



East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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September 11, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

Location & Time: Holiday Inn, Cody, WY; 6:30p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 9th, 2018; Holiday Inn @ 6:00 p.m. Business meeting to commence @ 6:30 p.m. Speaker: TBA

In Attendance (>38)

Barbara and Thom Seliga, Ross Gorman, Elaine and Bill Tabciniski, Dr. Tom Anderson, Maxine and Larry Thomas, Scheneman, Travis, Cash and Addison Duncan, Rand and Donna Moore, Richard Pontius, Andy Whiteman, Tom Reed, Linda Trask, Amanda Wilson, Brent Merchant, Carissa and Bill Camp, Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Lori Bevenger, Alicia Viskoe, Flip Sasser, Dave and Jan Bensink, George Simonton, Birney Holberg, Bob and Judy Capron, Tim Wade, Larry and Brenda Sportsman, Birney Holberg

Reported Volunteer Hours: 86 hours

Tom Anderson	6	Tom Reed	40
Linda Trask	10	Carissa Camp	2
Bill Camp	2	Dave Crowther	6
Lorna Anderson	6	George Simonton	6
Birney Holberg	2	Time Wade	6

Program – Mark Davis, Powell Tribune, Outdoor and wildlife writer

Mark Davis spoke about his career in news writing on issues concerning the environment, outdoor recreation, and wildlife. His heartfelt talk focused on encouraging youth and their mentors to, not only enjoy what the outdoors to offer, but to be involved in its protection and betterment for the future. Mark covered the Soldier Creek Restoration project and mentioned he was impressed by the commitment and hard work of TU members and youth volunteers of the Cody High School Outdoors Club. Mark encouraged an active collaboration between conservation groups and the news media.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order followed by introductions.

Approval of Minutes of May 2108 Meeting: Motion to accept, seconded, motion carried

Acceptance of Treasurers Report: Treasurer Dave Crowther mentioned EYTU's contribution to Wyoming Community Foundation. While we were not able to draw funding or grants from the fund, we do receive \$600-\$700 in income, earmarked for Newton Lake emergencies, like pump failure. Recent donations received amounted to \$1100. Outgoing funds were for Soldier Creek Restoration, Chapter picnic, and Casting for Recovery. Current liabilities include invasive species signs, Solider Creek Restoration project, North Fork screen repairs, Sunlight Creek project, and funding raising. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the report.

Announcements

Please let Tom Reed know your thought on the new meeting venue.

Committee Updates

Conservation –

Len Fortunato provided a brief history of the acquisition of the Beartooth Ranch on the Clarks Fork and its binding MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). The committee tasked with developing a management plan for the ranch met again on May 1 and on July 18th. Even though they are still in an organizational phase, the committee is exploring options for the management of the ranch according to the MOU. Committee members are Len Fortunato, Tim Wade, George Simonton, Kristie Hoffort, Doug Hart, Jim Bobbitt, Marko Ruble, Ken Lichtendahl, and Lloyd Thiel. If you have ideas and concerns, please contact them and be heard.

Bob Capron reported that the North Fork fish passage screen suffered damage and is no longer functional. He has been coordinating repairs with the manufacturer's representative and the Game and Fish. It has been removed and is waiting for some welding to be done. With luck, it will be ready to be installed on Friday. EYTU Board members approved \$3000 to be spent on repairs.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Sunlight Creek project in November and May. Since fish rescue is in November, the plan is to coordinate volunteers later for May.

Tom Reed said the illegal fish signs are in place. The volunteers put in 13 signs in 11 locations in just one day. Yeah team!

Kids Fishing Day was an outstanding success. Kids participated in a variety of workshops and demonstrations in the morning and used their skills to fish in a tournament in the afternoon. EYTU provided registration cards, tape measures, and a quick release tool for anglers to catch and release their fish while still being able to enter their fish in the competition to win prizes. Thank you, Bill and Elaine Tabacinski, for their effort to coordinate the event.

Mega-kudos for Dave and Kathy Sweet for their organization and leadership of the Soldier Creek Restoration and Fencing project. They went above and beyond to distribute fencing supplies at the jobsite and take down the old fence before the work crews arrived. A three-wire top rail post fence was erected along Solider Creek in the Big Horn Mountains. Solider Creek is vital cutthroat habitat threatened by stream degradation by grazing livestock and wildlife. The fence replaces a delapidated barb wire fence that was damaged by elk. The damage in turn allowed cattle to enter and overgraze a delicate meadow section of the stream. Fence crews included volunteers from EYTU, the Sheridan TU chapter, and employees of many federal and state agencies. A total of 330 posts were set over 1.5 miles of rocky hillside sagebrush terrain.

Tom Reed was invited to the EyeFLyFish conference in Cody, where fly fishing minded optometrists raised \$220 in a raffle and donated it to EYTU.

Fundraising – No recent activity

Website and Facebook Page – Lorna Anderson

- Suggestions and assistance with editing the Facebook page are greatly appreciated.

Unfinished Business: nothing additional to report on

New Business: none raised

Other Discussion

- EYTU made a donation to Casting for Recovery
- Commissioner's Game Tags request for 2019 is done.
- Several bags of home grown potatoes were auctioned at this meeting and the proceeds donated to EYTU

Meeting was adjourned – motion for adjournment made, seconded, and approved