

## East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

#### **In Attendance**

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Bob & Judy Capron, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Alicia Viskoe, Madison Burckhardt, Mark Vondersaar, Tom Reed, George Simonton, Amanda Wilson, Dave & Cathy Sweet, Tom Anderson, Birney Holberg, Bobby Rock, Tim Wade, Larry Smith, John Fraser, Ross Gorman, Donna & Randy Moore, Jim & Diane Blakeslee, Lew & Ellie Wisner, Jed Smith, Kathy Crofts

**Opening Remarks:** Tom Reed announced that this month's presentation would be at the beginning of the meeting.

**Program:** Tim Wade, Fly Fishing Entomology 101, AKA: What Trout Like To Eat

- Using a Powerpoint presentation, Tim focused on aquatic insects that trout eat, with a brief mention of worms and leeches (annelids), and sowbugs (crustaceans). Some presentation highlights:
- 4 steps of "matching the hatch": understand, identify, match, present
- Matching involves recognizing the size, form, color, and action of the hatching insect
- Insects undergo metamorphosis during their life cycle, and, depending on the species, the metamorphosis can be 1 of 3 types: complete, incomplete, or none (i.e. insect remains in immature state throughout life cycle)
- Examples of common flies tied to match the hatch
  - Trout will see midges (order Diptera – flies) all year long
- Impact of water temperature on trout and insect hatches
- Value of keeping a hatch journal
- Recommended literature: Western Streamside Guide

**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 summarized his Report for period ended 2/28/17. Chapter total assets are \$79,180.81 with February income of \$7.11 and expenses of \$650.00 (\$150 for advertising and \$500 for Wyoming TU Council Support). A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the February Report.

#### **Committee Updates**

##### **Conservation – Bob Capron**

- Bob and Tom have assembled a 5-Year Project Planning Committee which has generated a list of projects that will need volunteers
  - ***See Tom's March 11<sup>th</sup> email which includes a table that summarizes the projects, when work will occur, and the number of volunteers needed***

##### **Fundraising Committee - George Simonton & Birney Holberg:**

- The brochure that is being developed for our chapter should be helpful in explaining what we do and help with fundraising efforts.

##### **Web Site Coordinator – Lorna Anderson:**

- EYTU web site and Facebook page are being maintained.

##### **Wyoming TU Council – Dave Sweet**

- WY Council raffle tickets for the 6-pack fly rod package are still available
- The Council Meeting will be in Lander the weekend of March 31-April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Dave Sweet and Jason Burckhardt will be attending

**Unfinished Business:** nothing in this category this meeting

**New Business:**

- Education Outreach Committee
  - New committee; members: Lorna Anderson, Bill & Elaine Tabacinski
  - Bill presented the Committee's Mission Statement and moved that the members accept the statement
    - There was no additional discussion nor recommended changes and the motion was seconded and approved.
  - The Committee proposed the following purchases of materials to have available at public outreach events such as Arbor Day, Earth Day, Riverfest, etc.
    - Membership application forms; 1000 each, \$480.00
    - Fish coasters (sample distributed) with EYTU logo added; 500 each, \$50.00
    - Wildflower seed packets with EYTU logo; 500 each, \$295.00
    - Stickers; 1400 each; \$74.99
    - Total price: \$899.99
    - Bill moved that the Committee proceed with the purchases
      - Discussion: reduce application number to 500
    - Amended motion: purchase 500 membership application forms plus the other recommended items
      - Motion was seconded and approved
  - EYTU Logo Option 1 and Option 2 were presented;
    - Motion made, seconded, and approved to go with Option 2.
- WY Game & Fish Commissioner Elk Tag Update
  - A new District 4 Commissioner, Peter Dube, was named in early March and has stated that EYTU will be considered for a tag
    - He plans to make a decision soon
    - The president of the Sheridan TU chapter, which is in District 4, has said that they may be willing to go in with our chapter in requesting a tag from Dube
      - They will decide at their next board meeting whether they will apply along with us
      - If we receive the tag jointly a motion was made, seconded, and approved at this meeting that the 2 chapters would sell the tag and split the proceeds.

**Other Discussion:**

- Shoshone River clean up below Willwood dam, Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Volunteers to meet below the dam at 8a.m.
  - This project is part of Working Group #1 and representatives of the task force members (DEQ, Irrigation District, etc.) will be on site helping
  - River flow will be reduced 48 hours prior to clean up to better expose trash and debris, and will be followed by a flushing flow on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to move sediment towards Yellowtail.
- Update on Bob Jacklin program Friday and Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Casting clinic on Friday afternoon, 2pm-4pm, at the Rec Center
    - EYTU members get first shot at signing up for clinic, then first-come-first-served
  - Friday evening program at Buffalo Bill Center of the West
  - Saturday – fly tying clinic
  - Tom Reed is working on posters and a press release
- Reminder: use Amazon Smile!

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

**Raffle**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 13, 2017, Sunset House; Project Healing Waters' Casting for Recovery will be discussed

