

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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October 13th, 2016 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Birney Holberg, Bob & Judy Capron, Elaine & Bill Tabacinski, Randy & Donna Moore, Dave & Cathy Sweet, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Steve Yekel, Alicia Viskoe, Andy Whiteman, Tom Anderson, Jason, Madison, & Joshua Burckhardt, Art Schueneman, Erin Leonetti, Mark Vondersaar

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

Approval of Minutes of September, 2016 Meeting: -- a motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurers Report:

1. It was announced that Cathy Sweet has volunteered to finish out 2016 as the EYTU Chapter's Treasurer. A motion was made, seconded, and approved regarding this assignment. Thanks Cathy!
2. Cathy has reviewed bank statements for May through September, 2016 and prepared a Profit & Loss statement that she submitted to EYTU President and Secretary.
 - a. May-September net income: \$12,301.07
 - b. Total liabilities & equity as of September 30, 2016: \$78,823.77
3. Chapter members who have worked on TU projects during 2016, eg. Fish Rescue, Corbett Dam river access trail work, Yellowstone Lake expedition, should provide Cathy an estimate of hours spent on those projects if they haven't already.
4. An EYTU Chapter Officer who does not write checks on behalf of the Chapter needs to review bank statements on a monthly basis.
 - a. Dave Crowther proposed that the Chapter VP takes on this responsibility
 - b. Motion made, seconded, approved.

Committee Updates

Conservation – Bob Capron

1. This Fall's fish recovery project will begin on Wednesday, October 19th.
 - a. The Willwood and Garland canals are scheduled to shut down on October 14th, the North Fork ditch on the 15th, and the Cody canal on the 17th.
 - b. Volunteer crews will meet daily, starting the 19th, until the project is complete.
 - c. Volunteers should meet at Rocky Mountain Discount Sports parking lot at 8:00am
 - d. Dave Crowther has the necessary Chapter 33 permits.

Fundraising Committee - George Simonton & Birney Holberg:

1. Raffle tickets were sold at the start of the meeting; drawing occurred at end of meeting. Raffle ticket sales garnered \$70 in September (\$60 were used for 3 gift certificates for the October raffle), and \$75 at tonight's meeting.
2. Fundraising suggestions should be directed to Birney or George.
3. Dave Crowther sent a letter to G&F Commissioner David Rael listing how proceeds of our sale of the Commissioner's License are being used and making pitch for a 2017 License.

Web Site Coordinator – Lorna Anderson: No updates this meeting.

Wyoming TU Council – Dave Sweet

1. Receivers used to monitor Lake Trout that had transmitters inserted during the summer Yellowstone Lake expeditions are being pulled from arrays during the week of October 17th so that data collection and analysis can begin.

Old Business:

1. We will schedule the grinding of debris left from the Corbett Dam river access trail work when we can get volunteers lined up.

New Business:

1. The large fish screen on Trout Creek is in need of a new belt.
 - a. Guest speaker Erin Leonetti showed samples of worn segments of the belt, which, when assembled, form a screen that rotates around two shafts. The screen is stretched and openings will soon be large enough for young fish to get through.
 - b. The screen is currently operational. Management and maintenance of the screen will pass to Trout Creek Ranch in 2 years. It is recommended that the screen be rebuilt prior to transfer of responsibility.
 - c. Belt replacement cost is estimated at around \$7000.
 - d. Dave Crowther made the motion that EYTU should contribute \$3000 to this project. The motion was seconded and approved.
2. It is time to start thinking about EYTU Chapter Officers for 2017.
 - a. Dave Crowther has elected to not continue as President in 2017 but is willing to assume the role of Treasurer assuming that Cathy does not want to extend her role beyond 2016.
 - b. Please be prepared to nominate candidates during the November monthly meeting.
 - c. Voting will occur at the December 8th meeting (Christmas Party).

Other Business:

1. EYTU will be hosting the Wyoming Council 2016 Fall Conference
 - a. October 28th, 29th, & 30th
 - b. Meetings will be held at the Ivy in one of their conference rooms and will cover a wide variety of topics such as organizational issues and conservation work.
 - c. The conference is generally attended by chapter presidents and vice presidents, but all members of the host chapter are encouraged to attend the meetings and dinners.
 - ***If you plan to attend any of the scheduled meetings or dinners, please let Calvin Hazlewood know so that meals can be properly planned.***
chazlewood@tu.org
 - d. The Friday, October 28th, dinner will be at the Irma in the Governor's Room. Attendees will be responsible for the cost of their meals.
 - e. The Saturday, October 29th, dinner will be a buffet at the Sunset House in our regular meeting room, and the cost will be covered by the Wyoming TU Council.
2. Andy Whiteman recently returned from a Montana fishing trip on the Missouri River. He reported that free drift boat rental is available to veterans from Headhunter Fly Shop.

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

Program: Erin Leonetti, Fish Passage Biologist for the Wyoming Game & Fish Department

1. Erin presented a slideshow overview of the Fish Passage Program.
2. This is a statewide program that consists of 2 people, a Coordinator (Erin's boss) and Erin. They often get assistance from other Game & Fish teams.
3. They study the ability of aquatic wildlife to overcome obstacles to their passage.
4. There are over 15,000 road crossings and headgates in Wyoming that may need to be studied, so a ranking system has been developed to help with prioritization.
5. Erin reviewed some of the local and statewide projects her program is involved with.
 - Fish screen on the North Fork of the Shoshone
 - LaBarge Creek culvert replacement
 - Fish bypass at the WYCO Dam on the Encampment River
 - She showed photographs of several different types of fish screens. Fish screen standardization is difficult because each application is somewhat different (stream geometry, flow, etc.). Because of limited Fish Passage Program personnel fish screens are only installed where data clearly support the needs.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10th at the Sunset House.