

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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April 13th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location & Time: Sunset House Restaurant, Cody, WY; 6:30p.m.

In Attendance

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Bob & Judy Capron, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Mark Vondersaar, Tom Reed, George Simonton, Dave & Cathy Sweet, Tom Anderson, Birney Holberg, Ross Gorman, Donna & Randy Moore, Andy Whiteman, Dave & Jan Bensink, Elaine & Steve Haberland, Steve Yekel, Duane Feick, Linda Trask, Val Walsh Haynes, Kim Jacobs.

Program: Casting For Recovery

- Mission: enhancement of the quality of life of female cancer patients through peer support, education, and fly fishing
- Started by a surgeon
- 21st year; 7th in Wyoming; now in 42 states
- 70% of female cancer patients have never been to a support group (92% in WY)
- Casting for Recovery retreats in WY take place at the Absaroka Ranch near Dubois
 - 40-50 women apply every summer; 14 are randomly chosen per trip (the 14 person limit is by design to optimize the experience)
 - Participants do not pay; cost per participant is \$1000
- Val Walsh Haynes and Kim Jacobs discussed their experiences and involvement with Casting for Recovery; Elaine & Steve Haberland, who are also associated with the program, were in attendance.
 - Kim Jacobs is a breast cancer survivor and now cancer-free; she was a past participant and now plans to return as a volunteer; she describes the retreat as a “life changing experience”.

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

Approval of Minutes of March, 2017 Meeting: a motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Dave Crowther presented his Report for March 2017 transactions. There was \$1504 in income, which included \$500 from the Park County Travel Council to assist with Bob Jacklin expenses, \$157 from raffle proceeds, and \$779 from the WY Commission Foundation. There were expenses totaling \$2164, which included \$654 in Educational Outreach Committee spending, \$1212 for 100 TU hats, plus other miscellaneous expenditures. The total EYTU balance was reduced by \$659 to \$78521. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Updates

Conservation – Bob Capron

- 3 weeks ago the North Fork fish screen was inspected and worked on at the fish outlet
 - Additional work is being postponed until the Fall
 - Volunteers are needed for Saturday April 16th to remove willows that promote trash accumulation around the screen
 - Meet at 10am at Rocky Mountain Discount Sports

Fundraising Committee - George Simonton & Birney Holberg:

- G&F Commissioner Elk Tag Update
 - New Commissioner (Dube) has agreed to give a tag to TU

- We will share with the Little Bighorn TU chapter and partner with them on the sale of the tag and on various stream restoration projects
- Formal bidding on the tag has not started
 - A phone auction will run until May 5th with a minimum bid of \$11,000.

Web Site Coordinator – Lorna Anderson: see Lorna's Facebook posts – she welcomes feedback.

Wyoming TU Council – Dave Sweet

- Some TU chapters were not represented at the March 31st-April 2nd WY Council meeting in Lander due to heavy snow.
 - 27 people attended representing 11 chapters
 - Good networking opportunity with several topics discussed including conservation efforts and fundraising, and the meeting included a field trip to the Popo Agie River.
- Raffle tickets for the 6-pack fly rod package (\$7000 value) are still available
 - \$100 per ticket – see Dave Sweet
 - Raffle is tentatively scheduled for June 1st

Unfinished Business: nothing in this category this meeting

New Business:

- Mark Fowden, Chief of Fisheries, WY Game & Fish; retired 1/3/17
 - Shortly after retiring was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; passed away not long after diagnosis
 - Friend and supporter of TU
 - The Fowden family has, working with TU, established a memorial fund to support projects in Mark's name
 - Fund will be managed by the WY TU Council
 - A motion was made for EYTU to make a contribution to the Mark Fowden Memorial Fund
 - Discussion: how much?
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to contribute \$500
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to contribute \$1000 to Casting for Recovery
- Tom Reed received an email from TU regarding the Pebble Mine in Bristol, Alaska, asking TU chapters to sign on to a letter opposing gold mining activity at this site
 - Activity at the Pebble Mine had been stopped but now that the Trump EPA is reviewing previous EPA decisions and rule-making, there is a possibility mining could be green-lighted
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved for EYTU to sign on to the opposition letter

Other Discussion:

- Earth Day – April 22nd at Buffalo Bill Center of the West, 1-4pm
 - EYTU participation: seed packets with EYTU logo, Origami fish catch & release exhibit for kids, new TU member recruitment
- EYTU fundraising brochure
 - Includes EYTU mission statement, education efforts, and past, present, and future projects
 - A letter that George Simonton and Tom Reed crafted will go out with the brochure to a select list of potential donors (draft letter was passed around for review – a final draft is expected in next couple of weeks)
 - Dave Sweet suggested that the brochure be shared with TU National
- Update on the May Bob Jacklin events
 - Tom needs help in getting event posters distributed
 - Several have already been posted in Cody and Powell
 - George will post some in Red Lodge
 - Dave will post one in Greybull
 - A press release regarding the events will be sent to local papers and radio stations
 - Event Schedule

- Fly casting clinic, Friday, May 12th, 2-4pm, Cody Rec Center; \$15/person (\$10/rec center members)
- History of Fly Fishing presentation, Friday, May 12th, 7pm, Buffalo Bill Center of the West
- Fly tying demonstration, Saturday, May 13th, 9am-12pm, Cody Rec Center
- **NOTE:** there will also be a regular chapter meeting on Thursday, May 11th
 - See Tom Reed's May 7th email regarding location (Best Western Ivy)
- Summer 2017 conservation projects volunteer opportunities – see sign-up sheet – please include contact information
- Annual EYTU picnic
 - Jason will coordinate
 - Where, when; coupled with a tour?
 - West Newton? Monster Lake? Horse Creek Picnic Area?
 - Tom will email members and ask for input
 - Tentative date: 2nd Thursday in July
- No EYTU chapter meeting in June
- Kids Fishing Derby
 - Usually first Saturday in June; Bill T will provide more info at May meeting
 - Organized by the Optimist Club with volunteer support by EYTU
- LL Bean fly rod giveaway – Tom Reed has made application for EYTU to receive a fly rod
- The March 18th clean-up project below Willwood Dam was a success with 75 volunteers participating, demonstrating what the Shoshone River means to our community.
- Reminder: members are encouraged to use Amazon Smile for Amazon purchases.

Adjourn Meeting: a motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Raffle

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2017