



September MMTU Newsletter

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President's Corner

Dear MMTU members,
Stream Team

The MO Stream Team has come out with guidelines for monitoring stream sites during the coronavirus: Stream Team Safety Guidelines. We will monitor the Little Piney near our previous site on September 19, so let me know if you can help out.

I talked to Sam Potter and we set the date for VWQM at his friends land on the Little Piney on Saturday September 19, 2020.

I sent an email to this to those who have helped before hoping to get 3 or 4 to help, but 3 have other plans (like hunting and fishing), so we can use more volunteers. Jeff H. can't go but has gotten all my chemicals up to date so we're set for water quality tests. Since it is a new site we'll have to do all the paperwork plus bugs and stream flow if we can.

Usually we try to start at about 9 AM, so we can all meet up here at the commuter lot on 63 at 7 AM since I'm in Columbia now. Stream Team rules still calling for social distancing so I suggest we go down only 2 per car and have masks.

If you can go let me know ASAP. jdwenzlick@gmail.com is my only working email address now so please change from embarqmail.

Thanks for your patience on this and Covid-19.

We will let you know about our October meeting closer to the date.

Sincerely,
John Wenzlick

Notes:

Nathan, Shaggs, our chapter secretary, was not at our September 1 meeting, so I am sending some updates. It was great to see several members in person from safe distances. I even recognized most of them with masks. Our president generously shared his birthday beer with us and we brought our own food.

During the business meeting John showed a picture of the bench at Bennett dedicated to Fred Grimes and Bob McCalmont. I had the opportunity to meet Fred at his shop in Idaho. Every time I am tempted to wade into a stream before fishing the water at the edge I think of Fred's caution, "don't walk on the fish." I did not get a chance to meet Bob, but am sure he also contributed to coldwater fishing.

The next item was discussion of our

Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited Chapter Resolution

[1. Endorse the Energy Innovation Act, H. R. 763](#)

2. Request chapter members ask their Missouri Congressional Representatives to support and/or co-sponsor H.R.763, and join the House Climate Solutions Caucus.

3. Request chapter members ask their Missouri Senators to join the Senate Climate Solutions Caucus.

4. Request chapter members ask their Missouri Senators and House Representatives to implement a process to support the Conservation Federation plan for Missouri to accelerate transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy to achieve net-zero greenhouse-gas emissions by 2050. See the [Full CFM Resolution](#)

All members 534 on our contact list had a chance to vote by mail. At least 224 opened. 14 voted Yes and 1 No. Ric Wasburn's also sent a survey and all parts of the resolution received a clear majority in support. We provided one more chance to speak and then passed the resolution unanimously.

This is the endorsement we submitted:

Trout Unlimited's mission is to conserve, protect, and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. TU accomplishes this mission with an extensive volunteer network. As a TU chapter, we are part of that network and are contributing to the cause of conservation on the national, state, and local levels. Like the national TU organization our chapter recognizes that stream side work will not be enough to preserve coldwater fisheries. We believe we must significantly reduce carbon emissions and that a federal carbon fee and dividend is a very effective tool to accomplish this. Therefore, the Mid Missouri Chapter of Trout Unlimited endorses the Energy Innovation Act, H. R. 763.

Thanks to Travis Figg for volunteering to take over maintenance of our MMTU web site. Dean Rapp is providing training and we plan to include our newsletters there. Travis will also post pictures. Until we check with our members, he will not include names.

Thanks to Ben Moore who has been updating our MMTU Facebook page.

Having our social media current is a great way to inform others about conservation and fishing and to recruit new members, so please do what you can to get others hooked. We need new members to keep our efforts going.

Ginger attended our Arkansas national meeting and is involved with the diversity and inclusion initiative. There is a fund honoring Kerri Russell and you can read more about her contributions in the Summer 2020 Trout Magazine. Our president has already contributed and you can too at Kerri Russell fund.

The last business item was funding for winter trout in Bethel Lake. At this point it appears the City of Columbia will be able to provide their part of the money. After some discussion of offering funds to the city, we decided to tell MDC that we may be able to help if the city does not come through.

Michael Riley is now in Kansas, so we are looking for someone to become our Education Director. If you do not have an official role but want to do your part for coldwater fishing, this is a job for you.

Here is a photo of his trip to the driftless area in Iowa. Browns were biting and it was easy to social distance.



Mike Kruse sent pictures of Grizzly Creek and Deep Creek in Colorado before the Grizzly Creek fire began August 10. By September 9 it was only 91% contained. It burned over 32,000 acres and closed I70 along Glenwood Canyon for 13 days. That had been a very scenic drive and the pictures show how pristine Grizzly Creek was before the fire. I am glad TU supports reducing carbon emissions to slow climate change to help prevent further damage to trout and their habitat.

Grizzly Creek



Deep Creek



Stay safe, enjoy your time on the water and share your stories and pictures for the newsletter, web site and Facebook page.

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Meeting Place: Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm, except for July and August. The normal meeting place is Upstairs Meeting Room at Hy-Vee off Conley, Columbia, MO. In June the meeting is usually held at Stephens Lake Park, Collins Shelter, at 5:30 pm.

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