 1055.00
\$5000.00 to be transferred to checking to cover banquet setup costs.

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hour sheets were passed to board members and updated.

Programs:

Feedback was positive. "Bring him back again." Chris Henson has always received high marks for his presentations.

Tom Jutras will be guest tier and present the January program.

Old Business:

Board Membership Requirement: TU bylaws state that board members must be TU members. Travis Johnson was not as of the last meeting. He is now so problem is resolved.

Cocheco River Projects: Mark Seymour updated the board on the recent activity regarding the Cocheco River. Chuck Miner from the F & G Landowners Relations Program walked the river with Marcia Colbath other members of the Dover Conservancy. The land easements on the Liberty Mutual side of the river and the opposite side of the river were discussed. Chuck Miner felt that there was tremendous potential to get funding to develop the access, and possibly help to do river assessment from UNH. He will also make contacts to determine the leasing agreement for the Watson Dam hydroelectric, and land surrounding the dam. He felt that involvement of conservation clubs, like GBTU would be invaluable for their input and volunteer hours, or if any stream improvement work was required.

The board discussed this and felt that pursuing this project was worth while. Due to the instructions from TU National, all access projects must be cleared with the state council and TU National, it was decided to draft a letter to the state council requesting clearance for this project. The letter draft was reviewed. **A motion** to accept the letter and send it to the state council with all board members signatures present at the meeting was made (L. Walters, M. Seymour) and passed unanimously.

The possibility of tying the Cocheco project into the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture with regard to "Salters" was discussed. Steve and Mitch will start doing some research to see if the Cocheco River supported Salters at one time. Lyn will ask Bob Puth if he would help with the research as well. (See NH TU Council Fishing Rules Committee Report below).

Fly Tying Night @ Mountain Rd. Fly Shop: Mark and Mitch attended the event last Thursday, bringing coffee and doughnuts to sponsor it. The event was announced but not really publicized. Sean would like to develop this event once a month. We will publicize it at the meetings and website. We will sponsor each Thursday the week of the board meeting.

New Business:

GBTU Summer Camp: The board, membership and TU Council all strongly support the development of the camp. Sean has found a location in Pittsburg, Snow Field Cabins, which he is familiar with and knows the facilities and owners. Issues surrounding the camp such as liability coverage, councilor screening and adequate numbers of volunteers were discussed. TU National has resources for liability coverage. Sean has also obtained the myriad of forms required from Greg Ponte, who runs the Maine TU Summer Camp. Sean foresees a four to five day camp for six teenagers 15-17, and would like a 1:1.5 ratio of councilors to campers. Mark Seymour suggested having a parent or guardian with the campers. The cost for board is \$24 per person per day, which does not include food, but cooking facilities are available, so we would bring food and prepare our own meals.

Regarding volunteers, Sean will try to set the dates for the camp by the next club meeting. Potential volunteers will then be able to check their schedules and commit time to the project.

A motion (M. Kalter, S. Smith) was made to proceed with the camp for this summer and passed unanimously.

Whitlock Boxes on the Cocheco River: Mark related that Jim Bernstein of Eldridge Bros. would like to see a Whitlock stocking box technique used on the Cocheco to try to raise wild fish from eggs. Given the present activity and pending stream evaluation, this will be tabled until more stream data is available. There is interest in the project if water quality allows.

Barnes & Nobile Evening Education Participation: Mitch was contacted by email by Barnes & Nobile regarding our chapter participating in a home school education program. This came about when Barnes & Nobile notified us that they could not donate for our fundraiser. While the project was felt to be a worthy education project for the chapter, it was felt that there was already full plate of projects in the works and that we would not be able to participate at this time, but would reconsider at a later time when our agenda was not as busy. Mitch will notify them of our decision.

Need for New Board Members: Due to attrition and present members wishing to step down after their present terms expire, the need to recruit more board members was raised. We presently have only six active board members, with Graham stepping down, and Travis not being able to make meetings due to his work schedule. Lyn and Steve would like to step down after their present term is up, and Jonathan has requested to be an alternate. We will approach the membership and those participating on the auction

committee for interest in stepping up for board positions. We will also need to put forward a new slate of officers for the spring elections.

Committee Reports:

Auction Committee: Mitch related that things were moving along, but that donations from the national vendors was slow at best. All agreed to help with soliciting local vendors after New Year. Mitch also brought forward the need for purchase of several big ticket items which the board supports. Aggressive advertising and ticket sales would start after New Year, as well a strong local door to door soliciting for donations.

NH TU Council: Mitch, Steve, and Mark attended the last council meeting on December 11. Our proposal for summer camp was a hit and strongly supported by the council who would help with funding and staffing if needed. They are very willing to participate as were most of the members from the other state chapters attending.

Support for F&G was discussed, and it was voted to have a budget line item for donations and funding for F&G projects.

All chapters and council expressed interest in GBTU Banquet/Auction Fund Raiser, and asked that information be forwarded to them on this. Mitch has already done so.

