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## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**TCCCC General Membership Meeting:** Nominations for the Officers and Board of Directors positions were held at the TCCCC general membership meeting on October 25, 2017. Jack Vogler and Bud Brooks were nominated and approved for new 3-year terms on the Board. Because no nominations were made for the Officer positions, it was moved to retain the current slate of Officers. The Officers and Board of Directors are as follows:

### **Officers:**

President – Charlie Andrews  
Vice President – Mike Bogaczyk  
Secretary/Acting Treasurer – Joyce Andrews

### **Board of Directors:**

Jack Vogler	Chuck Freeberg	Larry Smith
Roy Siefert	Al Boyer	Bud Brooks

**TCCCC Sponsored Scholarships:** General Membership contributions have decreased in recent years, largely because of the focus on the *Save The Tioga River* fund drives. Thus, we have suspended the scholarships for the foreseeable future. While the TCCCC does not have many expenses, the contributions we receive for the general fund are not enough to cover our recurring expenses like insurance, office supplies/mailings, website, etc. Thus, \$2,000 for the scholarship awards had to be eliminated.

**Blossburg Memorial Library Contribution:** A check in the amount of \$150.00 was sent to the Library in December in memory of Lida Kaiser and Romaine Muto and for the use of the Community Room for various TCCCC meetings held throughout the year.

**Membership Contributions Requested:** Enclosed is a form to use for your 2018 Membership Contribution. We hope you will continue to support the TCCCC so that we can continue to pursue the reclamation of the Upper Tioga River Watershed and, in general, continue to focus on improving our environment. We also hope to reinstate the Scholarship Program. If you are receiving the newsletter via the website, please download the membership form and return with your contribution.

## **WATERSHED UPDATE**

**Save The Tioga River (STTR) Fund:** We are pleased to report that we have raised just over \$113,900.00 toward future operation and maintenance expenses for acid mine drainage treatment systems that we plan to construct. The 2018 STTR fundraising letter will be sent during the second quarter to businesses, civic organizations, and municipalities, but contributions can be made at any time and mailed to the address at the top of this newsletter. Checks should be made payable to TCCCC. Please note **STTR** in the memo portion of the check. Contribution forms can also be downloaded from the website under the *Save The River* menu, *Contribution Form*.

**Fall Brook AMD Treatment Systems Update:** The treatment systems on the Fall Brook tributary have been operational since November of 2015. All of the drainable limestone beds on both the north and south systems will be cleaned during the second quarter of this year and additional limestone will be added to replenish the beds as part of routine maintenance procedures. Improvements in the Tioga River corridor are being monitored by DEP, SRBC, and other interested parties.

**Future AMD Treatment Projects:** Federal funding has been approved for pilot programs that address AMD remediation and that also have an economic component to spur economic development. We are working with the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, the Bureau of Forestry, and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission as well as various other government entities to develop a treatment plan for Morris Run and Coal Creek that will meet these Federal funding guidelines. The recently completed *Morris Run AMD Restoration Plan* will be used as a conceptual guide. Additional information for Coal Creek will be gathered and options explored to determine the best and most cost-effective way to address the treatment of these two tributaries. Information regarding how to approach the restoration of Morris Run and Coal Creek should be better defined by the end of this year.

TCCCC members Kris and Jack Reilly, are continuing to collect water samples on Bear Creek. These samples are sent to BAMR for testing and analysis.

The TCCCC, Hillside Rod & Gun Club, and our coalition are committed to restoring the Tioga River so that it once again supports aquatic life.

*The Officers and Board of Directors sincerely appreciate  
your interest in and support of the TCCCC!*