



# *Millers River Chapter of Trout Unlimited Newsletter*

*OCTOBER 2004*

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## *Officers*

- **President – Ken Elmer**
- **Vice President – Pat Higgins**
- **Treasurer – Donald Barnes**
- **Secretary – Paul Fischer, Acting**

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- **Paul Fischer**
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## ***NEXT MEETING***

***WEDNESDAY – OCTOBER 20, 2004  
Millers River Environmental Center, Athol, MA***

This meeting will be a great opportunity to get reacquainted with our members.  
Guest chef, Myron Becker, will do a fish cooking demonstration.

## ***PRESIDENTS MESSAGE***

Well, the first thing I would like to say is that I hope everyone had a great summer and that plenty of fish were caught and that those fish were Millers River fish! This leads me to the subject that has always been in the back of my mind: Who in our chapter fishes, where do you fish, how often do you fish, what kind of fish are you after and what methods do you use? Don't be surprised if you find a chapter survey coming your way soon. If we know what you like to do in the way of fishing then we can better tailor our programs to suit your style of angling. Also remember that I am just an email/phone call away if you want to express your thoughts on our programs or the chapter in general. I look forward to your input.

The Board of Directors of this chapter has done a pretty good job of putting together interesting monthly programs in the past. I am confident that last seasons speakers/programs were the best in New England as far as consistent quality is concerned. What we need to do a better job at is filling in the membership of some of the projects that have been done and of the ones that are under way. You will hear more of this in the near future be it expanded work with F&W or the proposed handicap access project. It's your chapter and you need to know.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank Ken Simmons for supporting our chapter's efforts in stocking brown trout in the Millers again this past spring. This effort was directly responsible for the fabulous fly-fishing that held up throughout the summer. Needless to say, this chapter supports the management philosophy of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife when it comes to the Millers River. We will continue our partnership with them.

Finally, last January I gave explicit instructions and directions to fishing the Upper Trestle Pool on the Millers in Wendell Depot. I thought the place would be swamped this year. Well, I saw a grand total of three anglers at the pool this summer. I caught trout, they caught trout, and we had a blast. Maybe next year I'll offer a shuttle service!!!!!!

See you at the October meeting.

Ken Elmer

# **TU CHAPTER 725 ANNUAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 17, 2004  
Millers River Environmental Center**

***Pizza and soft drinks will be served!***

***The Annual Meeting is one of the most important events of our Chapter and it is essential every member makes an effort to attend. The following business will be conducted:***

## **Election of Officers and Board of Directors:**

The Board of Directors at their September 29, 2004 monthly meeting made the following nominations for Officers and Board of Directors in accordance with our Chapter Bylaws. *Nominations may also be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting.* Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are limited to two consecutive one (1) year terms, and Board of Directors (BOD) serve a three year term.

President – Ken Elmer  
Vice President – Pat Higgins  
Secretary – Paul Fischer

Treasurer – Edward Atter  
Bill Manser – BOD\*  
Rodney Flagg – BOD\*

Donald Barnes - BOD  
Jerry Gleason – BOD\*  
James Foley – BOD\*

\* Subject to nominee acceptance

## **Presidents Annual Report to Members**

This report will cover all aspects of our Chapter operations for the 2004 Fiscal Year.

## **Review of TU Chapter 725 Bylaws:**

In order to effectively carry out the Chapters business, the Board of Directors established a separate position for the Secretary and Treasurer. However, in reviewing the Chapters Bylaws, this position is only authorized as a combined position. The BOD unanimously recommended changing Article III, Section 4, 5, and 6 to split the office of Secretary/Treasurer into two separate offices. This change must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present.

## **Business/Planning session for the 2005 Fiscal Year (October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005):**

This is the perfect opportunity for the members of our Chapter to give input and help the Officers and Board of Directors in planning the 2005 functions of the Chapter. Items to be discussed will include activities for our monthly meetings such as guest speakers, fundraising, annual banquet, special projects, membership, communications, fishing trips and unique excursions for Chapter members.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome the following new members into our chapter:

Peter Conrad, Concord, MA  
Ed Lajoie, Winchendon, MA  
Rob Dalton, North Andover, MA

We currently have 70 active members.

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Paul Fischer, TU 725 Membership Chair at [pfischer@aaahawk.com](mailto:pfischer@aaahawk.com) or 978-297-0550.