

## East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### ***Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 2011***

**Members & Guests Present:** Rich Hostetler; Bob Capron; Larry Thomas; Dave Crowther; Dave Sweet; Birney Holberg; Mike Wenke; Merle Nielsen; Bob Cooper; Jason Burckhardt; Carissa Camp Bob Richard, Tommy Thompson, Duane Anderson, Travis Duncan, George Simonton


**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Rich Hostetler @ 7:07.

**Treasurers Report:** Larry Thomas gave the treasurers report.

Funding for the Greswell's hydroacoustic study waiting for approval. The ideas was purposed to use funds for Save the Cutthroat to begin study.

#### **New Business:**

 Funding Issues—

 North Fork (NF) Ditch Fish Screen Vertical Traveling Screen (coordinated by Wyoming Water Project)

There are many proposals out there for the grants and the process is becoming very competitive. Members of EYTU put together grant, asking for 10k. Our share of the project is estimated between \$7,000-\$7,500. This money is slated for the engineering study on the project.

Dave S. moved to dedicate \$7,500 of Chapter funds to (NF) Ditch Screen. George 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried

 State Council Coordinator—

Funding is being sought for Scott Christie's position as State Council Coordinator. There is no doubt to the benefit of the position to the whole state. While most efforts are spent w/ struggling chapters, all chapters reap the benefits of his work. He works 80% time at 4 days/wk. The total budget for this position is 56k. Raising these funds can be very challenging (See donations list for chapter donations)—Sportsman for Conservation Prog. puts in 14 k—Wyoming Water Project 10k + office space—TU National 7k—Liz Store Foundation 10k—State Council has to pay 15 k and these funds need to be raised yearly and has already been done.

Don't know commitment from other groups yet aside from Liz Store—The State Council is going to chapters to help raise funds. The Council Drift boat raffle raised 7k—

The request to EYTU Chapter is do we want to commit to paying (Last year EYTU contributed 4K)? The funding cycle is runs on a strange cycle so we have some time. Funding for the current year runs through middle of June.

Carrissa Moved to commit 3k to the State Council Coordinator Position, with one stipulation. We would commit this same amount over the next couple of years. However, these additional funds are contingent upon the sustained Coordinator position --Bob Capron 2<sup>nd</sup> --Motion carried



## Strategic planning.

EYTU Strategic Plan—.

1. State Goals: Goals were discussed: Over the next 5 years EYTU Chapter hopes to complete a number of projects. These would focus on reconnection projects, restoration projects, sustained projects, and protection project.

2. Community Engagement: How would we accomplish this in our plan? Much of what we are already doing meets the criteria. Adopt-a-Trout; we partner w/ the community on river cleanup, FFA partners w/ us on the Trout Rescue, and volunteers come out for the Trail Project.

3. Funding: Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat, raise funds for fish screens through grants, EAS, and we engage in periodic fund raising.

Fundraising—put on agenda for next meeting.

### Additional Notes:

Bob C—signed us up for Field & Stream Project. Participants submit projects, if project is picked they draw volunteers name, if picked you get to take a partner and win a free trip to Washington, D.C.



Meeting adjourned @8:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** TBA