At the end of the meeting, Mitch asked if there were any considerations toward Salter restoration in the BTBT initiative. He received vigorous responses from Sue Emerson and Jim MacCartney, that this is indeed part of the initiative. Jim discussed the qualities of the river that we should look for, and to document historical data which supported the presence of Salters in that body of water. Having a dam on the river would also be a plus in obtaining possible NOAA funding. He offered to help write a grant with us if we found such a river on the seacoast suitable for Salter restoration.

NH TU Council Fishing Rules Committee: The Fishing Rules Committee announced proposals for late stocking of certain rivers with no evidence for natural reproduction and extending the fishing season on these rivers. There was also a proposal to do away with the barbless rule on the catch and release stretches and Wild Trout management stretches. This was opposed by Sue Emerson, biologist from F&G. The committee asked for each chapter to send in their support or opposition to these proposals.

The board discussed these proposals and would support the late stocking and extended season proposal, but would not support removing the barbless hook rules.

Adjourned at 2045H

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary

Great Bay Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes Of January 14, 2007

Present: S. Smith, M. Seymour, M. Kalter, T. Foley, R. Hudson, J. Chorlian
Absent: S. Travis, T. Johnson, L. Walters

Meeting called to order by S. Smith at 12:05PM

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the board meeting of Dec. 18, 2006 and of the Club meeting of January 8, 2007 were presented and reviewed. A motion to accept (Seymour, Smith) without amendment was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Volunteer Hours

The volunteer hours sheets were explained to the new board members in attendance and passed around for update.

Programs

Overall the board felt that Tom Jutras's talk was well received, but would have been enhanced with better projected map details. Mitch apologized for this, but was unaware of the detail that was needed before the presentation. Attendance was very good at 37.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Camp:

Sean updated the members of the progress made in organizing the camp and updated the new board members of the project. Patrick Ard, a teacher in Kingston, who has run the summer recreation program there, has volunteered to be the Assistant Director for the camp project. The camp will be 4 nights, 5 days, and be limited to 6 campers. Tom Jutras will be able to attend for part of that time and will be handling the casting instruction. Tuition will be \$250 for the campers. Sean feels that the volunteers should have their room and board paid by a combination of chapter, state council, and TU National funding sources, and would work on that.

Cocheco River Project:

New board members were apprised of the project just getting underway. We are waiting to here back from Chuck Miner at this point. We have received the go ahead from the state council for this project.

"Salter" Research:

Mitch, Jonathan, and Bob Puth, have been doing some research on the historical presence of "Salters" in coastal NH streams. It appears that they were extirpated very early due to the dams and sawmills of the earliest settlements. Research is continuing. Bob and Mitch plan to explore the fishing archives at UNH. Mark Seymour recommended exploring the archives at the Woodman Institute in Dover as well.

NEW BUSINESS

New Board Members Welcomed

Ron Hudson and Tom Foley were welcomed to the board. Ron is presently on the banquet committee also.

Coordination with Other TU Chapters:

Mark brought up the lack of inter-chapter coordination among the state TU chapters, at least with regard to our chapter. He sees significant advantages to better communication between the chapters in advertising events, and getting increased participation and attendance to events. He brought forward the concept of a "Club Forum" on websites like www.flyfishinginNH.com, and listing and linking events between the different chapter websites. The board was unanimous in support of this, and Sean said he would contact that website to arrange for a chapter forum if possible. Bringing this concept forward at the state council level should also be done.

50/50 Raffle at Club Meetings:

Jonathan recommended that the chapter consider doing a 50/50 raffle instead of our typical prize raffle. He stated that some money would always be made with this concept and that the prizes, which are presently purchased would no longer be necessary. Right now our raffle is usually close to "break even", with the prizes usually small, with the attempt to have one attractive item on the table. Mitch pointed out that we could designate the 50/50 raffle to fund the stocking fund or general fund as the need presented itself. A motion to add a 50/50 raffle to the club meetings starting in February was made and seconded (Chorlian, Kalter) and passed. A smaller version of the prize raffle would continue until we could see how the 50/50 raffle is accepted by the membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Banquet Committee:

Steve Travis (not present) had reported to Mitch that a sound system had been obtained, and that a test of the system would be arranged in the banquet room in early February, and all board members were invited to attend. We would also start to make a table setup plan at that time as well.

Mitch reported a table swap offer from CCA NH who will have their fund raising auction/banquet on March 31st. The offer was to exchange 8 seat tables at the price of \$250. This is a significant offer as CCA gold tables are much more expensive than ours. It would be one way of fostering increasing overlap between the chapters. It would also give us some option for offering some of our seats at the CCA auction to our members. A motion to accept this offer was made and passed (Chorlian, Smith). Mitch abstained due to his officer position on both boards.

Mark discussed his plans for a press release which would introduce our chapter and its work to the community at large. He is working with his sister on this. He also recommended that we contact Casting for Recovery, and the other local conservation clubs to work out arrangements to link our event on their websites. Sean will approach Casting for Recovery, and Mitch will discuss this with CCA NH. Mark will contact the local papers, and sportswriters with the release. This will be targeted to happen this week. In addition, local shops with web pages, some of whom we list on our website, will be asked to link our event on their websites. This would include KTP, Eldridge Bros, Mountain Rd., Fox Ridge, and Suds & Soda. Ramblewood Cabins would also be approached as we have had a lengthy relationship with them and have our club trip with them yearly.

