

**East Yellowstone Chapter
Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 3008
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Meeting Minutes - December 11, 2008

Members Present:

Vanna, Bill & Clarissa Camp; June & Bob Richards; Jason & Laura Burckhardt; Kathy & Dave Sweet; Travis Duncan; Judy & Bob Capron; Doreen & Pat Shellady; Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Chris & Merle Nielson; Lorna Anderson; Dave Crowther; Gregg & Jane Bierei; Diane & Jim Blakeslee; Birney & Sally Holberg; Mike Wenke; Bill Spencer; Andy Whiteman; Mike Gibbons

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Bob Capron at 6:30 p.m. Bob welcomed members and guests and then introduced the guest speaker, Jim Blakeslee, with Basecamp Productions who did a photographic slide show.

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.

Dave Sweet moved and Bob Richards seconded a motion to approve November minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Diane Blakeslee gave the treasurer's report. Rich Hostetler moved to approve and Birney Holberg seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Laura Burckhardt was voted in as secretary.
- Thank you note was received from Lorna Anderson for gift for her hard work on the webpage. Lorna donated proceeds to Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Foundation. With Lorna's donation \$20,735 has been raised to date.
- Greater Yellowstone Coalition Meeting will be held Dec 18th at 6pm at Cody Library Meeting Room, 1500 Heart Mountain Street in Cody. Meeting titled "Striking a balance, energy development throughout Park County and Wyoming".
- Thank-you card was sent to the managers of irrigation districts for their participating in canal salvage.
- The check and fly rod was delivered to the FFA kids for their participation in canal salvage. Discussed upcoming fence project on Greybull River
- Pat Shellady & Bob Capron spoke with Charles Preston at Buffalo Bill Historical Center about displaying the Chapters awards and trophies at the museum. Mr. Preston will be presenting the proposal to the board within the next two weeks.

- The Sunset House is proposing to have limited choice of food or buffet to ease the pressure on the cooking staff. This will be Pat's first order of business in 2009.
- Bob Capron received phone call from Stanley Flitner who owns a ranch on Shell Creek. They want to do an inventory of wildlife on their property. University of Wyoming, Wyoming Natural Diversity Database (WYNDD) will compile and store all the data. Mr. Flitner would like to form a coordinated resource management (CRM) team to advise them on ranch management. Trapper Creek also flows through the Flitner's property. Bob proposes that the Chapter coordinate with Mr. Flitner. Pat Shellady & Dave Sweet give support to investigate this further. Bob Capron and Laura Burckhardt will work together to gather further information and present information at the January meeting.

Other Business:

- An 18 minute video about the interaction and dependence of wildlife with Yellowstone Lake will be added to the webpage.
- The Chapter will be partnering with Dick Cridsdale who has been campaigning in CO for save the YCT.
- Paul Stock Stairs project is out to bid right now and the bid opening will occur next week. Granite slabs will be engraved with thanks to organizations that helped with this project. The slab will be mounted on the top of the stairs.
- TU council has received pledges from Wyoming chapters totally over \$13,000 per year.
- Lew Stahl requests that folks keep track of potential fish barriers that they come across while fishing. This information will be used to help document fish passage barriers in the area. Potential barriers include perched culverts, water falls, irrigation diversions, or anything you feel is impassable by fish. Send location (GPS or legal description) and/or pictures to Lew Stahl at 307-527-7125 or Lewis.Stahl@wgf.state.wy.us
- Shoshone National Forest contacted Chapter for comments on Island Lake Campground rehabilitation- fix roads, improve water source. Dave Sweet move to write a letter in support, Birney Holberg seconded. Motion approved.

Jason Burckhardt moved to adjourn the meeting and Rich Hostetler seconded.

Next Meeting:

January 8, 2009
6:00 P.M.
Sunset House
1651 8th Street
Cody, WY 82414