

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – May 14th, 2009


Members & Guests Present: Pat Shellady, Steve Yekel, Bob Capron, Larry Thomas, Maxine Thomas, Bob & June Richard, Diane Blakeslee, George Simonton, Birney Holberg, Duane Anderson, Merle & Chris Nielsen, Mike Wenke, Bob Kuper, Lew & Ellie Wiser, Rich Hostetler, Gregg Bierei

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

Meeting Minutes: With no additions or corrections to minutes, George Simonton moved to approve, Birney Holberg seconded. Motion approved.


Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas reported one elk tag remains to be sold. Additional grant monies of \$2,000.00 have been received for Embrace a Stream. Game & Fish have been paid for the 2008 creel survey. Bob Capron moved to approve the treasurers report, Birney Holberg seconded. Motion carried.


New Business:


 New hats have been received at a cost of \$11.00 each, suggested sell price was discussed. George Simonton moved to sell at \$15.00 each seconded by Larry Thomas. Motion approved.


 Bob Capron suggested donating a hat to Nellie Williams. Birney Holberg moved to do so, George Simonton seconded the motion. Motion approved.


Project Updates


 **Paul Stock Trail:** Workday will be Saturday, May 30th. Meet at the Belfry Bridge at 8 a.m. Be prepared with hats, gloves, sun screen, water and tools. Due to problems with completion, the metal Paul Stock stairway is no longer an option. All entities involved are meeting to resolve that issue. **Addendum:** Meeting at PS Trail end of Spruce Drive, 8am, Chapter to provide beverages and lunch.

 **STYC:** Pat reported additional funds of \$100.00 have been received for the project. The fish biologists have requested a laptop computer for presentations. Members discussed computer needs and payment method. Under advisement.

 **WY State TU Council:** Will meet Saturday, May 16th, in Lander. Bob Capron, Rich Hostetler, Pat Shellady and Dave Sweet will attend. They will tour fish screens Tory Coxe has installed and report.

 **EYTU Liaison/Assistant appointment:** Pat Shellady has approached Chris Nielsen to assist him in regard to monitoring TU National emails and assist on related projects, she has agreed.

 **EYTU Picnic:** Will be held on our regular meeting day, Thursday, June 11th, at Newton Lake. Chapter provides chicken and drinks. Members are to bring a potluck dish, table service and chairs or other seating arrangements. Secretary will send email reminder.

 **Trout Creek Drum Installation:** Lew Stahl would like to attend the drum installation and have pictures taken. Ranch manager Joel would like help to maintain the drum this year. Pat will organize and assist volunteers, Dave Sweet who stores the drum, Jim Blakeslee and Larry Thomas. Drum maintenance will be discussed during installation.

-  **Ladies Fly Fishing Class:** Pat wanted to know what is happening in this regard. He was advised there had been discussion regarding possibly changing the type of class to be given in the future. No decision had been made. This item has been tabled for the time being.
-  **Commissioner's Elk Tag:** Pat went to Thermopolis and met Mr. Healey, our new Commissioner. Our Chapter was thanked for our efforts on the Wakely Access Site in Thermopolis. The Commissioner will receive 6 tags this fall, EYTU will then apply for another elk tag. Discussed was the coordinated sale of tags just completed and whether or not we should proceed independently as we have in past years. George Simonton moved EYTU apply for an Elk Tag this fall on our own, as an independent TU Chapter, Merle Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion approved. Pat Shellady will send a letter to Wyoming Council advising them of this decision.
-  **Chapter Commitments:** Pat has received contacts from groups that seem to feel TU has committed to their project because TU members are working with them. ***Members are therefore requested***, when attending other group meetings, not to commit to or suggest TU involvement without Chapter consideration.
-  **Project Criteria/Committee/Leader Formation:** Pat suggested, when considering a new project, strongly consider our mission statement. When a project is accepted, assign a leader and list the volunteers. If leadership participation and/or completion of a project costs 'out of pocket' volunteer funds, consideration should be given to reimbursement or assistance toward costs. Members put forth suggestions and will work with the Board on these issues.
-  **Pleasure Fishing Outing:** Pat suggested a fishing outing without a project involved. Met with approval, Pat will pursue and advise members. Beer may be provided.
-  **Shoshone Nat'l Forest Update:** Ray Zubik reported Wyoming has 308 lakes and over 2,000 miles of cold water habitat included in the Nat'l Forest lands. Dead Indian Creek is an ongoing project with WG&F.
-  **Kids Fish Day:** Ray Zubik reported it will be held June 6th beginning 8:30 at Beck Lake Park in conjunction with Free Fish Day (no license required). EYTU annually donates funds and volunteers to this effort. To volunteer, contact Ray, rzubik@fs.fed.us or call Pat Shellady. Lew Wisner suggested honorary membership be awarded some of the young participants. Information was requested for consideration, the TU Youth website was emailed to Board members.
-  **Nat'l Forest/Public Lands Committee:** Bob Capron went to Lander as our Chapter representative and gave a fishing clinic. Bob reported a 15 member committee titled "Secure Rural School Act Resource Advisor Committee" is being formed to coordinate and prioritize projects in Park & Fremont Counties. Bob will apply and, if chosen, will represent TU. It was unanimously agreed Bob is well suited and should be supported. George Simonton moved as a Chapter, we take every action we can to assist Bob be appointed to this Advisory Committee, Birney Holberg seconded. Motion approved.
-  **Trout Creek Diversion:** Steve Yekel reported on Trout Creek. There are 4 diversions with screens and a self contained unit in the works.
-  **Beaver Creek:** Steve Yekel reported there is a workday scheduled Thursday, July 30th transporting cutthroats from So. Beaver to No. Beaver Creek in order to expand their range. Transport probably by horseback or backpack. George Simonton moved to accept participation on this project, Birney Holberg seconded. Motion approved. Bob Capron agreed to be TU leader, contact Bob for information.
-  **Buckskin/Ed Creek:** Steve Yekel reported the creek is ready for a second poison treatment and WG&F could use volunteers. A workday was set for August 11 and 12th. Merle Nielsen moved to make this a working campout, seconded by Duane Anderson. Motion approved.



North Tongue River (Bighorns): A workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th, to work on the river bank. 4 or 5 volunteers should make this a one (1) day project. Habitat biologists decided forbs and willows could be planted to reintroduce natural vegetation. Cattle will be off the balance of the year but not withheld thereafter.

Other Business:



Birney Holberg attended a recent FFA meeting where EYTU was awarded Honorary Membership in the Cody FFA Chapter for support and participation extended. A plaque relating to the EYTU Honorary Membership was also presented.

Merle Nielsen moved to adjourn seconded by Mike Wenke

Next Gathering: Chapter Picnic, June 11th at Newton Lake, 6 p.m.