

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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March 12th, 2015 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Birney & Sally Holberg, Dave Crowther, Bob & Judy Capron, Bob Richard, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Andy Whiteman, Tom Reed, Linda Trask, Laura Logan, George Simonton, Craig & Beryl Sax, Tom Anderson, Lew & Ellie Wiser, Tanner Rosenbau, Duane Feick, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Steve Yekel, Jason Burckhardt, Tommy Thompson, Tara Hodges, Dave & Cathy Sweet, Dave & Jan Bensink, Mark & Charlotte Vondersaar

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

Approval of Minutes of February 2015 Meeting: --Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Larry gave Treasurer's report and it was approved. February 1st balance was \$65,878.63; February income was \$386.47 (\$18.40 in interest, \$273.00 from raffle, and \$95 from E-bay); expenses were \$978.15 (\$210 to Cody Enterprise, \$750.00 related to E-Bay elk tag, and deposit correction of \$18.15); our March 1st balance was \$65,286.95.

Old Business:

- (a) River clean up scheduled for March 21st. TU partnering with Nature Conservancy, and is part of Riverfest. Film festival and chili feed follows Riverfest; other partners: Game & Fish, Chamber, Museum.
- (b) Regarding possibility of purchasing an inflatable drift boat to raffle, it was decided to table matter for now and discuss at next EYTU Board Meeting.

Committee Updates

Conservation: nothing new to report at this time – Bob Capron is doing some research on some project ideas he has.

Fundraising Committee: Laura Logan and George Simonton are putting together a letter to send out to potential contributors interested in fisheries management; letter will incorporate info from Bob regarding EYTU accomplishments and projects.

Web Master: no new updates reported

Membership: EYTU will set up booth at "Beast Feast; Bill & Elaine plan to attend; if educational program, eg knott tying or casting lesson, is provided, \$225 boot cost can be waived; was agreed to give TU hats to people signing up as new members.

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

Wyoming Council and Yellowstone Lake updates - Dave Sweet:

- (a) Regional TU meeting in Jackson May 1st, 2nd, & 3rd; all Rocky Mtn states represented
- (b) Wyoming TU council meeting is Casper April 17th, 18th, and 19th; Birney is attending.
- (c) Yellowstone Lake update; Dave showed video produced by Judy Lehmburg; video is on TU website; discussed Yellowstone Cutthroat predation, primarily by Lake Trout;
- (d) Dave will give Cutthroat update at May EYTU meeting

New Business:

- (a) Meeteetse students working with Tommy Thompson and TU on Cutthroat restoration project; people can vote at Samsung.com/solve until March 25th; over 2100 votes so far; 5 schools that get most votes can win trip to Washington DC and national prize of \$120,000
- (b) Applications are open for the TU Teen Summit at Western Carolina University, June 28th to July 2nd, 2015; can apply at: www.tu.org/teensummit
- (c) A motion was made, seconded, and approved for the EYTU chapter to take a position against the Cynthia Loomis bill allowing boating on Yellowstone Park rivers; it was decided that a letter would be discussed further at the next EYTU Board Meeting, which Birney will schedule.

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- (d) Andy suggested that we look into having a TU Day at Monster Lake, and possibly having annual picnic there. George will check with Monster Lake contacts he has regarding feasibility. Craig suggested looking into having a raffle for a day at Monster Lake; can use as a membership recruiting strategy by requiring TU membership as raffle eligibility.
- (e) Jason mentioned the upcoming National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet. See Jason or banquet coordinator Greg Maton for tickets.
- (f) Three door prizes were raffled.

Meeting Was Adjourned

Program:

- (a) Tara Hodges present slide show on the educational program "Forever Wild Families", a hunter/angler recruitment program for people with no prior experience;
- (b) Tara also mentioned that on May 13th Worland 5th Graders are having an Outdoor Day; Game & Fish needs volunteers to help with fly fishing and fly tying.
- (c) Bill and Elaine Tabacinski presented photos from the 2013 and 2014 Kids Fishing Days; lots of fun and learning! Next Fishing Day is June 6th; Bill and Elaine will discuss more at next meeting.



Submitted 04/08/15

M. Vondersaar

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9th, 6 pm, at the Sunset House;

Program – Dave Cunningham & students: Kirwin Watershed and Forest Service Project.

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