

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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December 8th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Birney & Sally Holberg, Bob & Judy Capron, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Randy & Donna Moore, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Alicia Viskoe, Tom Anderson, Jason, Laura, Madison, & Joshua Burckhardt, Mark & Charlotte Vondersaar, Gregg & Jane Bierei, Bob Vossellor, Linda Trask, Tom Reed, Duane Feick, Mike Arnold, Bobby Rock, Tim Wade, Lew & Ellie Wisner, Jim Blakeslees, Felix Blakeslee, George Simonton, Dave Bensink, Alan & Helen Rosenbaum, Tanner Rosenbaum.

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

Approval of Minutes of November, 2016 Meeting: -- a motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurers Report: no report was available for review during the meeting.

Committee Updates

Conservation – Bob Capron

- Thank you letters were sent out to irrigation districts and certain individuals in appreciation for their assistance during the fish rescue project
- Randy Moore's and Bob's involvement in the Corbett Dam river access trail project were recognized.

Fundraising Committee - George Simonton & Birney Holberg:

- Several items have been donated by local businesses for tonight's silent auction

Web Site Coordinator – Lorna Anderson: no update this meeting

Wyoming TU Council – Dave Sweet – no update presented during meeting; Dave and Cathy were unable to attend tonight's meeting because they were celebrating their grandbaby's recent birth

Old Business:

- Game & Fish Commissioner David Rael has not yet decided if EYTU will receive a Commissioner's License in 2017, but EYTU is still being considered
- Saturday, December 10th, Project Healing Waters is having a luncheon for local veterans.
 - 3pm to 7pm, Cody Elks Lodge, 1202 Beck Avenue
 - See November Meeting Minutes for more info.
 - Dave Crowther reviewed EYTU members who volunteered to assist with serving.
 - EYTU spent around \$80 on food for this event.

New Business:

- Members voted for the following EYTU 2017 Officers; all were approved:
 - President – Tom Reed
 - Vice President – Jason Burckhardt
 - Treasurer – Dave Crowther
 - Secretary – Mark Vondersaar
 - Fundraising – co-chairs, George Simonton and Birney Holberg
- 2017 EYTU Board Of Directors
 - Terms for Bob Capron, Greg Bierei, Birney Holberg, and Andy Whiteman end on December 31st
 - Bob, Greg, and Birney agreed to stay on Board; Andy not present
 - Bobby Rock agreed to serve on Board
 - Members voted and approved Board membership of Bob, Greg, Birney, and Bobby

Other Business:

- Tanner Rosenbaum was recognized for his active involvement in our Fish Rescue Project

- In appreciation of Tanner's hard work the chapter presented him with a set of Orvis waders
- The filling of the pond behind Willwood Dam was discussed, with Jason Burckhardt providing members with an update
 - The pond has been filled, without first removing silt built up behind the dam
 - Water flowing from the dam is now clear
 - Data on fish population estimates below the dam are being collected and will be compared to previous data
 - Laura Burckhardt is involved in a study of sedimentation rates downstream of the dam and will participate in developing a plan for establishing flushing flow rates
 - The Willwood Irrigation District is paying for part of the study
 - Study results will go to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 - Dr. Brandon McElroy, U of W Assistant Professor (see April, 2016 meeting minutes, Program), will also be involved in the study
 - Longterm goals
 - Sediment management plan
 - Removal of sediment behind dam
 - Sediment input to the Shoshone; impact of irrigation practices
 - Determine if the Shoshone should be listed as "Impaired for Sediments"
- A letter drafted by Dave Crowther, "EYTU Public Lands Position Statement", to be sent to elected officials, was emailed to members prior to tonight's meeting
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the letter as written

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

Program: 2016 EYTU Christmas Party, Silent Auction, and Gift Exchange

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 12, 2017, Sunset House