

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2014

Attendance: Larry & Maxine Thomas; Judy & Bob Capron; Birney Holberg; Duane Feick; Elaine & Bill Tabacinski; Dave and Cathy Sweet, George Simonton, Gregg and Jane Bierei, Bob and Sherry Vossler, Tommy Thompson, Andy Whiteman, Craig Sax, Robin Bartel, Carol McConnell, Lew and Ellie Wisner, Roy Holm, Tara Teachner, Mark Vondersaar, Nate Crankshank, Ted Morris

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

Approval of Minutes of March 2014 Meeting: --Minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers report was reviewed and approved. Current balance is \$96,641.33. Expendable (unobligated) funds are \$34,928.

Old Business: 8 Volunteers attended CPR training related to electroshocking. Bob Capron indicated an AED is needed. The chapter approved \$1200 to purchase the device. River Cleanup went well. Rockslide on trail upstream from the Belfry bridge needs to be removed.

Bighorn NF volunteer projects available – see Bob Capron if interested:

Riparian at Medicine Lodge Lake June 28th, can stay at picnic areas

Kids fishing day July 12, Porcupine Ranger Station pond

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

Committee Updates:

Conservation:

Fundraising Committee Volunteers: George- will check on double donors.

Web Master:

Membership: Craig Sax- He will canvass the North Fork and Newton lakes for new members this spring/summer. In the past only 13% of the women he signed up as new members remain current.

Duane Feick—Virtual Fly Box: Contact Duane if you have a fly pattern you are willing to share for the website.

Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat: Dave Sweet gave an update on suppression of lake trout in Yellowstone Lake.

He also described 2 raffle fund raisers (drift boat-Upper Bear River chapter, 4 exotic trips-Wyoming Council). See him for tickets.

New Business: Kathy Sweet- suggested the chapter again sponsor a fishing retreat participant held at a lodge near Dubois. Participants are women breast cancer survivors that learn casting, fishing, fly tying,

etc. "Casting for Recovery" has been very successful in the past. Moved and approved \$1,000 to sponsor a participant.

Birney explained the \$10,000 approved by the board that is needed to help complete the Timber Creek pipeline project in the Greybull River drainage involving a fish screen, and upstream passage at 4 different diversions.

Kids Fishing Day on June 7, Bill Tabacinski and George Simonton will help coordinate TU's involvement with the Optimists and other partners.

Other Business:

National Park Service outreach in Cody at the Holiday Inn, 6:30 pm on April 30, 2014 about fisheries in Yellowstone NP.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned.

Program:

Programs consisted of Dave Sweet (Yellowstone Lake update), Roy Holm (Conservation District) South Fork car body cleanup, and Tara Teachner (G&F) on recruiting new fishers and how the chapter may be able to assist.

The May meeting program will be by Todd Koel of the National Park Service about Yellowstone NP fisheries.

Submitted 4/25/2014

Next Meeting May 8, 6 pm, Thursday, 2014 at the Ivy