



East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2015

Members & Guests Present: Bob Capron, Maxine Thomas, Larry Thomas, Dave Sweet, Cathy Sweet, Greg Bierei, Jane Bierei, Tom Anderson, Andy Whiteman, Elaine Tabacinski, William Tabacinski, Lorna Anderson, Dave Crowther, Laura Burckhardt, Donna Moore, Randy Moore, Steve Yekel, Lewis Wisner, Ellie Wisner, Birney Holberg.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Birney Holberg.

Approval of Minutes: Bill Tabacinski moved to approve the May minutes, Dave Sweet seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report:

Old Business:

- Kids Fishing Day, June 6th – Great turn out – thanks to all the volunteers
- Fly Casting Clinic, Saturday, May 30 – Thanks to volunteers
- Big Horn NF, July 11th Kids Fishing Day Porcupine Ranger Station, Beth Bischoff, Bob & Birney attended
- July 10th, Horse Creek Picnic & Tommy Thompson's Fish Screen Tour, good turnout
- Yellowstone Lake Trout Program, July 12-16. Successful, thank you letters sent. Tentative date for next year is June 13. Thanks to Lew & Ellie Wisner, and Karl from Idaho.
- Meeting suggestion – Slideshow from members' summer fishing trips

Committee Updates:

- Conservation Update – Bob Capron
 - 1) Regarding Duane Feick's information about the sedimentation of Buffalo Bill Reservoir, Bob observed Heart Mountain Canal has sediment. He suggests we contact all irrigation districts, the Cody municipal water company, and the hydroelectric generation people to suggest a meeting. The purpose is to discuss a solution to the silting of the reservoir. Steve Yekel suggested we contact Bureau of Reclamation about their plans with the jet valve that usually works on this issue. Ask them to come give a presentation. Bob gave examples of silting he has observed recently. Bob noted that sedimentation upriver will worsen with the bug-killed timber and silt will enter the irrigation system. Dave Sweet suggested we invite Mark Skoric to speak. It was also noted that we need to protect our winter instream flows. Steve added that

there is a plan for new boat ramps at state parks. The state park is not proceeding with the boat ramp plans, and suggests we contact them, too. Gregg related his experience with the silt and a boat ramp being unreachable this year.

2) Belknap Lakes Tour on Carter Mountain planned for September. Bob wants to present redevelopment plan to USFS and TE Ranch Manager. Lakes have silted in and the dams washed out over the last 20 years.

- Fundraising - George Simonton
- Website Coordinator – Lorna Anderson. Website continues up & running.
- Membership – Craig Sax. Thanks Bill & Elaine Tabacinski for summer recruitment, and to all who helped with displays at public functions.
- Virtual Fly Box – Duane Feick
- Wyoming Council - Tommy Thompson

New Business:

- Wyoming State Council Meeting in Sheridan Nov. 6-8.
- David Rael new G&F Commissioner District #5. Already gave away the Elk Tags for this year.
- Mark Vondersaar is going to be an Adjunct Instructor at Powell. We need an interim secretary for the remainder of 2015.

Other Business:

- Big Horn Forest Service - Willett Creek crossing completion status is unknown for this summer.
- We need ideas for fundraising. Fruit baskets donated by Bob Capron will be auctioned tonight.
- We have a Monster Lake Certificate that went unused; Birney is looking into using that for Christmas raffle.
- LL Bean contributes \$37,000 to local chapters; Dave Sweet will look into that money.
- Sulphur Creek Trail Access volunteers needed week of September 14th. Contact Katherine Thompson at The Nature Conservancy katherine_thompson@tnc.org

Adjourn Meeting

Program:

Laura Burckhardt, Wyoming Game & Fish, Aquatic Habitat Biologist

Next Meeting: October 8th - 6:00 Program will be the BBCOW Raptor Experience. Location to be announced.