Notes From Ralph: winter is here!!! (At least it was when I wrote this.) Luckily it held off on our workday at the pond. Thanks to those that were able to come and help. We were able to remove some brush from near the shore and take down a few trees that had a collection of flies in them. We also enjoyed a few hotdogs, chips and some leisure time sitting by the fire.

The tying at the Boys Ranch is winding down. Our last session will be December 4. We will be sharing eggnog and cookies with the boys. Someone gave Bill some tying supplies and some of those will be given to the boys. There were also a couple of books, a vice and some other items that will be in be put in a raffle at our Expo.

There is a terrific slate of officer nominations that will be voted on in December. I believe we will also have a presentation of the last trip to Pearly Shores.

I’ve enjoyed being the Tri-Lakes president the last two years and wish the new officers an enjoyable tenure.

Ralph
Minutes from November 4, 2019 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 710p by President Ralph Eichholz. There were no guests present.

Fishing reports were given. Included were Florida, Bennett and the club pond. Scott DeHart won the fly ball.

The minutes were approved from the October meeting as published in the Fish Wrapper. Deb Hall moved and Nathan Bettencourt seconded.

The Treasurers report as given was approved, Paul Goodwin motioned and Nick Halteman seconded.

EXPO:

Nathan reported that they have another 6-7 tyers and 3 additional vendors secured. Maps of the Clinton area are available from Nick Halteman. KDKD Radio was contacted and he will do a live broadcast from the EXPO. He is also starting a program ‘Fishing around Missouri”. They are giving us $1,000.00 for advertising. Nathan and Andy will do a proposal for this. Zack is doing the poster. Andy is working on getting help from the Boys and Girl Scouts to help. We agreed that after 1/1/2020 we need to make another on-site visit.

Outing:

This Saturday 11/9, is a workday at the pond (see pictures in this newsletter) at 10a.m. Sandy Halteman will get hot dogs and buns, condiments and service ware. Bring your own drink and dish to share.

GSBR:
11/6 will be poppers. 11/20 & 12/4 are the last 3 sessions.

Shirts:

Ordering shirts with the club logo was discussed. Possible patches as opposed to paying for embroidery on the shirt. Sandy will call Fat Cat in Osceola to discuss. The advantage of having the shirts is an ongoing advertisement for the club. We might consider a cost share, more research is needed.

Election of Officers will be next month. The current slate is:

President- Sandy Halteman  
Vice President – Deb Hall  
Treasurer – Sheri DeHart  
Secretary – Sharon Yoker  
Librarian – Nathan Bettencourt

New Business:

Sheri DeHart brought up to the membership whether or not to renew our club’s membership in the Conservation Federation. Sharon Yoker motioned to continue; Paul Goodwin seconded. Motion carried. She will be providing a current membership list to them.

Sandy asked if we want our newsletter posted on the FFI web site. Sharon will get the email address to send it to. (clubs@flyfishersinternational.org )

Scott DeHart motioned to adjourn, Nick Halteman seconded. Motion passed.
Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Yoker, Secretary
Paul taking out some cedars ---

The new bench
Ralph and Floyd getting after a thorny shrub

Nick and his chainsaw did good!
Then the dogs!!!

The gathering --
And then some fishing --

Bill, have you been dreaming again???? (Tom wanted to know)
The 30th anniversary of the Missouri Stream Team program was celebrated November 23, 2019 with a half-day float on the Current River and a banquet at the Echo Bluff State Park Lodge. The Stream Team program is so successful that it continues to add new teams and is emulated by other states and other countries internationally. On this anniversary there are over 6,000 stream teams, 3 million volunteer hours have been contributed, 12,000 tons of litter has been removed, 350,000 trees have been planted, 32,000 water quality monitoring trips have been conducted, 20,000 storm drains have been stenciled and 9,000 education projects and presentations have been held/made.

I attended both the float and the banquet. The weather was chilly, but 18 of us participated in the four-mile float from Current River State Park to Round Spring Access. I also camped in my A-frame camper in an almost empty Timbuktu campground. I have included a few photos of the float and campground.
Put in at Current River State Park
Lunch time take out
Just above our take-out at Round Spring Access

Tom’s Tidbits

[Links to YouTube videos]