



East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2011

Members in Attendance: Rich Hostetler; Bob Capron; Gregg Bierei; Dave & Cathy Sweet; Birney Holberg; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Jason, Laura & Madison Burckhardt; George Simonton; Travis Duncan; Duane Anderson; T.R. Doc Moore; Steve Kleg

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Rich Hostetler @ 6:30. October/ November minutes will be approved at December Meeting.

Treasurers Report: Rich Hostetler gave the treasurers report. George S. moved to approve the report. Merle N. 2nd. Report approved.

Old Business:



TU By-Laws—Chris Nielsen—should send them on to Gregg B, and then on to the Board of Directors to get comments. If we want to vote on them in December it needs to be 15 days in advance of the regular meeting.



Conservation Update: Bob C.

- a. Fish Rescue tentative totals: ~4,700 fish rescued from the canals to date. Final tallies will be given Monday 11/14/11. Potentially, an all time number rescued.
- b. One of the most encouraging areas this year is from Lake View canal. 556 fish saved, double that from last year, shows signs of successful spawning.
- c. Bob Capron will no longer be heading up this Canal salvage
- d. Need help and need to find someone or somebodies to take over.

Requirements:

- 1st Aide/ CPR Training
- Electroshock Technician Certification

Duties:

- Need help with media contacts, volunteer organization, school kids etc.

- e. Dave S. suggested we make this the topic of our January meeting. How do we help recruit volunteers and active members; not just for salvages, but for all projects?
- f. George S. motioned that we outfit Tanner Rosenbaum with waders, invite him to our next meeting and offer him a promotional membership for his distinguished effort in the Fish Rescue. Birney 2nd. Motion passed.



Membership Update: Chris N.

- a. Four new members all local



Fundraising Update: Birney H.

- a. We have a little additional money to buy gifts for Christmas party festivities.
- b. Turkey Hunt—it was suggested that we have a silent auction for the Guided Turkey Hunt at the Christmas Party in December.
- c. The question is "What should we do with that?"



State Council Wyoming Happenings: Rich, Gregg, & Dave S.

- a. All chapters setting goals for membership. Many are facing similar problems with encouraging new and existing member involvement.
- b. The Wyoming Water Project focusing on the Sunshine Diversion has successfully removed the diversion.



Nomination Committee—Gregg & Chris

- a. Gregg Bieri will be the new President
- b. Still searching for V.P.
- c. Rich H. will remain in the 3 year board position
- d. Travis remain as Secretary.

New Business—



Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat. Update on acoustic tag purchases

- a. Dave S. traveled across the state and gave three presentations similar to those that we saw at our meeting on the SYCT project. In all, an additional \$5,000 was raised to purchase additional equipment.
- b. Currently there are 141 fish tagged with 41 receivers in Yellowstone Lake
 - the goal is to tag 350 fish and have 80 receivers. That cost is about \$180,000.
 - the bare bones minimum they would like to reach would cost about \$85,000 which accounts for 250 tags with 40 receivers.



George S motioned that we recommend to the board that EYTU Chapter give \$3,000 to Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat fund. Birney 2nd. Motion passed.



Dave S. donated art work (metal fish) to the Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat fundraising activities.



Million Pipeline:

- a. Developer Aaron Millions want to take 81 billion gallons/yr out of the Green river and Flaming Gorge and pipit it 560 miles to the Colorado Front Range. This project could have wide spread negative impacts on local communities and the environment. See www.ourdamwater.org for more information.
- b. George S. moved to support the councils opposition to Million's pipeline project. Dave S. 2nd. Motion approved.



Christmas Dinner Prep—

- a. Christmas dinner held at next month's meeting
- b. The chapter will provide desert
- c. Birney will be in charge of the silent auction
- d. Cutthroat exchange:
 - If you are interested bring a gift—no more than \$20
 - Please wrap the gift, but please **DO NOT** include a name



Adjourn Meeting President move to adjourn meeting. George 2nd. Meeting adjourned



Next Meeting: Christmas Dinner & Cutthroat Gift Exchange: December 8, 2011 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Sunset House (1651 8th Street, Cody, WY 82414).