In addition, it was suggested by Mitch, that someone with a camera be assigned to take pictures all club events. We need pictures of our guest speakers and membership, and events like Casting for Recovery, the Summer Camp, the cookouts, etc. Mitch said he is trying to put together a brief slide show for the auction, telling about the chapter and its work, but has relatively little material to work with. There was general agreement with this suggestion.

Mitch reported that only 22 tickets have been sold to this point, and he is still waiting for a check on 4 of those. We now have about 4 weeks of sales left. It is time to put the public relations blitz into full swing.

The donation list was reviewed. Six "donations" from G. Loomis, Airflo, Renzetti, Nor-vise, Whiting Farms, and Umpqua, require the chapter to purchase items as some discount from retail cost ranging from 30-50%. To date the chapter has spent \$580 for some "big ticket" items to attract an audience. The board was resistant to spend more on these items and the issue was tabled.

Sean will be going to the Marlboro Show next weekend, and passed around lists of vendors who will be at the show. It was felt by the board that this circumstance might generate a better chance at getting significant merchandise more cost effectively. The board felt that issuing Sean a discretionary budget of \$500 would be reasonable to try to get a high volume of smaller items, such as fly lines, or possibly very low prices on a rod or two. A motion to grant a \$500 discretionary budget for this venture was made (Chorlian, Kalter) and passed.

Mitch announced that it was getting close to the time for the follow up calls that the banquet committee had previously discussed. Mark felt that doing these calls as a group would help get the job done more effectively, especially if done on a Sunday afternoon when it would be more likely to catch people at home. Cell phones would be used, and Mitch has two phone lines. The afternoon of January 28 was set for this event at Mitch's house.

NH TU Council Committee:

Mitch reported that we had received the go ahead for the Cochecho River access project. Sean had also commented on the support that the summer camp project had received for the state council and other chapters.

NH TU Council Rules Change Committee:

Since Graham had stepped down, we need to appoint another representative by spring to assume this responsibility.

Stocking Committee:

No report.

President's Report:

Sean had nothing to add that had not already been discussed.

Adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary GBTU

Great Bay Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes Of March 10, 2007

Present: S. Smith, M. Seymour, R. Hudson, T. Foley, L. Walters, S. Travis, M. Kalter
Absent: J. Chorlian

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

- Club Meeting of January 8, 2007
- BOD Meeting of January 14, 2007

Minutes of the above meetings were reviewed and accepted without amendment (M. Seymour, S. Travis).

Treasurer's Report

L. Walters gave the post banquet report as follows.

J. Brock Stocking Fund	\$3,500
General Fund	\$12,768

Lyn also reported that he would not seek reelection as treasurer but would put together a summary of the job for who ever assumes the office. It was recommended that this type of summary be completed by all officers and board members who chair standing committees to allow for smoother turnover.

Volunteer Hours

Mitch passed around the volunteer hours lists. So far as of this date we have 640 volunteer hours recorded. Last year's total was 485.5. Mitch felt that this increase was due to both better volunteer participation and better recording efforts.

Programs

Our last program at the UFC for the year is scheduled for April 2. The May meeting will be the Lamprey River cleanup. Steve has announced that he wishes to step down from the board after about 15 years of service, and that someone will be needed to start planning programs for next season. Ron Hudson and Tom Foley agreed to co-chair the Programs Committee for the 2007-08 season. They will receive support from others who have done this job previously. They were encouraged to start the planning process early and have the lineup in place by summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Camp Update

Sean has distributed brochures which contain the application material throughout the state, including local shops and northern lodges. He has not received any applications as yet, but was told by the people running the ME camp, that applications usually come in late as the end of the school year approaches. He has volunteers to staff the camp, but

some will be there for only part of the camp. He would like at least 4 staff there at all time. Tom Jutras will be there Wednesday & Thursday. Sean, Mitch, and Pat Ard have committed to all 4 days. Mark is unsure if he can attend the full session but will try. Tom will be handling the casting instruction, so the program will have to be arranged to accommodate his schedule. Sean will arrange meetings to plan the camp schedule and curriculum after the banquet.

Cocheco River Project

Meetings are being held and plans coming together. There is a possibility that the old metal bridge could be moved and restored as it is listed as a state historical structure. Mitch is waiting for a cost estimate for stream gauges for flow, temperature, pH, and DO. It is hoped that organizational meetings with all partners will take place this spring and work to start late spring or early summer.

Bylaws Ratification

Mitch reminded the group that we need to ratify our bylaws. It will have to be done at the April meeting in anticipation that we will have at least 10% of our members present (27).

