

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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March 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Birney Holberg, Laura Logan, Bob Capron, Tom Anderson, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Jason Burckhardt, Randy & Donna Moore, Lew & Ellie Wiser, Tom Reed, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Shawn Anderson, Ray Zubik, Alicia Viskoe, Andy Whiteman, Bobby Rock, Dave Sweet, Jerald Jech, Michael Ellingson, Duane Feick, John Fraser.

Call to Order: Regular Chapter Meeting at Sunset House was called to order by President Dave Crowther followed by introductions by those in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2016 Meeting: Minutes were sent out by email to members. Motion to approve was made by Birney Holberg, seconded and approved.

Treasurers Report:

Laura Logan presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved. Current net assets are about \$64,000; \$30,000 of that is restricted in the Newton Lakes Fund; unrestricted assets are about \$30,000. Motion to approve was made by Jason Burckhardt, seconded and approved.

Old Business:

The Commissioner's License is now listed on the WG&F website. Accepting email bids through the end of April. \$10,000 minimum & \$13,000 Buy it Now".

Committee Updates

- Conservation – Bob Capron
 1. Fish screen installed on TE Ranch waiting for solar panel. Takes off from Ishawooa creek.
 2. Date to look at Corbett dam needs to be set. Depends on Sam's schedule, and we will get in touch with Sam.
 3. Shoshone River landowner, Jim Duffy gave Bob Capron permission to clear a trail near Corbett dam area. Dave Sweet suggested we could look at it on River Clean up day.
 4. Bob Capron will guide a Tour of Fishing Access Points on South Fork for members on Thursday, March 17. Meet at Rocky Mountain Sports, 9:00 am. Bring your lunch & gear to fish on your way back. (8-10 access points)
 - Fund Raising - George Simonton & Birney Holberg. Fly shop donations for raffle tonight.
 - Website Coordinator - Lorna Anderson
 - Wyoming Council - Dave Sweet
- New Wyoming Coordinator Hired** – Ms. Lila Warren. Lila comes from West Virginia where she has been working as an Assistant District Fisheries Biologist for the West Virginia DNR for the past 2 ½ years. She has a BA in Environmental Science from the University of Virginia and a Master's of Science in Fisheries from Tennessee Technological University. She will start her new job the first of April and will be working out of Lander. Lila beat out over 20 strong applicants for the job. I will try to get her to Cody ASAP.
- April 1-2 – Western Regional TU meeting in Eugene, OR.** This is a meeting of TU volunteers and staff members from the entire western part of the nation. Typically over 200 attend. There are many work sessions and presentations on TU practices and policies as well as a chance to meet fellow TU'ers from all over the west. See Dave Sweet for details.
- April 27, 2016 Yellowstone National Park Fisheries Presentation** – 7:00 pm at The Ivy Hotel. Fisheries Biologists present current information on the status of fisheries in YNP.
- April 29-May1 – Wyoming State Council meeting in Cheyenne** – A great way to meet other TU members from chapters across the state and engage in discussions on all that is happening in Wyoming. You do not have to be an officer of the chapter to attend. We generally enjoy some local fishing and a workshop on a pertinent topic as well as discuss the business of WY TU.

May 14 – Annual Fundraising Banquet in Jackson. Called “Tie One On”, held jointly by WY TU and JHTU. An evening of good food, good drink, camaraderie, and incredible items available for bid. We could use volunteers to help and items for the fundraiser.

New Business:

Application has been submitted for 10 - 8 1/2' 6wt fly rod outfits to be donated by LL Bean to our chapter. We can potentially use them for FFA Canal Rescue appreciation gifts and Project Healing Waters.

Other Business

- Tom Reed, Project Healing Waters - March 19 Elks basement, informal volunteer orientation meeting, and 1:00 – 3:00 pm. March 26, Elks Lodge basement basic fly tying 1:00-3:00pm, for veterans and volunteers.
- Field trip to be schedule with Sam Hochhalter to visit Corbett Dam. Depends on Sam's schedule.
- Ideas for new conservation projects
 - Stream temperature monitoring with WY Council Kit. It was asked what the data will be used for. To be determined. There is a long term monitoring project now with USGS in the North Fork. Discussion about the monitoring of streams. Suggestions included: 1) Make it available to an educational institution for use by someone earning an advanced degree. 2) Donate data for temperature modeling. 3) Use for monitoring spawning tributaries of Yellowstone Lake.
- Ideas for fund raising. Banquet, you must get the public to come. Input from those present about what makes a good fundraiser. A social event. Film festival - cost\$1500, they charge \$15 and sell beer. Hoping for \$3-4 thousand. Rocks Ride for Kids - gather trips around the region, motor cycle trips, 2 days trips, offer different guided fly fishing trips, have a dinner and fishing prizes. When you register for the ride you get a ticket and you can buy extra raffle tickets. Sell deck of cards for each raffle item. When all 52 cards were sold the raffle was drawn and another deck was started. You have to make a case with your cause. The cause needs to be identified. It can be a chili feed. Give people “value” in a prize or item. One member volunteered to take people on a fishing trip. Must determine the best time to do it. Fall event is good or February is good. Contact River Fest to find out if they are doing the Film Fest this summer. This topic was tabled for next meeting.
- Update of field trip with Montana State University students about potential reclamation of the old American Colloid Bentonite mine site off Diamond Basin Road on BLM land. Two students will be working on this project for two more years.
- River Cleanup - April 2nd - unless poor weather causes 8:00 am Belfry bridge. Bring waders & lunch most done by noon. Contact Jason if you have a boat and wish to float. Alternate day April 9th
- Yellowstone Lake, Lake Trout implant expedition, June 13-17
 - To date, how many boats do we have? Two from Xanterra for 2 days each and 2 personal boats for 5 days each.
 - If you know anyone with a boat, please see Dave Sweet or Dave Crowther
- Bill Tabacinski was contacted by the Optimist Club about our commitment in Kids Fishing Day June 4. Yes group is interested. Commitment made.

Meeting Was Adjourned

- **Program:** Project Healing Waters video
- Lake Trout transmitter surgery video
- Beaver - Back to the Future (if time allows)
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Next Meeting: Thursday, April 14th at the Sunset House.

L. Anderson, Substitute Secretary