

**Maine Council Trout Unlimited**  
**December 1, 2010**  
**IF&W Region B Headquarters, Sidney**  
Call to order 7:10 p.m.

**In Attendance:**

**Georges River:** Dan Daly, Chairman  
**Kennebec:** Steve Brooke, Secretary; Greg Ponte  
**Somerset:** Craig Denis, Vice-Chair;  
**TU National:** Jeff Reardon

- **Secretary's Report** – Brooke Of 5-19-2009  
**MOTION - Ponte/Denis** - Tabled pending quorum
  
- **Treasurer's Report** – Denis.  
**MOTION - Brooke/Daly** Accepted unanimously
  
- **Election of Officers** - Daly  
Proposed Slate of Officers for next 12 months:  
Chairman: Greg Ponte, KVCTU  
Vice Chairman: David Bowie, Sebago  
Treasurer: Craig Denis, KVCTU  
National Leadership Council: Bill Oleszczuk, Sebago  
Secretary: Steve Brooke, KVCTU  
The Chair instructed Ponte to place phone call to Sebago delegates for their input on the slate of officers and the call was made.  
**MOTION - Brooke/Ponte** - To close Nominations - passed unanimously  
**MOTION - Brooke/Ponte** - To instruct the Chair to cast one ballot for the slate of officers - Passed Unanimously

**Various Updates:**

- **Connectivity Committee** - Daly  
The Army Corps of Engineers enforcement standards appear to be different for the State of Maine. Multiple groups will be pushing for enforcement action. While there are rule in the books, there is no evidence of enforcement.
  
- **Artwork for fundraising** - Daly
  - 1) Maine TU member Dennis Labare has donated a Tom Hennessey Print to Council for fundraising. The print's value is ~\$400. Council recommends framing and using this as raffle item at the upcoming sportsman's snows with proceeds to go to Trout Camp.
  - 2) Council also has three shrink-wrapped Dan Daly prints of East Outlet that are available for fundraising that have been donated by Daly. Additional copies would cost the Council \$25 each to produce and wrap. Council recommends finding framing and conveying them to Maine Chapters for fundraising.
  - 3) Ponte noted Dave Bowie is holding an original piece of art by Jim Robinson of the Rangeley Lakes for Council fundraising.

- **Big Reed blueback restoration - Reardon**  
 TU has been unable to get information from IF&W's Frank Frost about need for funding or the current status of the effort. Council reviewed the e-mail history:
  - 7/16/2010 in preparation for MOHF proposal - no response from Frost
  - 9/20/2010 forwarded Embrace A Stream as a potential source of funds to fill gap indicating willingness to work on proposal for the next round of funding...
 At this time it's too late to work on 2010 funding. Reardon will reconnect after first of year or when a new IF&W Fisheries Division Chief has been named.
  
- **Forest Society of Maine - West Branch easement - Denis**  
 The summer field trip and site visit was better attended than the previous one. Will ask if a report of what appeared to be easement violations observed in the file has been filed.  
 Brooke: Karin Tilberg will be joining FSM staff in a new Greenville office after the first of the year. TU will schedule a meeting with her to discuss TU buffer policy for conservation lands.
  
- **Whitten Brook, Skowhegan - Denis**  
 Denis reported on his work with Charlestown inmates on an urban impacted stream cleanup and restoration effort that filled a 20 yard dump truck and two other pickup trucks with debris and refuse. The restoration effort grew out of Denis' fly tying classes at the Charlestown Correctional Facility and is seen by all as a significant success. More work is planned.
  
- **Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture**  
 Gary Corson, Jeff Reardon and Greg Ponte have begun discussions with Maine Audubon seeking common ground to pursue protection of wild and native brook trout in Maine. Work to date has been encouraging. Corson will be meeting with the SAM Board of Directors to continue a dialog there. Currently Corson, Ponte and Brooke serve with the SAM Fisheries Initiative Committee. They will meet with and brief SAM's new executive director.
  
- **Smelt**  
 Reardon reported recent research has shown that different runs of rainbow smelt have significantly different genetics. A new MeDMR staff person will be working on smelt in the Penobscot drainage.
  
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN: Brooke/Ponte 8:45pm**