

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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April 9th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Birney Holberg, Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Bob & Judy Capron, Bob Richard, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Tom Reed, Laura Logan, George Simonton, Tom Anderson, Duane Feick, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Jason Burckhardt, Randy & Donna Moore, Shawn Anderson, Jane & Gregg Bierei, Dave Sweet, Brad & Stacy Dunkle, David Cunningham, Rachel DeShong, Dave Besnick, Hank Hawk, Mark Vondersaar

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Birney Holberg followed by introductions by those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of March 2015 Meeting: --Minutes approved, with an amendment to correct an error regarding the Beast Feast and the Cody Outdoor Show – minutes incorrectly indicated that a \$225 booth cost was associated with the Beast Feast when it was actually related to the Outdoor Show (thanks Elaine for the correction!).

Treasurers Report: Larry gave Treasurer's report and it was approved. March 1st balance was \$65,286.95; Income was \$835.37 (\$742.37/interest + \$93.00/raffle); Expenses were \$74.00 (postal box rental); and April 1st balance was \$66,048.32.

Old Business:

- (a) River clean up March 21st – good turnout; film fest and chili feed were good.
- (b) Inflatable drift boat raffle idea – on hold for now; was discussed at recent EYTU Board Meeting – concern is that we may not be able to sell enough tickets.
- (c) Monster Lake Raffle – George obtained a certificate for 1 free fishing day. George will write a letter of thanks. It was decided to raffle the certificate with tickets going for \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and a maximum of 150 tickets available for sale. Birney will get tickets made up and make them available. Drawing will be at May TU meeting.
- (d) Beast Feast – recruited 5 new members – thanks to Bill and Elaine for manning the TU booth.

Committee Updates

Conservation – Bob Capron:

- (a) Discussion of possible projects on the lower Shoshone have started with new Game & Fish aquatic species specialist Laura Burckhardt.
- (b) Rotating drum fish screen has been re-installed at Trout Creek (removed in Fall).
- (c) A Release Form prepared by George Simonton has been submitted for fish rescue in the Sidon Irrigation Canal (near Park/Bighorn County line); Bob offered to take those interested out to see the canal.

Fundraising Committee - George Simonton & Laura Logan:

- (a) see comments above regarding Monster Lake Raffle.
- (b) Lorna Anderson showed samples of fly boxes crafted by Stonefly Studios; wood, custom-engraved; studio has offered to provide at a reduced price for us to sell, with a \$44 per box profit for EYTU. Lorna will put on EYTU web site and will also be on the Wyoming TU site. The fly boxes will also be available at Rocky Mtn Discount Sports.

Web Site Coordinator – Lorna Anderson: No web site updates; see comment above regarding the Stonefly Studios fly boxes.

Membership: See comments regarding the Beast Feast under Old Business.

Virtual Fly Box: Contact Duane if you are interested in sharing a fly pattern on our website.

Wyoming Council: No updates provided at this meeting.

New Business:

- (a) State TU meeting in Casper April 17, 18, & 19; Birney and Dave Sweet will be attending.
- (b) TU Meeting in Jackson, May 2nd; there is going to be a drawing for fishing trips; 4 winners, 2 trips per winner; \$25/ticket, 5 for \$100.
- (c) Fly Casting Clinic – Saturday, May 30th – we need volunteers for table and casting
- (d) Sportsmen Expo May 1st and 2nd; the goal was to get 8-10 volunteers for fly-tying booth; sign-up sheet circulated by Bill and Elaine; extra fly-tying materials and equipment were requested. A motion was made and approved for EYTU to contribute \$50 for materials.
- (e) The Willet Creek crossing in the Bighorn Forest is scheduled for completion this summer.
- (f) Meeteetse H.S. was not in the top 5 in the Samsung.com/solve voting but was in the top 15. The top 5 schools were eligible for a trip to Washington DC.
- (g) Applications are still open for the TU Teen Summit at the Western Carolina University, June 28th through July 2nd. Apply at www.tu.org/teensummit. Get word out to teenagers interested in TU.
- (h) The Billings TU chapter raised \$1195 by raffling a mounted Cutthroat. The Billings chapter will match. Author Dick Crysdale (“Yellowstone Cutthroat and Me”) donated \$1000. Proceeds go to the Yellowstone Cutthroat Project.
- (i) If anyone has things they want to contribute to our monthly Chapter Meeting Raffles, get them to George or Birney.

Meeting Was Adjourned

Program: David Cunningham and Rachel DeShong from the Meeteetse Museum gave a presentation on the history of Kirwin, discussing mining, guest ranches, etc.

Dave Sweet will provide a Yellowstone Lake project update at our May 14th Meeting.

M. Vondersaar

Current non officer board members

2013 per Dec. 2012 mins

Duane Anderson
Bob Capron
Frank Bird
Doc Moore

2014 per Dec 2013 mins

Gregg Bierr
Birney Holberg
Jason Burckhardt
Andy Whiteman

2015 per December 11, 2014 minutes

Dave Sweet
Tommy Thompson
Duane Feick
George Simonton