

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

**Attendance:** Jason, Burckhardt, Larry & Maxine Thomas; Judy & Bob Capron; Birney Holberg; Lorna Anderson; Dave Crowther; Duane Feick; Elaine & Bill Tabacinski; Dave and Cathy Sweet, George and Lynn Simonton, Tom Anderson, Jim and Diane Blakeslee, Lorna Anderson, Dave Crowther, Aaron and Kate Danforth, Gregg and Jane Bierei, Bob and Sherry Vossler, Tommy Thompson, Tim and Claudia Wade, Mike Arnold, Clark Johnson, Andy Whiteman, Andy Caraveau, Craig Sax,

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

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

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurers report was reviewed and approved. Current balance is \$97,029.50  
Income for January was \$621, expenses were \$175. Treasurers report approved.

**Old Business:** Volunteers are needed for CPR training related to electroshocking. See Bob Capron about class on March 29 at 8 am at the hospital.

### **Committee Updates:**

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

-Bob will share at a later meeting info about a planned entrapment sampling study on an irrigation ditch on the Shoshone NF.

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

#### **--Web Master:**

--Membership: Craig Sax- Next 6 weeks great deals for women memberships, free or ½ price. He will be at the Beast Feast this weekend, planning to get more members there.

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 gave an update. Results for 2012 indicate the Lake Trout population in Yellowstone Lake went down by 15%. More to come at a later meeting. Wildlife Trust Fund amount of \$621,576 was approved for eradication efforts over the next 3 years. A big thank you to all involved concerning funding approval.

Dave will be at the Magic City Fly fishers Expo in Billings where Bob Jacklin will be donating his proceeds to the effort. Buffalo Bill Center will likely be donating \$500. Please buy a special edition shirt from Simms shirt where 50% of the profits will be donated. \$10,000 grant from Embrace a Stream TU in the works.

**New Business:** March 22, Saturday is the tentative clean up date for the Shoshone River. March 29<sup>th</sup> is the backup day. Meet at the Belfry Bridge at 8 am, TU will bring donuts. Elaine Tabacinski indicated 4 or more folks from Ducks Unlimited plan to participate.

Tim Wade will head up the Fly Casting Clinic on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to Noon. Pre registration needed. Recreation Center will begin advertising.

Embrace Stream Grant application was sent in.

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to be held at 7pm, 808 Park Avenue (Birney's place).

Dave Sweet indicated Chuck Preston of the Draper Museum wants input/assistance from the chapter for their new stream environment exhibit at some point in the future. Presently they are wanting loan of some Lake Trout mounts. Jason indicated the G&F had some to loan.

Other Business: Kids Day fishing will be addressed at the next meeting.

Jason Burkhart - watercraft inspections class is on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – early afternoon, G&F office. This class gets you certified.

Thank you Tim Wade for donating fly boxes to be auctioned off.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned.

Program:

Due to the remodeling at the Sunset House, the next chapter meeting, April 10, will be at the Ivy, menu to be determined. The April 10 program will be from Dave Sweet (Yellowstone Lake update), Roy Holm (Conservation District), and Tara Teachner (G&F-recruiting new fishers).

The March meeting program was about walleye predation on trout in Buffalo Bill Reservoir by Clark Johnson, who has been doing a graduate study on the issue. He will do another presentation next year after he completes his research. It appears walleye predation has the potential to impact the cutthroat and rainbow trout fisheries more than predation by Lake Trout.

Submitted 3/18/201

*Next Meeting April 10, 6 pm, Thursday, 2014 at the Ivy*