

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – February 12th, 2009









Members Present: Pat & Doreen Shellady; Rich Hostetler; Bob Capron; Birney Holberg; Travis Duncan; George Simonon; Lorna Anderson; Dave Crowther; Dave & Cathy Sweet; Steve Yekel; Jason & Laura Burckhardt; Duane Anderson; Larry & Maxine Thomas; Gregg & Jane Bierei; Diane & Jim Blakslie; Bob Kuper; Mike Gibbens; June & Bob Richard; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Mike Wenke; Robin & John McClure; Ray Zubik; Mike & Mark Moofich

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Pat Shellady


Meeting Minutes: Jason Burckhardt moved to approve the January meeting minutes and George Simonon seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas gave the treasures report. George Simonon moved to approve the Treasures Report and Birney Holberg seconded. Motion approved.


New Business:


-  Jason Burckhardt showed a video: "Rising from the shadows, return of the cutthroat trout" produced by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society
-  Jason Burckhardt with the WY Game and Fish Department discussed the Dead Indian Creek Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Restoration EA. Piscicide would be used to remove non-native fish in a 9-mile reach of Dead Indian Creek, half of which is in wilderness.
 - Bob Richards moved to write a letter of support, Bob Capron seconded. Motion approved. Pat Shellady will prepare and submit the letter.
-  Mary McKinney with the Park County Weed & Pest discussed eradication plan for invasive species within the Shoshone River drainage through a coordinated resource project. Would like to coordinate with TU to eradicate Russian olives along the Paul Stock trail.
 - Feb. 23rd from 7 to 9pm there will be a meeting in Powell at the UW outreach building about this program
-  Mary McKinney is also going to start an early detection rapid response team. They will train folks in species identification, provide a camera, GPS and assign segments of the river to survey.
-  Dave Sweet reported that trail project stairway installation is still in the exploratory stages.
-  Jim Blakeslee met with Magic City Fly fishers and discussed forming alliance between TU and Beartooth Alliance (Cook City/NE Park) to support each group's fisheries projects.
-  Steve Yekel discussed the annual River Cleanup which will occur on March 21st, weather and flows permitting.
-  Bob Capron has been working with the Drew King with WYGF to do an inventory of irrigation diversions. They have finished the Shoshone River drainage. The ultimate goal for Drew King is to get irrigations diversion across the state mapped.


- Bob will be organizing a tour on the Flying H Ranch to look at potential projects

 Jason Burckhardt discussed the Wakely Access in Thermopolis. The Washakie TU chapter gave the East Yellowstone Chapter \$3,000 towards purchasing this property for legal fishing access. WGFD spent \$14,000 to improve the roads to the property and as a result the landowner board has approved the proposal for WGFD to purchase this property. Pat Shellady will attend the March Commission meeting to accept recognition for facilitating this access. The purchase of the property will be finalized at the March meeting.


- George Simonton moved to contribute the \$3,000 for the Wakley Access, Duane Anderson seconded. Motion approved.


 Dave Sweet gave an update on the save the Yellowstone cutthroat trout project. Bob Greswell has asked the chapter to purchase a CO₂ meter for preliminary studies. Dave Sweet has purchased the meter and the chapter moved to reimburse Dave for the purchase. Motion approved.


 Steve Yekel was approached by MTFWP about property that was donated at Robertson Draw and developing an access site there for floaters from Eidelweis to Roberston Draw. Steve Yekel encourages TU to prepare a letter to MTFWP to encourage them to develop this site.


 Pat Shellady proposes a fly tying get together at the Sunset House. Pat will contact individuals directly who are interested.


Other Business:


 Ray Zubik announced that June 6th is the annual kids fishing clinic, and he will head up the event again.


 Pat Shellady prepared and submitted an application to L.L. Bean for four fly rods.

 Bob Capron reported that there was a follow-up meeting on the inventory on the Flitner Ranch. The next meeting will be in March where expectations will be outlined.

 Bob attended the Greybull River watershed meeting. They have been conducting water quality monitoring for three years and is seeking funding for a fourth year.

 Franks fork road crossing replacement will be occurring this fall. The crossing will be an archway culvert.

 Dave Sweet reported that Casey Shepardson has fenced the east side of the Greybull and may need assistance on the west side. FFA has indicated they will be interested in volunteering.

 Dave Sweet reported that a new TU chapter will be forming in Rock Springs. A new TU chapter may be forming in Casper if they can not get WY Flycasters more involved. Dave Sweet will also be working to re-invigorate the Laramie chapter.

George Simonton moved to adjourn the meeting and Gregg Bierei seconded.

Next Meeting:

March 12, 2009
6:00 P.M.
Sunset House
1651 8th Street
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