



East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2010

Members & Guests Present: Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Larry Thomas & Maxine Thomas; Dave Crowther; Lorna Anderson; Dave & Cathy Sweet; Bob Gresswell; Birney Holberg; Diane Blakeslee; Bob Richard; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Lew & Ellie Wiser; Jason, Laura, & Madison Burckhardt; Kel Thomas; George Simonton; Ray Zubik; Andy Waite; Bob Capron; Tim Wade; Bill Spencer; Art Schueneman.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 6:03 pm by President Rich Hostetler

Meeting Minutes: George Simonton moved to approve the April 2010 minutes; Art Schueneman seconded; motion carried. April's minutes approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: Larry Thomas reported for April 2010. Dave Sweet moved to approve report; George Simonton seconded; motion carried. Treasurer's Report for April approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Kid's Fishing Day---Ray Zubik: The date is June 5, 2010; event begins at 8:30 am at Beck Lake Park near the picnic tables. EYTU will assist with the education portion—volunteers needed. Jason will discuss AIS; a couple of people are needed to help with the stream trailer—Rich Hostetler and Dave Sweet volunteered. Ray requested \$200 from EYTU for the event. George Simonton moved to provide the funds; Dave Sweet seconded. **Funds Approved.**
- Casting Clinic—Chris Nielsen: June 12, 9 a.m. to Noon. Everything is set. Fly line leader is still needed as well as volunteers. If you can help, please email Chris Nielsen at mcsielsen@qwestoffice.com, or give her a call.
- Liability Task Force: George Simonton handed out copies of the proposed Parental Consent Form the Task Force put together for everyone's review. This will be discussed and voted on at the next regular meeting in September. At that time, work will also begin on developing a policy statement for this matter.

Updates:

- Newsletter Update: You will have received the May/June Newsletter by now. We have a new editor: Kel Thomas. He volunteered to step into this position. Thank you, Kel, for a great job!
- Website Update—Lorna Anderson: Please keep checking the website during the summer months for updates on various projects.
- Fundraising Update—Birney Holberg: Fly Rod raffle tickets sales have netted \$600 so far. There are plenty of tickets left to sell. The date of the drawing will be June 10 at our picnic and has to remain so since this date has been advertised.
- Membership Update—Chris Nielsen: We have four new members.

- Conservation Update—Bob Capron: He has been selected to be on the Shoshone Resource Advisory Committee. The fish entrainment study on the J-Bar-9 ditch will begin soon. Dave Sweet said the total cost will be approx. \$2400 and funding help is needed. He moved that EYTU donate \$1000; Bob Capron seconded. **Funds Approved.**
- Bob also told us that Field and Stream magazine has chosen him as one of 6 finalists (out of 25 possible) for their Hero of Conservation award. On Oct. 6, he will be going to Washington D. C. for an awards banquet where the winner will be announced. Congratulations, Bob, and good luck!
- Bob received a letter from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition requesting that EYTU add their endorsement to a letter they are sending to BLM regarding the 'closed-door' policy GYC says the agency is using while developing their land-use management plan. GYC wants to see the draft of the plan prior to the public comment period. Dave Sweet expressed concerns with the controversial nature of GYC and queried if we know enough of the facts to do this. Jason says BLM hopes to present a series of alternatives for public comment. Tim Wade stated that we, the public, have a right to be present to listen in on the planning as it proceeds. Dave Sweet suggested a board meeting to discuss the matter. Rich will convene a board meeting after the WY State Council meeting.
- Arbor Day: Ellie reports the even went well, our table was active. Not many hats nor raffle tickets were sold.
- Cody Middle School Fishing Class—Ellie Wiser: It rained last week, but the kids had fun. So far, there has not been a need for the funds EYTU set aside to purchase fishing licenses. Volunteers for next Tuesday and Wednesday (May 18 & May 19), and possibly Thursday (May 20, 2010) are still needed. If you can help please contact Ellie Wiser by phone (527-6947) or email (lewnellie@aol.com).
- Wyoming Council Update—Dave Sweet reports that a new Wyoming Coordinator has been hired. His name is Scott Christy. He will be an 80%-time employee.
- Dave said the Shoshone Trail workday had lots of help and much progress was made. There remains only 60-70 yards to complete.
- Dave requested permission from EYTU to hand out TU brochures and donation requests for Save The Cutthroat at tonight's program. Everyone agreed.
- Rich and Merle will be representing EYTU at the upcoming Wyoming State TU Council meeting in Jackson this weekend, May 14-16.

New Business: No new business this month

Meeting adjourned @ 6:39 p.m.

Program: 7:00 pm--Presentation at the BBHC in the Coe Auditorium by Dr. Robert Gresswell on the current efforts to reduce the Lake Trout in Yellowstone Lake that are threatening the Yellowstone Cutthroat trout population.

EYTU ANNUAL PICNIC: Thursday, June 10, 2010 - 6:00 p.m., at west Newton Lake. Drinks and fried chicken provided by EYTU; everyone bring a salad, side-dish, or dessert.

Next Regular Meeting: *Thursday, September 9, 2010*, at the Sunset House Restaurant,
1651 8th Street, Cody, WY 82414

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Hostetler, Secretary