

## ***Meeting Minutes –February 13, 2014***

**Attendance:** Jason, Laurie, Madison, Joshau Burckhardt, Larry & Maxine Thomas; Judy & Bob Capron;; Birney Holberg; Lorna Anderson; Dave Crowther; Duane Feick; Elaine & Bill Tabacinski; Dave and Cathy Sweet, George Simonton, Tom Anderson, Jim and Diane Blakeslee, Lorna Anderson, Dave Crowther, Bob Richard, Jed Smith, Aaron Danforth, Gregg and Jane Bierei, Bob Vossler, Frank and Karla Bird, Tanner Rosenbaum, Tommy Thompson, Syringa Hochalter, Sam and Finigan Hochalter.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Birney Holberg; Introductions

**Approval of Minutes of January 2014 Meeting:** --Minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurers report was reviewed and approved. Current balance is \$96,602.45. Income for January was \$8600 elk tag, \$87 raffle, \$1750 other.

**Old Business:** Volunteers are needed for CPR training related to electroshocking. Gregg and Jane Bierrei received a getaway gift from the chapter to Red Lodge in appreciation of Gregg being President the past 2 years.

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **--Conservation:**

-Bob Capron introduced Dave Hogan and Chris Williams of the Big Horn NF who gave a program on potential watershed projects the chapter may be able to assist with in the future. Bob will perform (with any interested volunteers) an entrapment sampling study on an irrigation ditch on the Shoshone NF this summer. Jason Burkhart indicated the Homewaters Initiative grant is on hold. May have to turn the funds back due to his workload.

-**Fundraising Committee Volunteers:** TU hats available, see Birney.

--**Web Master:** Lorna indicated we could save \$ by using the National TU website. There will be no newsletters in the future unless someone volunteers to do it. Tommy Thompson suggested a blog format (TU National website) might be better. Birney will check the by laws to see if published minutes meet the requirement vs needing to have a newsletter also. No decision needed at this time about migrating to the TU National website.

--**Membership:**

Duane Feick—Virtual Fly Box: Contact Duane if you have a fly pattern you are willing to share. Emails are being sent out from the TU National website address. Anyone having problems getting email meeting announcements needs to contact Duane Feick so we can fix the issue.

Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat: Dave Sweet will give an update at a meeting later this spring. He encouraged members to contact legislators concerning funding approval from the Wildlife Trust Fund.

New Business: March 22, Saturday is the tentative clean up date for the Shoshone River. March 29<sup>th</sup> is the backup day. Elaine Tabacinski will ask Ducks Unlimited to assist as some of the mess involves shot gun shell hulls.

Dave Hogan and Chris Williams offered various volunteer watershed related projects on the Big Horn NF for the chapter to consider. No commitment needed at this time.

The March meeting program will be about walleye predation on trout in Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Mark Johnson has been doing a graduate study on the issue; as the data is preliminary, no outreach/advertising to the public will be done at this time. Roy Holm will give a presentation in April concerning a project with the Conservation District.

Dave Sweet indicated Chuck Preston of the Draper Museum wants input/assistance from the chapter for their new stream environment exhibit.

Other Business:

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned.

Program: Potential future watershed type projects on the Big Horn NF.

*Next Meeting March 13, 6 pm, Thursday, 2014*