



## East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### **Meeting Minutes –November 8, 2012**

Members in Attendance: Gregg & Jane Bierei, William & Elaine Tabacinski, Doc Moore, Duane Feick, George Simonton, Bob Walker, Andy Caraveau, Laura Logan, Duane Anderson, Bill & Vana Camp, Dave Sweet, Bob & Judy Capron, Lew Wiser, and Birney Holberg.

**Call to Order:** President Gregg Bierei opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with introductions. George Simonton moved the minutes from October be approved, Birney Holberg second. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Gregg gave the treasurer's report. Dave Sweet moved for approval, Bill Camp second. Motion carried. Gregg mentioned the receipt of \$250 to the chapter in memory of Bill Hart of Worland. Thank you letters were sent to the LU Ranch and Mrs. Hart.

**Old Business:** There were 30 – 35 in attendance at the Wyoming TU Council meeting. The chapter made \$270 on a gun/fly rod raffle; the total from the raffle was \$1450. Dave Sweet wrote thank you notes to the donors. The spring TU banquet and council meeting will be in Jackson May 3-5, 2013.



#### **Committee Updates:**

--**Conservation**— Bob Capron mentioned the great work done by Tanner Rosenbaum and Kathy Sweet during the fish rescue. Birney moved, Duane Anderson second that the chapter should give her flowers and a certificate for a massage in appreciation. George will order flowers and Doc Moore the certificate. Publicity will also be put in the newsletter. The project set a new record for fish rescued. In order to have sufficient workers, Bob suggested a sign-up sheet before the next project. In other projects, the Greybull drainage according to Tommy Thompson: Infiltration galley at Franc's Fork irrigation ditch. This project will save rescue operations in the future.

The walkway will be repaired near the Belfry Bridge Access. Dave Sweet will buy the materials but needs 5-6 workers to help on Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. Bring wheel barrows. Volunteers were Doc, Duane F., Gregg, Lew, Dave, Bill Camp, and Bob Walker. Birney will ask ACE Hardware to donate concrete. Gregg thanked all those who helped with the fish rescue.

--**Fundraising**— Fund Raising - Birney will help over Christmas but this position is vacant and needs a chairman.

--**Membership** – no report

--**News Letter**— There is a need to fill this vacancy. There was discussion about the need for a newsletter since we have a website. All agreed to just have a website.

--**Web Master**—Lorna—no report

--**SYC**—Dave Sweet--- Dave will give an update in January but funds are still needed.



**New Business**--- Since elections will be held in December, Gregg Bierei and Dave Sweet will be the nominating committee.

-- The chapter needs to use the \$5000 grant for the Shoshone Home Waters Initiative.

**Projects** --Suggestions were made to have fishing outings during the summer, possible combine with the summer camp out. Duane Feick will organize fishing outings.

--The Soldier Creek restocking is still not completed.

--The Sulphur Creek mine project is no longer needed.

--Nee to add a monofiliment collection container below the Celotex plant at the new river access.

--We still need to install the concrete benches and tables wherever they are needed.

--George advised that TU needs to follow its mission when making recommendations to the Game and Fish. The Game and Fish also want our input regarding fee increases. George also moved that we designate a person to be a liaison between the federal /state government issues and TU on a case by case basis. Dave second. Motion carried. A possible person to fill this position is Frank Bird. Bob Capron emphasized that TU is not an organization with any political ties. Dave recommended we withhold comment on Game & Fish license increases and the wanton waste issue until the State council responds.

--Discussion was held about the Council meeting highlights, including the great young speaker from Rock Springs on how to reach young people to join TU.

--Doc mentioned the need for repairs at the Horse Creek picnic area. It was suggested that he invite Jason Hawkins to speak to the chapter after January 1 concerning our involvement.

--We will not send a letter to northeast district Game and Fish Commissioner for a Commissioners big game tag. Scott Christy is going to send a letter to that district for the State Council.

--The electroshocking anode broke. Dave moved, Birney second to purchase a new one at the cost of \$417 plus shipping. Motion carried.

--The Christmas party is during the next meeting in December with election of officers, and a cutthroat gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20-25, one for each person participating. There will also be silent auctions.

--Dave moved that the chapter support the Wyoming Councils comments on the report from Cathy Purvis on the Shoshone Forest. Bob second. Motion carried.

--Lew suggested the chapter reimburse Dave Sweet for all his expenses but Dave declined.



**Adjourn Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned by President Gregg Bierei.

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**Next Meeting: Christmas Party, December 13, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.** at the Sunset House (1651 8th Street, Cody, WY 82414).