Planning Lamprey Cleanup

Sean mentioned that Mr. Spang had volunteered the use of his tractor if large objects needed to be removed during the cleanup. Otherwise he will plan for the cleanup to start at the usual 10 AM and conclude by early afternoon after a cookout. He and Mark will perform a pre-cleanup river assessment once the water goes down so that the cleanup can efficiently target the areas needing the most attention.

Nottingham Fishing Derby

Steve Travis reminded the board regarding the Nottingham Kids Fishing Derby, being held on May 12, that GBTU had a presence at for a number of years. Steve asked for volunteers to help out at this event.

NEW BUSINESS

SPNHF Request

Paul Doscher of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests contacted Mitch regarding 60 acres of land they are trying to obtain for conservation along the Lamprey River in Epping. It borders a 108 acre area of conservation land that they have previously obtained. It will require about \$50,000 to purchase it. Paul wanted to know if GBTU would like to contribute to the effort. The area does have potential river access for wading along the almost 4000 ft. of river frontage. After discussion **a motion** to donate \$1000 toward this effort was made (L. Walters, M. Seymour), and passed. Mitch will inform Paul of the decision.

Election of Officers

The board needs to bring forward a proposed slate of officers for election to be held at the April meeting. Steve T. and L. Walters have expressed their desire to set down.

Sean feels it is time for a new president, but he would be willing to fill the Treasurer position left by Lyn. Mitch agreed to stay on for a second year as Secretary. Mark Seymour is willing to have his name submitted for President. No names were put forward for Vice President, but nominations would, as for all the officer positions be accepted from the membership at the meeting.

The list of nominations for officers put forward by the board is as follows:

President- Mark Seymour
V.President- at large
Treasurer- Sean Smith
Secretary- Mitch Kalter

Board Membership

Travis Johnson notified Sean that he will be stepping down from the board due to time constraints from his job. IF the new revised bylaws pass, we would need 8 board members (which includes the 4 Officers), and 2 alternates (who would vote if regular members were not present at BOD meetings). We presently have only 6 board members, Sean, Mark, Mitch, Tom, Ron, and Jonathan, as Steve and Lyn are stepping down. Assuming that the nominated officers put forward are elected, we would need at least 4 additional board members (1 Officer as V.P. and one regular board member with two alternates). This need for leadership will be brought forward to the membership at the April Club Meeting. Jonathan told Mitch he would stay on the board as Stocking Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction Committee

It appears that we made about \$3700 at the banquet. It was a lot of work and the banquet chair was somewhat disappointed with the amount raised. Several board members raised the social benefits of having a large fund raiser, and felt that if the almost 30 people that did not show but bought tickets, had come the amount raised would have been higher. It was felt that continuing with a yearly large fund raiser, with perhaps one or two smaller events would be something to pursue.

A **motion** was made to form a standing Fund Raising Committee (M. Kalter, M. Seymour). Discussion included that the chair of that committee would not necessarily be the head of the banquet. Mitch felt that that would something that could be left to the committee to decide, and was in agreement. The motion carried. A chair of that committee would need to be selected, most likely from some of the new board members being sought.

Mitch mentioned the Gold Table that GBTU purchased and recommended that the members of the Banquet Committee should get to go to the CCA event as a reward for their efforts and as a learning experience to see how CCA runs their very lucrative yearly fund raising event. There was general consensus on this point and it is intended that 8 members of the Banquet Committee will attend.

Steve Travis made a motion to send Mitch and Anne out to dinner for all their work on the banquet. The motion was not seconded.

NH TU Council Committee

Mitch reported that Mark S. and Ron H. attended the meeting with him. The council approved a plan to start a council webpage which would help the chapters keep in touch rather than emails, which can become numerous rapidly. The council also encouraged each state chapter to sponsor a camper for the GBTU Summer Trout Camp, and requested the dates and application brochure, which were supplied. Most of the meeting was spent in the discussion of pending legislation, with TU Council voting to support 4 conservation and F&G funding proposals, and agreeing to follow NHWF lead on the other bills pending but will continue to monitor them.

NH TU Council Rules Change Committee

A new GBTU representative is needed, and will need to be in place by the end of the summer.

Stocking Committee

The banquet funded the J. Brock Stocking fund to the agreed \$3500. Donations to increase this amount will continue to be sought and accepted.

Jonathan C. had passed onto Mitch that he would like to continue as the stocking chairman, and would be sure to make a list of contacts and tasks necessary to do that job effectively. He had stated to Mitch that the problem that resulted in us not obtaining a stocking donation from Waste Management was due to poor communication between the past and present chair, which resulted in us not stocking the Isinglass River. He is committed that this will not occur again.

Several members of the board felt that the Stocking Fund should shoot for about \$5000/yr as a target for funding the stocking of the three rivers.

