

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

Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2008

Members Present: Lorna Anderson, Dave Crowther, Chris and Merle Nielson, Maxine and Larry Thomas, Art Schueneman, Birney Holberg, Mike Gibbons, Pat and Bob Kuper, Jason Burckhardt, Dan Fickes, Ray Zubik, Andy Whiteman, Judy and Bob Capron, Doreen and Pat Shellady, Rich Hostetler, George Simonton, Gregg and Jane Bierei, Diane and Jim Blakeslee, Randy Leisey, Beverly Perkins, Mike Wenke.

Guests Present: Flick Ford, Charlene Magargal

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bob Capron at 6:40 p.m.

Bob welcomed members and guests and then introduced the guest speaker, Flick Ford. Flick presented a slide show and explained his techniques of catching, photographing, drawing sketches and painting his fish. He has a new book "The 50 Greatest World Record Catches" which were available for sale.

Meeting Minutes: Dave Sweet moved and Larry Thomas seconded a motion to approve October minutes. Motion passed.

The following corrections were made at the December meeting:

Meeting Minutes: Corrections to the Minutes: Board Members, elected to two year terms, whose term will expire in December of 2008, include Guy Highland, Jerry Jech, Bob Kuper, and Merle Nielson. Board Members, elected to three year terms, whose term will expire in December 2009, include Duane Anderson, Chip Andrews, Carissa Camp, and Gary Hoar. Board Members, elected to three year terms, whose term will expire in 2010, include Birney Holberg, George Simonton, and Jason Burckhardt.

Treasurers Report: Diane Blakeslee gave the treasurer's report. George Simonton moved to approve and Art Schueneman seconded. Motion passed.

Fish Rescue, FFA Donation: Bob Capron gave a report on the canal fish salvage. Numbers were down somewhat this year. There were a total of 2,006 fish rescued. The largest being a 29", 8 lb brown trout out of the Garland Canal (just a couple hundred yards from the largest brown caught last year).

The breakdown according to canal: 266 fish from Garland, 1,185 from Willwood, 398 from Cody, and 157 from Lakeview. About 70-80% were brown trout, 9 lake trout, and the rest rainbows and brook. We had assistance from 20 FFA students and it was moved by Dave Sweet and seconded by George Simonton that we donate \$500 to their organization again this year as well as a fly rod that has been donated to our chapter by LL Bean. The motion passed.

Bob thanked everyone who helped – Pat Shellady and Dave Crowther spent a lot of time carrying the shockers and Pat furnished a truck to haul the water tank. Jason provided a bank shocker. Thanks also to all the netters, bucket carriers, and counters. The Chapter received great media coverage from the Cody Enterprise, Billings Gazette, Powell, and Casper papers.

Wyoming TU Council Meeting: The Wyoming Council meeting was held in Cody on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 7, 8, and 9. Six chapters were represented which is more than usual. Dave Sweet, President of the Council, reported that the council is rejuvenating a conservation agenda state wide. The three things they are focusing on are irrigation diversion statewide, adopting management plans for aquatic nuisance species, and adopting a watershed as a state project.

The hospitality that our chapter provided was greatly appreciated by all those attending. Pat Shellady organized the meeting space and Saturday night's meal at the VFW.

Weed & Pest: Bob reported that Mary McKinney from Park County Weed and Pest would like to have some volunteers to help pull hounds tongue weeds at Newton Lake. We will be notified when this is to happen.

Chapter Awards: Beverly Perkins has volunteered to check into a location to display the awards we have received recently.

North Fork Boat Ramp Access: Several chapter volunteers helped the BLM at the Rivers Rest boat launch. They put up a kiosk that Bob built along with a registration box, they also built fence. The fence was not completed on that day as they ran out of materials.

The following members were voted in as officers for 2009:

President – Pat Shellady

Vice President – Rich Hostetler

Secretary – Laura Burckhardt (to be confirmed at December meeting)

Treasurer – Larry Thomas

Board Members: 3 year term – Merle Nielson

1 year term – Gregg Bierei

Dave Crowther

Dave Sweet

Mike Wenke

Other Business: Dave Sweet reported that progress is being made on the Paul Stock stairs. He has met with Don Livingston several times and the construction project is to be bid the third week in December. Dave has also arranged for etched granite plaques to be placed at the top of the stairs saying "Stairs provided by Trout Unlimited, Wyoming Game and Fish, City of Cody, Shoshone Recreation District, and Park County Recreation District.

George Simonton moved to adjourn the meeting and Rich Hostetler seconded.

Next Meeting

December 11, 2008

6:00 P.M.

Sunset House

Dessert Provided by Chapter

Jim Blakeslee will present a slide show.