

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – January 08, 2009

Members Present: Pat Shellady; Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Gregg & Jane Bierei; Steve Yekel; Bob & Judy Capron; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Lorna Anderson; Dave Crowther; Birney Holberg; Travis Duncan; George Simonton; Pat & Bob Kuper; Karen Ritscher; Dave & Cathy Sweet; Bob & June Richard; Maxine Thomas; Jay Thomas; Jason & Laura Burckhardt; Duane Anderson; Randy Leisey; Ray Zubik; Drew King;


Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Pat Shellady


Meeting Minutes: George Simonton moved to approve the minutes and Jason Burckhardt seconded. Motion approved.


Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas gave the treasures report. Group voted to send Cynthia Rankin a thank you letter for her assistance with the group's taxes. George Simonton moved to approve and Birney Holberg seconded. Treasurer's report accepted.

 Dave Sweet announced that the chapter received a Commissioners Elk Tag for 2009. There was a total of three Commissioner tags given to TU chapters in Wyoming. Dave Sweet recommends coordinating with the other chapters before deciding how to sell the tag. Dave Sweet and Birney Holberg will coordinate these efforts. George Simonton moved to give Dave and Birney the authority to coordinate these efforts and Jason Burckhardt seconded. Motion approved


New Business:

 The Sunset House is proposing to have limited choice of food or buffet to ease the pressure on the cooking staff. Pat Shellady and Rich Hostetler will work with management to choose four dishes.


 Ken Iwamasa has contacted the group to do a presentation on "The Evolving and Necessary Dry Fly" for \$100. He is also interested in holding a fly tying clinic, Pat will check into this further. Dave Sweet moved to invite him for the presentation with the fly tying clinic being on his own time. George Simonton seconded. Motion approved.


 Rich Hostetler gave report on "Cody in Balance" presentation by Greater Yellowstone Coalition.


 Bob Capron will follow-up with Charles Preston at Buffalo Bill Historical Center about displaying the Chapters awards and trophies at the museum.


 Bob Capron and Dave Sweet reported on the status of the grazing allotments in the Tongue River drainage to reduce impacts on riparian areas. New district ranger over

turned his predecessor's decision to reduce grazing allotments by 50%. Final decision on grazing reductions will occur on January 12th.

 Dave Sweet reported that the council has raised over \$22,000. They need to raise \$28,000. Last spring we pledged to support the council with \$4,000 per year for three years. Dave requests that we send the third check. Jason Burckhardt moves to approve sending the check, George Simonton seconded. Motion approved.


 Dave Sweet gave update on Paul Stock Trail stairs project. There was only one bid to do the work for \$135,000. Bid was rejected. Dave will be working to strategize on how to get this project done within the \$44,000 budget.


 Dave Sweet showed a video on the importance of Yellowstone Cutthroat trout to the Yellowstone Ecosystem. Dave also gave a presentation titled "Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat"

 Pat Shellady asked for ideas for future projects.

- Dave Sweet discussed the idea of signing public access area along the river. Steve Yekel reported that before signing BLM land you might have to have area formally surveyed.
- We will need another work day on the Shoshone river trail and river clean-up

Other Business:

 Bob Capron gave report on visit with the Flitner Ranch about inventories they would like to plan for the spring/summer. Scott Yates and Cory Toey visited with Flitner about in-stream flows. Stan Flitner gave Bob Capron & Laura Burckhardt tour of property; overview of wetlands created on property; and removal of Russian Olives. There will be another meeting with all interested parties in Cody on January 22nd.

 Lew Stahl has asked Bob Capron to tour the new Game and Fish employee, Drew King, the irrigation diversion structures in the area. Drew King will photograph and prioritize irrigation diversion for future fish friendly designs. The goal is to inventory the fish passage issue throughout the state.

Rich Hostetler moved to adjourn the meeting and everyone seconded.

Next Meeting:

February 12, 2009
6:00 P.M.
Sunset House
1651 8th Street
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