



East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2010

Members & Guests Present: Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Bob Capron; Larry & Maxine Thomas; Dave Crowther; Lorna Anderson; Don Crowther; Dave & Kathy Sweet; Birney Holberg; Jim & Diane Blakeslee; Nick Georgiadis; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Bob & Pat Kuper; Lew & Ellie Weiser; Jason & Laura Burckhardt; Scott Yates; Steve Yekel; Andy Waite; Bill Spencer; Ray Zubik; Art Schueneman; Cory Toy; Wayne Reaves; Travis Duncan; Tim Wade; Paul Arthur; Tommy Thompson.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 6:36pm by President Rich Hostetler

Meeting Minutes: Dave Sweet moved to approve the January 2010 minutes, Birney Holberg seconded. Minutes approved.

Board Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes were emailed to everyone. Merle Nielsen moved to approve; Ellie Wiser seconded. Board minutes approved.

Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas reported for January 2010: EYTU taxes were filed with the IRS and with TU National. Bob Capron moved to approve report; Jason Burckhardt seconded; motion carried. Treasurer's Report for January approved as presented.

New Business:

- Stargate Students Fund Request—**Funds Denied.** Board denied request for funding of sign. Mary McKinney was notified by Pres. Rich Hostetler of the decision.
- Cody Middle School Fishing Class—**Funds Approved.** Board decided to give \$100 per semester in 2010 that the class is given to help pay the Conservation Stamp fees for students involved and for any other expenses related to fishing that the students might encounter.
- Projects List--Chris Nielsen and Bob Capron compiled the list. All projects and their managers were confirmed; projects no longer active were deleted.
- Calendar of Events--**Thursday, March 4:** Fly-tying clinic in the Grizzly Room at Park County Library, 5:30 pm--7:30 pm. Set up of room starts at 5 pm and clean up at 7:30 pm. Must be done and leave by 8 pm. Rich Hostetler sent sign-up sheet around for volunteers to help; **Saturday, March 20:** Shoshone River clean up; **Saturday, April 24:** Shoshone River trail construction project.
- Casting Clinic--Rich and Ellie will meet at the Rec. Center with Doyle Stout and Maggie Kirkham on Tuesday, February 16 @ 3:30 pm, to discuss the casting clinic. Update will be given at the March meeting.

Old Business:

- Monofilament Recycling & Recovery Program: Rich showed an example of collection receptacle made of 6" PVC pipe and fittings. These will be made by FFA students and placed in strategic fishing access areas. Merle and Chris Nielsen of Nielsen Plumbing donated all PVC materials. Question: Who will collect line from receptacles? Any EYTU members who happen by can check if receptacles need emptying. Retrieved line may be deposited in bins located at Northfork

Anglers, The Humble Fly, Grizzly Outdoors, Rocky Mountain Sports, and Sierra Trading Post. Once receptacles are placed, the program will be advertised in the paper and radio. **Fund**

Request: Rich requested up to \$175 for purchase of paint and appropriate labels for receptacles. Dave Sweet motioned to approve; Birney Holberg seconded. Motion passed, **Funds Approved.**

- Website: Lorna Anderson received major updates regarding the Save-The-Cutthroat program and has posted all to the website. One of the link tabs has been renamed 'News & Issues' where items relating to issues of interest to EYTU will be posted along with news items.
- Fundraising: Tickets for a fly rod from Dave Crowther will sell for \$10 apiece with a total of 250 tickets to be sold. Proceeds will go to the Shoshone Home Waters Initiative.
- Membership: Chris Nielsen reports 3 new members last month: two from Gillette, one from Powell. She sent welcome letters, copies of newsletter.
- Conservation Chair: Bob Capron—Upcoming events:
Shoshone River clean up (Saturday, March 20); Arbor Day booth (to help, contact Ellie or Lorna); reinstallation of Trout Creek drum (early May); Shoshone River trail work (Saturday April 24); kids' fishing day (Saturday, June 5).
- Wyoming Council Update: Dave Sweet—1) two bills before state legislature: HB9 was narrowly defeated; converted to senate file 78. HB18 has good support for funding request. 2) Still trying to get TU National to free up funds required to hire a WY Coordinator.
- Special Program for May: Dr. Robert Gresswell, lead researchers on Save-The-Yellowstone-Cutthroat, is tentatively scheduled to give a talk on the subject at the BBHC.

Other Business: Bob Capron has expressed a need for EYTU to have a GPS and digital camera available for use on survey projects. Dave Sweet donated a GPS unit and Larry Thomas donated the digital camera.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:24 p.m.

Program: Cory Toye gave an update on the various habitat restoration projects in the area, an overview of the different types of fish screens used and information about the 'Adopt-A-Trout' program that was done in Dubois.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Hostetler, Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2010 - 6:00 p.m., at the Sunset House Restaurant,
1651 8th Street, Cody, WY 82414