



East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2010

Members & Guests Present: Rich Hostetler; Larry & Maxine Thomas; Dave Crowther; Don Crowther; Dave & Cathy Sweet; Birney Holberg; Jim & Diane Blakeslee; Mike Wenke; Bob & June Richard; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Lew & Ellie Wiser; Jason & Laura Burckhardt; Kel Thomas; Steve Yekel; Andy Waite; George Simmanton; Ray Zubik; Travis Duncan; Paul Arthur.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 6:30pm by President Rich Hostetler

Meeting Minutes: Dave Sweet moved to approve the February 2010 minutes, Bob Richard seconded. Minutes approved. March minutes taken by Rich Hostetler substituting for Bobbie who missed meeting due to illness.

Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas reported for February 2010. George Simmanton moved to approve report; Dave Sweet seconded; motion carried. Treasurer's Report for February approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Liability and volunteer age limits for work projects were discussed. George Simonton made the motion to form a committee that will research the liability issues and develop a policy that will be presented to the chapter for approval. Birney Holberg seconded – motion approved. Committee was formed as follows: George Simonton will chair the committee with the following members-- Birney Holberg, Bob Capron, Bob Richards, and Ellie Wiser.
- The casting clinic at the Recreation Center was discussed. Chris Nielsen volunteered to take the lead. She will meet with Doyle Stout and get more information so the chapter can then decide if the Rec. Center schedule and EYTU resources will be compatible for the chapter to assist.

New Business:

- The chapter has the opportunity to purchase AIS boot cleaning brushes for 75 cents each on a minimum order of 100. A motion was made by Dave Sweet to purchase 200 brushes and give them away to anglers as a reminder to prevent the spread of AIS. George Simonton seconded. Motion passed, **Funds Approved.**
- Fundraising: Birney Holberg advised the Ebay account has been set up for the sale of the Commissioner's Elk Tag. The tag will be offered on Ebay March 15. It was decided the opening bid would be set at \$4,000.00 with a reserve of \$8,000.00. There has already been interest expressed in purchasing the tag.
- Birney also advised the commemorative custom fly rod built by Dave Crowther was finished and tickets were available. Only 250 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be at the chapter picnic June 10.

- **Membership:** Chris Nielsen reported three new members joined the chapter. Two are from Cody and one from Gillette.

Wyoming Council Update: Dave Sweet—1) The State council is still looking into a full time Coordinator position. They are now looking into a contract position. 2) He also gave a brief update on “Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat” program. 3) The BBHC will host our May program. Bob Gresswell will talk about the research that has been conducted regarding the Lake Trout in Yellowstone Lake. The date will be May 20th. BBHC will handle the publicity.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.

Program: Steve Yekel presented a program on Aquatic Invasive Species and the new bills that were recently passed by the Wyoming Legislators regarding AIS

Reminder: Shoshone River clean up will be Saturday, March 20th. Meet at the Belfry Bridge access at 8:00 AM. Be sure to bring your waders if you have them.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich Hostetler, Acting Secretary