

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – January 14th, 2010

Members & Guests Present: Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Bob Capron; Gregg Bierei; Larry & Maxine Thomas; Dave Crowther; Dave & Kathy Sweet; Birney Holberg; Jim & Diane Blakeslee; Mike Wenke; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Bob Cooper; Ellie Weiser; Jason Burckhardt; Shirley Bye-Jech; Jerry Jech; Sierra Jech; Karen Ritscher; Bob & June Richard; Steve Yekel; Andy Waite; Bill Spencer; George Simonton; Craig Sax; Matt Suuck; Ray Zubik; Mark & Kim Smith; Maggie Kirkham; Duane Anderson; Art Schueneman; Carissa Camp

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 6:33 pm by President Rich Hostetler

Meeting Minutes: George Simonton moved to approve the December, 2009 minutes, Mike Wenke seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas reported for November and December 2009: The Raymond James account earns very little and, after fees, is losing money. Larry recommends closing it and moving money to another account. Dave Sweet moved to close the account and deposit all funds to the general checking account; Bob Richard seconded; motion carried. Treasurer's Report for both months approved as presented.

Program:

Soldier Creek/Buckskin Ed Project—Mark Smith

New Business:

- Newsletter--Bobbie Hostetler: Should newsletter include basic treasurer's report? In reviewing other non-profits' newsletters, she noted other groups have done so. Short discussion followed; consensus is no. Bob Richard moved to not publish treasurer's report in the newsletter; Duane Anderson seconded; motion carried.
- Website--Birney Holberg: Website continues to be improved and updated. There is now a parental consent form on the website that needs to be submitted before any photos of minors (under 18 yrs. of age) will be posted. Classified ads are now available, contact Webmaster using link on website. It would save \$24 per year if Yahoo account were paid for an entire year instead of 3 months at a time. **The group approved paying for the whole year.**
- Chapter Chair positions: Positions have been filled as followed: Conservation Chair—Bob Capron; Membership Chair—Chris Nielsen; Fund Raising Chair—Birney Holberg.
- Commissioner's Elk Tag: Commissioner Healy awarded EYTU with Elk Tag. Only chapters to get elk tags: EYTU & Cheyenne (Curt Gowdy Chapter). The decision to set up an EYTU eBay account to sell tag was tabled until next month for further research. Craig Sax reminds of the need to sell tag in a timely manner.
- Electro-Shocking Class: Jason will give a refresher class in early October. This is not a certification class.

- TU Fly Rods for Youth Activities—Rich requested some from TU National. With so many chapters requesting them, TU National decided to send them to state councils and they will coordinate with chapters for their use in education programs.
- **Fund Request:** AIS Brochure Distribution Racks--Ray Zubik: Snake River Fund and Patagonia produced these brochures for The Greater Yellowstone Area Aquatic Invasive Species Cooperative. EYTU is being asked for \$310 to provide 25 holders for brochures. Holders to be placed around Cody and nearby areas. Bob Capron moved to fund the request for \$310; Merle Nielsen seconded; motion carried, **funds approved**
 - Jason suggested that TU chapters should write a letter to state legislators to indicate their support for controlling the AIS in our state. Dave: state council is also drafting a letter of support. Rich will work on putting one together for EYTU with assistance from Craig Sax of Game & Fish; Dave Sweet; and others.
- **Fund Request:** Stargate Students' Signage Project—Mary McKinney (presented by Rich Hostetler) Due to length of document, Rich emailed to members prior to meeting. Request is for EYTU to sponsor a sign. Details: Sign would describe vegetation areas along waterways restored by students after removal of non-native plant species; size: (36"X24"); cost: \$800-\$900. Short discussion followed. Dave Sweet recommends request be deferred to the Board of Directors for decision. **Matter referred to Board.**
- Fly-tying workshops at the library: Trial run in new location: Grizzly Room in Park County Library. First one scheduled Thursday, March 4, at 5:30-7:30 pm. No charge for the use of this room, however set-up and take down of chairs and tables, and clean up of room, is our responsibility. More details at next meeting.
- Monofilament Recycling & Recovery Program: Rich Hostetler presented a system for collecting and recycling used monofilament fishing line. Special containers to be placed in various fishing access areas. Containers to be constructed by FFA students. Box containers to be placed in stores around town. Dave Sweet moved to proceed with this project; Duane Anderson seconded; motion passed.
- Cody Middle School Fishing Class: Maggie Kirkham teaches middle school PE. Goal of the curriculum is 'no child left inside', an effort to get kids outside. Part of that curriculum is a unit about fishing. She is requesting help with teaching fly-tying; assistance on fishing days. Unit begins again in April, May. Other unit topics: instruction on conservation, fish identification, proper techniques of catch-and-release and state fishing regulations. There is also a need for assistance with purchasing fishing licenses for older students. Dave Sweet recommends request be deferred to Board for discussion on how best EYTU might implement a plan to assist this program. **Matter referred to Board.**

Old Business:

- Liability issues: Rich Hostetler—According to Andy Snyder at TU National, we need to have all minors' parents sign waiver form before they participate in any work projects. Regarding very small children: if they are misbehaving, the project manager needs to advise parents of dangers and possibly suggest removing them from immediate work area. For adult participants: a reading of waiver prior to beginning of work is sufficient.

- Fish Salvage Permit: Jason said a commitment is needed from people certified to handle shockers. It is a good idea to obtain the permit as soon as possible, and may be obtained at any time—*do not wait until the last minute*.
- Conservation Chair Updates: Bob Capron—
 - Timber Creek: Grant was submitted for \$15,000 to cover materials for building fence. Pitchfork Ranch agreed to install fence and wants to assist in fencing up to state boundary.
 - Greybull Watershed Plan: finalized, waiting on final document.
 - J-Bar-9: fish screen is being manufactured and installation is planned for the fall.
- Wyoming Council Update: Dave Sweet—Council has tentative partnership agreement with TU National to hire a new WY coordinator but is not yet finalized. State Council would fund \$35,000 per year and TU National would fund \$40,000. State Council has not received any Commissioner's tags.
 - *Trout* magazine, winter issue: note article on pg. 64 about the Yellowstone Cutthroat by Dr. Behnke. EYTU was referenced as leading the effort to fund research.

Rich Hostetler moved to adjourn meeting; Bob Capron seconded.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Hostetler, Secretary

Next Meeting: February 11, 2010 - 6:00 p.m., at the Sunset House Restaurant,
1651 8th Street, Cody, WY 82414