

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

Revised Minutes
February 14, 2008

Persons present: not available

Call to Order: President, Bob Capron called the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes: Mike Gibbens moved to accept January minutes as written, 2nd by Birney Holberg, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: D. Blakeslee read treasurers report and advised the IRS does not require a Tax Return by the Chapter. Jason B. moved to accept, 2nd by Dave S., motion approved.

Bob Capron advised:

- TU Council is raising funds for the final payment of \$59,000 on the Triple Peak Forage Reserve project. We are assisting TU Council in their quest for these funds. The Board voted to Pledge \$3,000 toward that payment if funds can be raised to meet the payment amount due. Magic City Fly Casters, North Fork Anglers, The Humble Fly and Eastgate Anglers are donating float trips, these trips will be raffled off with funds going to TU Council. Other sources are being explored.
- The contract from WG&F regarding the North Fork Study has been received as agreed.
- Jason will contact Walt Gasson for information regarding affiliation with Wyoming Wildlife Federation.
- Cody High School Seniors are seeking financial support to rent space for graduation party.

Project Updates

Yellowstone Lake, Lake Trout Control: **(Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat Fund)** Dave Sweet reported committee findings that past efforts experienced minimal success, and are expensive. Everything is in place, including the research team to begin this control study. During the 1/29 Board Meeting, the Board pledged \$4,000.00 toward monies needed to begin the study. A goal of \$70,000 is anticipated to complete our part of the study.

Shoshone River Trail: Dave Sweet reported plans are still to hookup with the Paul Stock Trail. Funding for the metal stairs is going well. Shoshone Recreation, Park County Recreation and City of Cody have each committed \$8,000.00. The Fish Wyoming Grant is also being contacted. A work day date will be announced later.

River Cleanup: Jason B. reported late March is designated American River Cleanup, we will be part of that effort. We are still looking for access at Willwood. Pat Kuper volunteered to make calls to property owners for access permission both directions from Belfry Bridge.

Fly Fishing Clinic: Plans are progressing.

General Business:

Chapter Website: Board meeting 1/29/08, had approved gathering information on the feasibility of having a Chapter Website. Lorna Anderson reported on various websites she had viewed, developers she had visited or talked to, the advantages of having a Chapter website and encouragement at the Council and National level. Additional info is being gathered.

Powell - Weekend of Hope is being celebrated in Powell May 24th. Cancer patients are being offered a day of fishing and volunteers are needed to assist. Northfork Anglers will furnish rods, our Chapter is offering the use of waders. Contact Bob Capron, 587-2456 for information and to volunteer.

Magic City Fly Fishers in Billings is holding a fundraiser March 8th. \$30.00 fee includes dinner, and drink. There will be auctions, raffles and door prizes. Contact Dave Sweet, 527-9959 for information and reservations.

Newton Lakes Endowment Fund brochure was received. TU and other entities annually support this fund. It has given many fishermen two elements of special fishing. Donations are appreciated, designated to **“The Newton Lakes Fund”** and received by Trout Unlimited or Wyoming Community Foundation, 307-766-2477.

Clarks Fork ‘Wild Classification’ is being compromised. Rules to keep this classification must be followed and 4wheelers are encroaching in the canyon. Bob Capron is working with the Forest Service and will advise of progress.

Base Camp Productions, Jim & Diane Blakelsee gave a photo presentation of fly fishing, wildlife and scenic views that was well done and well received.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting, Thursday, March 13th at Sunset House, 6pm