President's Report

No report other than it was a good year, and thanks for everyone's efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, GBTU Secretary

Great Bay Trout Unlimited (613) Board of Directors Minutes
For
April 9, 2007

Present: Mark Seymour, Sean Smith, Jonathan Chorlian, Mitch Kalter, Wendy Nixon,
Brigham Pendleton, Nick Richards, Tom Foley, Ron Hudson, Patrick Ard,
Bob Puth, Kevin Alliot

Absent: Clay Ellis

Meeting called to order by President Mark Seymour at 6:30PM

New Officers & Board Members

The board recognized the new slate of officers:

President- Mark Seymour

V. President- Nick Richards (pending TU Membership)

Treasurer- Sean Smith

Secretary- Mitch Kalter

The board members at large are:

Jonathan Chorlian (Stocking)

Tom Foley (Programs)

Ron Hudson (Programs)

Brigham Pendleton (Unassigned)

Wendy Nixon (Alternate)

Clay Ellis (Alternate)

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The BOD minutes of March 10, 2007 and the Club Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2007 had been previously distributed and reviewed. A motion was made (T. Foley, S. Smith) to accept as written was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Sean gave the treasurer's report. He had received an additional bill from the credit card agency bringing the cost up to about \$80.00, but he concluded that having the ability to accept credit cards was well worth the expense. President Seymour asked Sean to look into the carrying cost for having that ability during the year. Sean felt that since there was six months before the stocking money would be drawn on, that placing it in an interest bearing vehicle would make sense. A **motion** was made (S. Smith, M. Kalter) to deposit the Stocking Fund monies in a CD or Ing account provided it would be available when needed. Sean will look into this.

Volunteer Hours

Mitch explained our method of recording volunteer hours so that we can accurately report them to TU National annually. The volunteer hour sheets were passed around the table to be updated.

Programs

Tom & Ron had not received much feedback regarding the last program, but the sentiment from around the table seemed to feel it was a good program. The program leaders felt that they would avoid having the same presenters more than once in a season.

Discussion regarding next season's programs followed. It was agreed to have a fly tying meeting again, and to have Chris Henson give a program. Consideration would be given to have a program on wade fishing for stripers in our area, and possibly inviting the person who headed the Salter restoration project on Cape Cod. The local CCA chapter BOD agreed to do a program is asked.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Camp

Sean reviewed an initial outline of his concept of the camp scheduling which would have to work around the availability of some of the instructors. It appears that we do have enough people to stay for the entire camp. On reviewing the outline, Mitch commented that we should try to do some of the introductory material on the first evening to decompress the first full day. Some concern was expressed regarding the length of sessions and the camper attention span. Suggestion was made to try to get copies of the schedules used by the Maine camp and weekend fly fishing introductory courses, such as those given by L.L. Bean and Orvis.

Small focused meetings will be held to iron out the details. No applications have been received so far, but the state TU chapters and KTP have expressed interest in sponsoring campers for this summer. Sean stated that the April deadline is moveable.

Cocheco River Project

Mark reported that two meetings are pending this coming week and his hope is that things will start to happen soon. There is tremendous interest for many parties to see this project go forward.

Lamprey River Cleanup

Sean reported that the cleanup, scheduled to begin on May 5 at 10AM at the Wiswall Dam, is all set. Sean will coordinate with Mark regarding supplies for the cookout.

Review of Fall 2007 Stocking Plan

Jonathan had emailed his proposal prior to the meeting. He proposed stocking only rainbows based on the results of prior angler surveys, and the relatively good catch rates of this species noted. He proposes three separate stocking events, one prior to the start of the fall C&R season at the Lamprey, and about a week after with larger #s of fish at the Cocheco, Lamprey and Isinglass. He proposes a third later fish stocking with larger fish as the budget allows. A **motion** (J. Chorlian, S. Smith) to not stock brook trout was made and seconded and passed by majority vote. A second **motion** (J. Chorlian, S. Smith) to stock only rainbow trout was made, seconded, and passed by majority vote. Jonathan is basing his stocking numbers on a budget of \$4500, but will be able to modify them if the additional funds he anticipates do not come in.

Mitch pointed out some potential future issues of funding. A recent all out effort to raise funds, only resulted in the amount equivalent to fund the stocking program at its present commitment of \$3500. If we completely drain the account annually, as the present proposal for fall 2007 will do, where will the money come from? Clearly, donations alone have not carried the burden to the extent that we are stocking these rivers. He asked that some consideration be given to the long term policies of this program at a later meeting.

It is anticipated that Waste Management will donate \$2000, but this can only be used for fish for the Isinglass River.

NEW BUSINESS

Assignment of Committees

The existing committees and their chairmen were reviewed. The **Fund Raising Committee** still has no chairperson. Sean has declined this position sighting his other significant responsibilities. A suggestion was made to discuss the approach of this committee to raising funds should be outlined, and then perhaps an individual would step forward once a framework was in place. Wendy Nixon stepped forward to Chair the **NH TU Council Rules Change Committee**. Mitch Kalter will continue on the **NH TU Council Committee**, and Jonathan Chorlian as the **Stocking Committee** chair. **Programs** will be co-chaired by Tom Foley and Ron Hudson.

New Committees were formed and assigned as follows:

- **Communications Committee**
 - Chairperson- Brigham Pendleton
 - Committee will handle public relations, newsletters, announcements to membership and the public, and oversee website updates.
- **Women's Membership Committee**
 - Chairperson- Wendy Nixon
 - Committee will concentrate on attracting female participation and membership.
 - General membership is presently monitored by the secretary.

