

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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February 12th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Birney Holberg, Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Bob & Judy Capron, Jim & Diane Blakeslee, Ray Zubik, Bob Richard, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Andy Whiteman, Tom Reed, Linda Trask, Laura Logan, George Simonton, Craig Amadio, Tom Anderson, Lew Wiser, Alan Rosenbau, Tanner Rosenbau, Duane Feick, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Steve Yekel, Jason Burckhardt, Randy & Donna Moore, Shawn Anderson, Jane & Gregg Bierei, Tommy Thompson, 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 January 2015 Meeting: --Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Larry gave Treasurer's report and it was approved. January 1st balance was \$56,360.13; income was \$18.50 in interest and \$9500 from elk tag sale; there were no January expenses; February 1st balance was \$65,878.63.

Old Business:

- (a) River clean up March 21st (with 28th as fall back); At River Fest TU will host the National Paddling Film Fest following the clean-up; 3:00-6:30pm at Ctr of the West, with a 3:00-4:30pm chili feed
- (b) North Fork canal improvements. Tommy reported that all of the work is complete except for a solar panel installation; due to movement of rocks, Tommy asked for volunteers to check on the fish screen and debris deflector during the summer – let Tommy know if you're interested.
- (c) Inflatable drift boat raffle idea – Dave Crowther reviewed his research – NRS Freestone Drifter lists at around \$5500; EYTU can get it for \$4121; sale of tickets was discussed; it was mentioned that the Evanston TU struggled to sell enough tickets for a similar initiative; we may want to promote through local vendors eg Tim Wade's shop; members will have to sell the tickets; matter was tabled for next meeting.
- (d) EYTU Open House idea – Birney found out that the fishing movie rental would be \$900; is this something we can partner with River Fest on?

Committee Updates

Conservation: nothing new to report

Fundraising Committee:

- (a) Laura Logan and George Simonton are putting together a letter to send out to potential contributors interested in fisheries management; letter will list TU accomplishments and future project plans

Web Master: no new updates reported

Membership: See comments below under new business and "Beast Feast"

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

Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat: No new updates reported.

New Business:

- (a) The State TU Meeting is in Casper April 17th, 18th, & 19th; Birney and Dave Crowther will attend.
- (b) The annual "Beast Feast" is coming up at the Cody Bible Church; Birney will find out when; if we want to set up a table, we will need volunteers; *this is an opportunity to recruit new TU members.*
- (c) State TU is soliciting member input to legislators regarding House Bill 209 and the transfer of federal lands to Wyoming. Elaine commented that there is a hotline set up and that several sportsman groups are opposed. It was also mentioned that the bill had already passed and was sent to committee where it is expected to sit indefinitely.

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- (d) The Elk Tag sold on e-bay to Marty Mononi for \$9500 in January.
- (e) Birney mentioned the TU request to Simms for waders for G&F Tara's family program, and thanked Duane for his letters to Simms, Redington, and Orvis.
- (f) Three door prizes were raffled.

Meeting Was Adjourned

Program:

Jason Burckhardt gave a very informative presentation on the Yellowstone Cutthroat Restoration Project that utilizes the piscicide Rotenone to remove competitive fish populations in specific Cutthroat habitats.



Submitted 03/05/15

M. Vondersaar

***Next Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 6 pm, at the Sunset House;
Program – “Forever Wild Families”***

Current non officer board members

2013 per Dec. 2012 mins

Duane Anderson

Bob Capron

Frank Bird

Doc Moore

2014 per Dec 2013 mins

Gregg Bierri

Birney Holberg

Jason Burckhardt

Andy Whiteman

2015 per December 11, 2014 minutes

Dave Sweet

Tommy Thompson

Duane Feick

George Simonton