

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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May 11th, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Location & Time: The 8th Street At The Ivy Restaurant, Cody, WY; 6:30p.m.

In Attendance

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Bob & Judy Capron, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Mark Vondersaar, Tom Reed, Linda Trask, Dave & Cathy Sweet, Tom Anderson, Ross Gorman, Donna & Randy Moore, Andy Whiteman, Duane Feick, Gregg & Jane Bierei, Jim & Diane Blakeslee, Bob & Sharon Jacklin, Tim Wade, John Fraser, Bill & Vana Camp, Jason, Laura, Madison, & Joshua Burckhardt, Craig Sax, Tommy Thompson, Kathy Crofts, Robert Crooks, Dave McMillan, Bobby Rock, Amanda Wilson, Bob Vosselor, Mary McKinney.

Program:

- Meet and greet with Bob & Sharon Jacklin, before and after tonight's meeting
- Tom Reed presented an entertaining 3 minute video reminder of the TU mission, that is, to protect and preserve North American coldwater fisheries.

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

Approval of Minutes of April, 2017 Meeting: a motion was made, seconded, and approved, after a correction was noted: 8 of the 11 TU chapters attended the Wyoming TU Council meeting in Lander.

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: EYTU account balance is \$77,000; balance was reduced by \$1700 from EYTU contributions which included \$1000 for Casting For Recovery and \$500 to the Mark Fowden memorial fund. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Updates

Conservation – Bob Capron

- The North Fork fish screen was inspected; a plan for working on the screen was developed and is tentatively scheduled for late October; the oil company plans to contribute a welder so the repair cost should be around \$100.

Fundraising

- Development of the fundraising brochure, a list of potential donors, and an accompanying letter continue.

Web Site Coordinator – Lorna Anderson: see Lorna's Facebook posts – she welcomes feedback and appreciates support and assistance.

Wyoming TU Council – Dave Sweet

- The Green River and Evanston TU chapters have also contributed to the Mark Fowden Memorial Fund (\$1000 each)
- The Wyoming House Travel, Recreation, & Wildlife Committee met and one of the topics discussed was possible changes in the G&F Commissioners Licenses.

Education Committee – Elaine Tabacinski

- The Earth Day event went well
- A letter was received from Knights of Columbus Convention Co-Chairman Ken Stockwell thanking EYTU for the wildflower seed packets and literature provided them for inclusion in their gift bags.

Unfinished Business: nothing in this category this meeting

New Business:

- Mary McKinney of Park County Weed & Pest Control District discussed the PlayCleanGo ("stop invasive species") Campaign

- Developed in Minnesota
- Goal is to encourage people to get outdoors but increase awareness of and a sense of responsibility for invasive plant and animal species
- Currently have 400 partners; looking for more, eg. TU, to sign on and support the effort – no cost involved – as a partner we would lend our name to the cause
- They will be increasing boot-brush stations and signage
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved for EYTU to partner with the PlayCleanGo Campaign
- Robert Crooks, a TU member, spoke about illegal fish stocking, for example the release of Walleye into Buffalo Bill reservoir and Perch into Luce
 - The fine for illegal fish stocking used to be \$400 – many think that penalty was too small to discourage this activity
 - New legislation will result in fines up to \$10,000 and the possibility of 1 year in jail plus payment of the mitigation costs and a loss of fishing privileges
 - There is a need for more signage that effectively communicates the issue and potential consequences (that is, invasive species populations and legal consequences)
 - It was proposed that Cody Anglers and EYTU partner with G&F to install additional signs
 - Cost? Need sign wording approval from G&F and then get quotes from a sign company
 - This topic will be discussed at an EYTU Board Meeting after a cost estimate is received.
- New EYTU Chapter logo
 - Customized; not same as national TU logo
 - Tom Reed, Linda Trask, and the Northwest College graphic arts student who has been working on our fundraising brochure have come up with logo ideas
 - Tom presented logo options to group, one of which involved a Cutthroat trout and a geyser
 - Group suggestion: logo contest
 - Will need volunteers to coordinate
 - Amanda Wilson and Kathy Crofts volunteered
 - A proposal on how to proceed will be made to members at the next chapter meeting in September
- Annual EYTU Picnic – proposal:
 - Monster Lake, June 8th, 4-8pm
 - \$15 per person for food
 - In the Cutthroat Saloon
 - There will also be a cash bar
 - Free fishing (walk/wade, no boats) 5-8pm
 - Advanced sign-up and payment required
 - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have this year's picnic at Monster Lake
 - There were 2 votes in opposition, but the motion carried

Other Discussion:

- Volunteers are needed for Kids Fishing Day – organized by the Optimist Club
 - Saturday, June 3rd
 - Bill Tabacinski distributed a volunteer sign-up list
- G&F Commissioner License update
 - From new commissioner Dube
 - EYTU partnered with the Little Bighorn TU chapter
 - License was sold for \$11,000
 - Money will be used on G&F project in August involving 2 creeks in the Bighorn mountains
 - Project work will involve a Bighorns camp-out

- A volunteer is needed to update our mailing list – Mark V volunteered
- Remember: use Amazon Smile when purchasing from Amazon
- EYTU monthly chapter meetings
 - Now that Sunset House has closed, we need an alternative location
 - Continue to use the Ivy where we are meeting today, or find an alternative location?
 - Bobby Rock, Marketing & Sales Director for the Irma Hotel, suggested that we use the Irma
 - Could use the Governors Room
 - No additional costs other than food and drinks
 - We would have to change day of week since the Lions Club meets every Thursday
 - Motion: schedule next meeting for Tuesday, September 12th, at the Irma, on a trial basis
 - Motion was seconded and approved
- Video of Dave Sweet explaining how a fish screen works was shown; the video has been posted to the EYTU Facebook page and has already received many hits.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday (*not Thursday*), September 12th, at the Irma Hotel, Governors Room