

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2012

Members in Attendance: Gregg and Jane Bierei, Birney Holberg Bob and June Richard, Larry and Maxine Thomas, Judy and Bob Capron, Scott Christy, Dave Sweet, Andy Caraveau, Chris Nielson, Tim Wade, Gib Mathers, Ray Zubik, William Spencer, Allen and Tanner Rosenbaum, Tom Anderson, MD., T.R. "Doc" Moore, Jason and Laura Burckhardt, Madison and Joshua Burckhardt, Lorna Anderson, Rich Hostetler, Jim and Diane Blakeslee, Duane Anderson.

Call to Order: The meeting was opened at 6:30 pm by President Gregg Bierei. Introductions were made and the minutes were approved. Larry Thomas gave the Treasurer's report: income \$12,333.60, expenses \$152.00, leaving a balance of \$76,700. Birney Holberg moved for approval, Rich Hostetler seconded.

Old Business: There was some discussion about the availability of CPR certification classes in Cody, specifically at the Recreation Center in May.

Committee Reports

Conservation: Bob Capron said the ranch will stabilize the stream in Sunlight Basin without moving the cabin. The state is willing to give the cabin to the landowner and the landowner can move the cabin if necessary. At this point TU will not get involved in the project.



RAC committee has \$23,000 remaining for the Ishawooa fish screen. The first six projects were fully funded and our chapter received \$160,000 of the \$614,000 available.



There is a fence down at the fishing access on the Lower Shoshone near Cooper Lane. Game and Fish has asked for a permanent easement on this property if the land is sold. TU will help with the fence to keep stock out of the river if the Game and Fish receives a permanent easement.



Game and Fish may ask for help on the access near the Celotex plant. TU may help with project in May or June.



Jason Embrace-a-Stream grants will be granted soon by TU National

Fund Raiser: Duane Anderson said Humble Fly has donated a rod, which will be saved for later use. Birney said the elk license has been placed on eBay for \$10,000.

Membership: Chris Nielsen said we got 5 new members this month, 4 in February, and 1 in January for a total of 190. Tim Wade proposed for next year a free membership given with his fly fishing clinic through Orvis.

Newsletter: Rich said April 20 is the deadline for articles and pictures.

Webmaster: Lorna Anderson said we need new pictures, and the project schedule will be added to the calendar.

New Business:

 Jason Burkhart reminded the chapter of the river cleanup on March 17. Dave Sweet will provide a horse trailer at the Belfry Bridge. Members are asked to meet there at 8:00 am. Bring waders and gloves. Tim Wade offered the use of a 2-man raft. Gib Mathers will place an announcement in the Powell Tribune and Travis Duncan in the Cody Enterprise. Release forms will be needed for people on Trail Creek.

 Gregg said the Wyoming Wildlife Federation wants us to be an affiliate member. Dave Sweet moved, Birney seconded to pay for the membership. Bob Capron indicated it was worth while because of the good legislative work they do. Affiliate membership is \$50.00.

 Nature Conservancy work days will be on the LU ranch easement. Katherine Thompson sent this list of Nature Conservancy volunteer opportunities out to TU. Contact the Nature Conservancy if interested.

 Ten rods and reels were requested from Wyoming TU for the casting clinic on June 9. Contacted Scott Christy.

 Alan Rosenbaum said the Shoshone Receptions board has grants available. Rich Manchester can be contacted for the forms. Birney Holberg indicated he would be willing to complete the grant forms.

 Dave Sweet suggested the concrete benches left from the Paul Stock trail be used somewhere else.

 Duane Anderson moved and Rich Hostetler seconded for the meeting to be adjourned.

Program: Dave Sweet presented a program on the status of the "Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat" project.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jane Bierei.