President's Inaugural Address

To try and get more families and kids involved this year.

(A man of few words.)

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary GBTU

Great Bay Trout Unlimited Board of Director Minutes of May 14, 2007

Present: Mitch Kalter, Nick Richards, Ron Hudson, Tom Foley, Wendy Nixon, Sean Smith, Brigham Pendleton, Mark Seymour, Patrick Ard

Absent: Jonathan Chorlian, Ellis Clay

Meeting called to order 1835H @ 16 Laurel Lane, Durham, NH

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of BOD meeting of April 9, 2007 were reviewed. Motion to accept as written (S. Smith, T. Foley) was made and passed.

Treasurer's Report

S. Smith gave the report. He noted that the Stocking Fund Money was placed in a short term CD as this was the only option available to us. He kept the saving account open with a \$50 balance to maintain the account. The Stocking Fund balance is \$3500 with the General Fund Balance \$11,905.56.

Volunteer Hours

A sheet for the BOD to update their volunteer hours was passed around. It was also brought up that the 20 participants in the Lamprey River Cleanup were each credited with 3 hours of Conservation hours. M. Seymour also mentioned the water testing class that several members attended (S. Seymour, L. Walters, B. Pendleton, J. Chorlian) last month, which needs to be credited to education hours at 2 hours for each participant.

Programs

T. Foley updated the board regarding the program lineup for next season. He already has most of the programs committed, with a lineup that includes Marla Blair, Peter Whelan, Chris Henson, and possible Rick Estes. There will also be a fly tying clinic. The schedule should be completed shortly. B. Pendleton requested that short introductory blurbs be obtained from the speakers so that they could be posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Camp

S. Smith stated that all but one application was finalized for the 6 campers. He presented one camper who had been told by the sponsoring TU Chapter and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization that he had been accepted. Sean had not reviewed the application prior to this communication, and on reviewing this camper, found out about a learning disability. He has made several calls and found that the problem was not behavioral. He has met with P. Ard, who has significant education background and didn't think that this camper would present insurmountable problems, and that the experience could be very positive for this camper. A motion to accept this camper was made (M. Kalter, W. Nixon) and passed.

S. Smith will arrange a meeting for all those volunteered to work the camp, so that the schedule and materials can be arranged.

NEW BUSINESS

CEI Reporting

M. Kalter presented the Chapter Effectiveness Index materials from TU National. It is likely they will be reviewed at the next NH TU Council meeting in June. An index for GBTU was filled out and presented to the board using data to date. This did not include the summer camp volunteer education hours, which will be significant. Based on present numbers our index is 48, which is up from 19 last year. Areas we can improve include education, which the summer camp will accomplish, and better budgetary planning.

Website Revitalization

B. Pendleton presented his plan on reorganizing and updating the website. Central to his plan is obtaining software so that we can directly maintain and edit the website so that it can be kept current more effectively. He has a contact that does this type of software applications and thinks he can get a special rate given our NFP status. He would propose publishing and editing functions, access to which would be given to the appropriate board members so that the website would be maintained consistently.

Brigham's plan was reviewed (see attached document) and was generally approved by all. A motion to grant B. Pendleton up to \$1000 to pursue the needed software was made (M. Kalter, M. Seymour) was made and passed.

Fun Raising Committee Plan/Chairperson

None of the board desired to take on this task due to lack of expertise. The possibility of obtaining professional fund raising help was raised. W. Nixon has contacts with people in this field. The board felt that it would be worth some expense, such a percentage of the funds raised, to help us organize an ongoing fund raising program. Wendy will look into the possibilities and report back to the board.

Summer Events

M. Seymour and the majority of the board felt that the summer camp and potentially the Cocheco River project would fill up the summer. An additional event, like last year's "Striper Cookout" will not be planned for this summer.

Striper Tournament

M. Kalter brought forward an offer from CCANH to partner with them in addition to other groups like the Sandy Point Discovery Center, in sponsoring a Striper Tournament. This would be a potential fund raiser and would likely be a high profile event. The board expressed strong support in pursuing this option. M. Kalter will communicate this to CCANH.

Summer BOD Meetings

M. Seymour would like the board to meet informally during the summer. He feels that all board members should become familiar with the 3 rivers we are involved with, and suggested that streamside informal meetings would accomplish gaining this familiarity. He recommends that one meeting a month be held during the 3 summer months at one of the 3 rivers, Lamprey, Cocheco and Isinglass rivers. He then formed three new committees, one for each river, with the chair of that committee being responsible for updating the rest of the board on happenings and events on that river. M. Seymour would chair the Cocheco, S. Smith the Lamprey, and W. Nixon the Isinglass.

Fly Auction

S. Smith volunteered to head fly auction this winter as a fund raising event. All agreed it was worth while both a membership social gathering and as a fund raiser. The plan would be to hold it in January, and limit the items to flies only to keep it simple. Unanimous BOD consent was given to pursue this event.

