



MILLERS RIVER CHAPTER 725 TROUT UNLIMITED

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Time: 7:00 PM
Date: November 17, 2004
Location: Millers River Environmental Center, Athol, MA

1. Presidents Message

President Ken Elmer made the following comments in regards to our achievements:

- Our membership has exceeded 70 members, an all time high.
- Our fundraising efforts have doubled our net worth in just one year.
- We are one of the few Chapters that have monthly meetings with guest speakers, as well as a monthly newsletter.
- We initiated a brown trout stocking program with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Ken outlined the following major objectives/goals for 2005:

- A 20% increase in membership.
- Raise funds to spend funds on outreach programs, education, working with youth groups, fly casting/fly tying, and environmental studies for the Millers River.
- Major special project is Equal Access to the Millers River.
- Improve our fundraising capabilities.
- Conduct special events for our membership and the public such as Winter Dinner Meeting, Spring Cookout, and special speaking events.
- Continued cooperation and partnership with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in managing the fisheries resource of our watershed.

2. Revision of Millers River Chapter 725 Bylaws

President Ken Elmer stated two changes to the bylaws were necessary in order for our Chapter to operate as efficiently as possible. The first change would officially split the Secretary/Treasurer position. The second change would expand and clarify the number of Board of Directors. It was noted these changes were publicized 30 days in advance of our meeting in the September newsletter.

The Secretary stated we have 29 members in good standing present. According to Article X, Section 1, we have more than 10% of the members in good standing in attendance which is necessary in order to change the Chapters Bylaws.

The president read the following Bylaw changes as they relate to the Secretary/Treasurer position:

Article III, Section 4 – Remove the word “Secretary.”

Article III, Section 5 – Remove the word “Secretary.”

Article III, Section 6 – Remove the word “Treasurer”

Article V, Section 1

Current:

The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than six (6) members in addition to the officers listed in Article III above. These six members shall be elected to serve a three-year term, and, in order to provide for continuity, their terms should be staggered so that no more than one-third of the Directors’ terms expire in a given year. To accomplish this at start up, a new chapter should initially elect two (2) members to serve a three-year term, and two (2) members to serve a one-year term. After the start up year, all Directors will be elected for three-year terms.

New:

The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than six (6) members and no greater than 20 percent of the current membership in addition to the officers listed in Article III above. These members shall be elected to serve a three-year term, and, in order to provide for continuity, their terms should be staggered so that no more than one-third of the Directors’ terms expire in a given year. To accomplish this at start up, a new chapter should initially elect two (2) members to serve a three-year term, and two (2) members to serve a one-year term. After the start up year, all Directors will be elected for three-year terms.

Article V, Section 4

Current:

Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present is required.

New:

More than 50 percent of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of those present is required.

Pat Higgins made the motion to accept the changes as read, and it was 2nd by Paul Fischer.

The president put this to a vote, and it passed unanimously.

3. Elections

President Ken Elmer stated the following individuals have agreed to run for office according to the Nomination Committee:

Officers:

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| President | Ken Elmer |
| Vice President | Pat Higgins |
| Secretary | Paul Fischer |
| Treasurer | Eddie Atter |

Board of Directors:

Rodney Flagg
James Foley
Bill Manser
Jerry Gleason
Donald Barnes

Ken asked if there are any additional nominations for officers. There being none, a motion was made and 2nd to close the nominations.

Ked asked if there are any addition nominations for Board of Directors. Matt Penttila nominated himself, and the nomination was accepted. There being no additional nominations, a motion was made and 2nd to close the nominations.

Ken called for a vote, and those present cast a unanimous vote for the nominees.

4. Approval

Ken Elmer, President

Paul Fischer, Secretary