

**East Yellowstone Chapter
Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 3008, Cody, WY 82414-8815**

Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2008

Those Present: Bob Capron, Dianne Blakeslee, Bill & Vana Camp, Carissa Camp, Gregg & Jane Bierie, Jason Burckhardt, Laura Leslie, Birney Holberg, George Simonton, Travis Duncan, Steve Yekel, Ray Zubik, Dave & Cathy Sweet, Merle & Chris Nielsen, Rick Hostetler, Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Arch Schueneman, Duane Anderson, Maxine & Larry Thomas, Pat & Doreen Shellady, Bob Richard, Val Miller, Bob & Pat Kuper. Lew & Ellie Wisner,

Call to Order: Bob Capron called the meeting to order at 6:35

Meeting Minutes: Corrections were called for on April minutes, none noted. George Simonton moved to accept as written, 2nd by Bill Camp. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Dianne Blakeslee gave the report which included having paid the agreed \$4,000.00 toward funding TU Wyoming Coordinator position. Birney Holberg moved to accept, treasurers report, Bill Camp 2nd. The motion carried.

Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Fund: Dave Sweet reporting, Pat Shellady won the Yellowstone vacation package with a bid of \$800.00. Private donations to the Fund now total \$16,145.00. Dave will approach TU National and National Forest Service for funds and will advise. Pat Shellady reported that during the Council meeting, since the issue is no longer just trout but wildlife also, oil company contacts were receptive to the cause.

Trout Creek Drum: Bob advised that Dave Sweet, Pat Shellady, Dave Crowther and Jim Blakeslee had successfully installed the drum last Wednesday, April 30th.

Kids Day: Ray Zubik, USFS reported, Kids Day will be held on Saturday, June 7th, the same day as Free Fishing. This annual event is organized by FS in conjunction with Optimist Club and volunteer assistance by TU. Ray advised there will be 5 stations and volunteers are needed, mainly to direct groups from station to station. Jason Buckhardt and Birney Holberg will coordinate volunteers.

Web Page: Design of our Chapter website is underway and Lorna brought a viewing of what has been completed so far. There is a nice layout on home page with numerous pages on the left to go to. Good information is already listed on Project and Calendar pages. The website is available 24-7 and will be a quick, easy place to go for current information on Chapter activities and progress. Do check it out at www.eastyellowstonetu.org and send feedback to Lorna at webmaster@eastyellowstonetu.org or other leaders as listed on the website. Lorna would like fishing or chapter activity photos of members and information about the photo to post on web pages.

Weekend of Hope: Ran into a glitch and has been cancelled.

Wyoming TU Council Meeting: Was held at Big Piney May 2-4th. Elections were held and Dave Sweet is now Wyoming Council Chairperson. The next Council meeting will be held in Cody, this coming November 6th - 8th. Planning will begin in September. Big Horn TU Chapter (Sheridan) would like to investigate the way we handle the fish rescue. Bob suggested we invite them to come and assist. Yea!! With Sheridan organizing a chapter, we may transfer some of our members that are closer to Sheridan than they are to us.

Chapter Picnic: Will be held Thursday, June 12th at 6pm at West Newton Lake. Chapter will furnish chicken, beverage and rolls. Members are to bring a pot luck side dish. Bring chairs, table service and fishing gear. Mary McKinney, Park County Weed & Pest will be there to talk about weed control around Newton Lakes. Bob Jacobs has donated an abstract oil painting of a brown trout that will be raffled off at the picnic.

Summer Campout: Bob has arranged a combination work day and campout July 25th – 27th in the Bighorn Mountains near Ten Sleep. Plan to travel, setup camp and fish Friday, work Saturday with a fish fry that night and either fish or head for home Sunday. We will be working on Soldier Creek with WGF and FS to remove an unwanted log structure Saturday. Bob will be inviting the Big Horn Sheridan Chapter to join us. He will have maps to hand out at the picnic or visit our website for directions to the campout area. Members and their friends are welcome.

Electro-Shock Training: Training is now found online and free. There are 5 members taking the course, Pat Shellady, Larry Thomas, Dave Crowther, Merle Nielsen and Travis Duncan.

For the Good of the Order: Art Schueneman approached members about supporting a volunteer, non-profit group of servicemen who enjoy fishing and teaching others how to fish in the war zone. For the interesting story and to view results, go to www.baghdadflyfishing.com Art gave us a list, attached with the minutes, for what is needed in both fly fishing and spin fishing. Donations can be dropped off at North Fork Anglers, here in Cody or bring to the picnic and they will be delivered to North Fork from there.

Game and Fish Program: Jason Bruckhardt's presentation was in regard to the decline and hopeful restoration of Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout (YCT) in the Greybull and South Fork rivers. WGF did population monitoring and found in areas where the YCT had been most plentiful, that trend has reversed and the Brooke Trout (BKT) is now the largest population. There were small, isolated populations of genetically pure YCT and sections in each river that barriers exist on two ends. Restoration would be possible in those sections.

**Just a reminder: No Regular Chapter meetings are held in June, July or August
But come to the picnic June 12th and Campout July 25-27th**

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 11th, Sunset House Restaurant at 6pm

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

New or Used Fly Fishing and Spin Tackle (in Good Condition)

Needed For

THE BAGHDAD ANGLERS CLUB AND SCHOOL OF FLY FISHING
(BACSFF)

(www.baghdadflyfishing.com)

The BACSFF is a TOTALLY Volunteer Group Started By Servicemen In Iraq To Provide R&R Opportunities To Our Troops Courtesy of Saddam And The Pools And Lagoons Around The Many Palaces In The Green Zone (When It's Not Being Shelled By Insurgents)

There is nothing like fishing to take your mind off your troubles, and the (unexpected) popularity of this effort (You gotta see the photos on the website!) plus the harsh environment is quickly wearing out equipment donated in 2006

WHAT'S NEEDED

(Optimally, based on the fish – carp species – and prior experience)

FLYFISHING

8 1/2 ft. 7 wt. rods (best; 5, 6 & 8 good)
Matching reel & WF line
Tapered leaders 7-9 1/2 ft. or spools, 0X-4X
Tippet 0X-4x
Olive wooly buggers (w or w/o bead eye) 4-10
Black wooly buggers (same as above)
Silver marabou minnows 4-10
Dragon fly nymphs 6-10
Freshwater shrimp 8-10
Small fly boxes
Fishing magazines/DVDs
Prepaid phone cards
Good coffee
Packaged tuna in pouches

SPINFISHING

Small tackle boxes
Sinkers 1/2 to 1 oz
Snelled bait hooks, size 1-6
Small snap swivels
Leader material 814 lb. test
Small spinners (Mepps, Panther Martin, etc.)
Small Silver Spoons
(1/4-3/8 oz, Cast Master, Lil' Cleo, Thomas Lure, etc.)
Powdered drinks (Gatorade, Crystal Light, etc) in individual packets

Money!!!!

(To pay for New Equipment and Shipping)
TIE A FLY FOR THE TROOPS!!!

Drop-off Point: North Fork Angler in Cody

Questions: Art Schueneman (307) 587-1186