Committee Reports

- Communications Committee (B. Pendleton) The committee will be focusing on the website. He will need help with articles for a newsletter on the website, with our group mailing to be used for notifying the membership of new events being listed on the GBTU website.
- NH TU Council (M. Kalter) No meeting has been announce as yet for June. M. Seymour requested that notification of that meeting be obtained with as much advanced notice as possible. Mitch will contact Dave Magnon.

- NH TU Rules Change Committee (W. Nixon) Wendy has not been contacted as yet. Mitch will make sure that the council rules making committee has Wendy as our chapter representative.
- Stocking Committee (J. Chorlian) No report.
- Women's Membership Committee (Wendy) Wendy will be checking national websites and women's organizations.

President's Report

M. Seymour wants the chapter to center on community outreach. The donation for the Garrison school was well attended and will result in a small plaque recognizing GBTU as a tree donor. We should all be seeking other opportunities for community outreach to get our chapter connected with what is going on around us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary GBTU

Approved September 6, 2007

Great Bay Trout Unlimited Minutes for Board of Director Meeting September 6, 2007

Present: Mark Seymour, Nick Richards, Mitch Kalter, Sean Smith, Jonathan Chorlian, Tom Foley, Ron Hudson, Wendy Nixon

Absent: Clay Ellis, Brigham Pendleton

Meeting called to order @ 1830H

Approval Previous Minutes

The minutes of the May 2007 BOD meeting were reviewed and motion made and seconded to accept as written (M. Seymour, S. Smith). The motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Sean reported that there was \$3500 in a CD in the Stocking Fund, and \$10,970 in the General Fund. The overall cost to the chapter for the summer camp was approximately \$337 due to the generous donations from sponsors such as LL Bean.

Volunteer Hours

Mitch made note that the chapter had accumulated over 2000 total volunteer hours this fiscal year. Sheets were passed around for update. Mitch reminded the board that the fiscal year ended on September 30, and that Sean would need the data for the annual report to TU National.

Programs

Tom and Ron reviewed the program schedule for the coming season. Some speaker contracts have not yet been received, and they will follow up on them. The board felt that the lineup was well rounded with some big name regional and local speakers lined up. They also felt that fulfilling the sentiments of some of the board that only local talent and topics be sought. Tom stated that that would severely limit the available topics and speakers and was not a viable course. The majority of the board agreed. There was also general agreement that the people given the responsibility of programs had the decision power on who and what to book within the general recommendations of the BOD, and that second guessing these decisions are counter productive and should not occur. The date of March 3, 2008 will be pursued for the Fly Auction, which will represent the meeting for that month.

Tom mentioned that Mr. Winders, our first speaker for October, had a huge background in fund raising and that meeting with him to discuss this issue would be beneficial for our chapter. Mitch suggested that we invite him to dinner either before or after his presentation. This was routinely done in the past for speakers from out of town or national celebrities. The board agreed. Tom will pursue this possibility with Mr. Winders.

Public Relations

Brigham was not present to discuss the work he had done so far on this topic. Sean stated that Waste Management was using their professional PR people regarding the Isinglass River Stocking event in October. He will remain the contact for not with them.

Jonathan has volunteered to donate \$500 match for the next \$500 of donations to the stocking fund to be put toward a special large fish stocking later this fall. He wanted to post this offer on the popular web forums. Mitch expressed concern that this might create the perception of coercion on the part of the board to get funding. Sean had met some negative comments when canvassing for funding on the river last year. It was generally felt that presenting the matching donor as anonymous would run less risk of negative feedback on the forums. A motion was made and seconded (S. Smith, M. Kalter) to post the donation as an anonymous donor. The motion passed.

Later in the meeting Jonathan wished to revisit this decision. He stated that he had received positive feedback on the forums and that his presence and reputation on the forums was well regarded by those participating. He felt that identifying himself as a BOD member and strong supporter would actually garnish more support and funding. The initial motion and second were rescinded by those making them, and another motion was made and seconded (M. Seymour, S. Smith) to go along with Jonathan's posting strategy. The motion passed. Postings will be made on FFinNH Forum and the FFNH Forum.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Camp

Sean recapped the camp for the BOD members not attending. He discussed the camp with NH Council President, Dave Magnon, who requested that GBTU do a presentation at the next council meeting and that it was OK for GBTU to pursue the camp on a small scale given the success of that model and the constraints in size of the camp due to the desired location. All he asked was that GBTU be open to offers of support from the other state chapters. Sean also made it clear that the application process would have to be more controlled due to some issues that arose this past year. Sean will put together a presentation. That same presentation could be given to the general membership at one of the meetings or be used as a backup should a speaker not show up unexpectedly.

Water Testing

The prices and list of the Hanna Instruments water testing equipment suggested by Judy Tumosa was reviewed. Mark felt strongly that utilizing this in conjunction with the Dover Schools as backup confirmatory testing would make a strong statement. Mitch commented that the equipment should be used to eventually test all of the waters we are stocking. The total cost would be about \$2000. Motion to purchase was made and seconded (M. Seymour, M. Kalter) and passed. Sean will contact Judy Tumosa for guidance in ordering the equipment on the list.

Cochecho Project Update

The signs have been approved for the project and Chuck Miner is looking for funds to offset the cost. He is asking if GBTU would contribute \$300 toward the signs. A motion to approve this expenditure was made (M. Kalter, M. Seymour) and seconded and passed.

Mitch also requested if there was interest in pursuing an educational kiosk joint venture project with CCANH to be placed in Henry Law Park in the tidal section of the Cochecho River. Favorable interest was expressed. Mitch will bring this up at the CCANH BOD meeting next week. This project, if it occurs would be coordinated through Chuck Miner and the city of Dover.

Website

Mitch had sent a thorough review of the website and changes that were needed to update and correct it to Brigham. These will hopefully be made shortly.

CEI Report Update

Mitch presented his best attempt to put together the CEI (Chapter Effectiveness Index) that had been requested prior to rechartering by the NH TU Council. Due to projects like the summer camp and Cochecho River Project, the CEI went up significantly from the estimate made last year. Mitch also presented a summary of the general areas where improvements could be made. Our overall score will be approximately 65 give or take a few points. We have already maxed out the educational points section. Mitch pointed out areas where improvement could be obtained with some planning and more efficient utilization of electronic infrastructure that the chapter already has in place. He pointed out the lack of a formal strategic plan and annual budgeting planning. Jonathan felt that we are doing budget planning with stocking, but most felt that this did not represent an overall budget plan to which Mitch was referring.

Mitch suggested that formation of a subcommittee might help get the strategic and budget planning process going. Mark then formed such a subcommittee and assigned himself, and the other three officers to sit on this committee and meet on September 13 to start the process.

Email Listing of Prior BOD Members for BOD Communications

Several prior board members had requested to remain on the email list for BOD communications. The board discussed this practice, and it was generally felt that this practice should not be continued. BOD communication should be between active BOD members. It was noted that the meeting minutes are made public, and that all club members, including prior BOD members could access these documents through the website if they are interested.

Casting for Recovery Update

Sean noted that the event will take place on October 21 @ 10AM at the Wiswall Dam. He anticipates up to 10 women participating, but that women who have not participated in this program in the past get first priority for the spots. Several BOD members volunteered to be "guides" for the event. Albright has again donated rods for the women.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Banquet Planning

Mark felt that it was time to start planning fund raising events and asked for volunteers to head up a banquet. There were no volunteers. Mitch stated that while he would help and had the documents available, that he did not want to be the banquet chairman again. Wendy had mentioned someone who she knew was active in fund raising, but as it turned out this person was really an auctioneer and not a fund raising planner. As no one stepped forward, it was felt that this was something that the strategic planning committee could discuss. Professional help was something to consider. Also, Tom had mentioned that our first guest speaker, Mr. Winders, may have some ideas and joint venture events with other clubs like CCANH could be explored.

NHWF Membership

Mitch was approached on a recent walking tour of the Cochecho River Project, by Joe Norton, President of the NHWF, regarding membership of our chapter. Apparently several other of the state TU chapters are members. NHWF wants to be an active partner in the Cochecho River Project, and Mitch brought forward Joe's request for consideration. The board requested that information on cost and the benefits needed to be explored to consider this issue further. Mitch will obtain that information and present it to the board.

NH F&G Update

Mitch updated the board regarding the budget and the new acting director. Exactly how the budget short fall will effect the department is not yet fully known. It is not likely that much will change until the Performance Audit of the Department comes out in December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stocking

Jonathan announced that he would be stepping down as stocking chairman after this stocking season. As no one presently on the board wished to assume that responsibility, the position would be announced at the next club meeting, and a volunteer sought to assume that board position.

NH TU Council

The next meeting has not yet been announced. As Sean was informed that our summer camp will be an agenda item, that a presentation is expected, and that several counselors and a camper plan to attend, Mark requested that Mitch try to get a date pinned down with as much lead time as possible.

Women's Membership/Activities Committee

Wendy stated that the first Women's Fly Casting Clinic, held on June 25 @ Mountain Rd. Fly Shop, went well and that the next one will be held on September 30, with 2 women signed up so far.

Fund Raising/Banquet Committee

There is as yet still no chairman for this committee. The general membership will be approached at the first club meeting of the season for volunteers to fill this important position.

Summary of Board Actions for this meeting:

- 1. Acceptance of May 2007 BOD Minutes**
- 2. Approve and send the GBTU CEI report to NH TU Council**
- 3. Formation of a Strategic & Budget Planning Committee**
- 4. Approach the general membership for volunteers for chairmen and members of Stocking Committee and Fund Raising/Banquet Committee**
- 5. Approval to purchase Hanna Instruments water testing equipment**
- 6. Approval to spend \$300 toward Cochecho River Project signs**
- 7. Keep only active BOD members on the BOD email distribution list**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mitch Kalter, Secretary GBTU

Approved 10-8-07