



## East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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### *Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2010*

**Members & Guests Present:** Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Larry Thomas & Maxine Thomas; Birney Holberg; Kel Thomas; Bob & Judy Capron; Bill Spencer; Gregg Bierei, Dave & Cathy Sweet; Lew & Ellie Wiser; Bill & Vana Camp; Carissa Camp; Travis Duncan; Kevin Piscator; Frank & Karla Bird; Tommy Thompson; Mike Werke.

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order @ 6:30 pm by President Rich Hostetler

**Meeting Minutes:** Dave Sweet moved to approve the October 2010 minutes; Kel Thomas seconded; motion carried. October minutes approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Thomas: Our Annual Financial Report has been filed with TU National. It is worth noting that our chapter reported approx. 1,550 volunteer hours for the period. Kel Thomas moved to approve the Treasurer's report for October 2010; Birney Holberg seconded; motion carried. Treasurer's Report for October approved as presented.

#### **Old Business:**

- Nominations for 2011—Gregg Bierei: The following nominations have been accepted: President--Rich Hostetler; Vice President--Gregg Bierei. Those on the Board who were due to rotate out after 2010 have agreed to remain for another term, which expires at the end of 2013, and they are: Gregg Bierei, Jason Burckhardt, Birney Holberg, & George Simonton. To date, there is still a need for someone to fill the Secretary's position. If you are able to do this, please contact Gregg Bierei or Rich Hostetler, or come to December's meeting and volunteer.

#### **Updates:**

- Conservation Update—Bob Capron: The 2010 Canal Salvage project has been completed. There was a total of 4699 fish counted as rescued with 4267 of those being various species of trout. During the rescue itself, 849.5 volunteer hours were counted. Bob Capron amended this number up to 1000 hours so as to reflect the time spent by volunteers in gathering and maintaining equipment and providing support with lunches, etc. It was noted that this year's rescue saved more fish than in past years. Rich reports there are members from other chapters who want to help with this next year so we need to make sure they are notified. Next Saturday Dave Sweet and Bob Capron are going over to help the Sheridan chapter with their fish rescue project. We also had some very good media exposure for this year's efforts.
  - Embrace-A-Stream Grant: Rich will be submitting an application for a grant to fund a fish screen for the North Fork Ditch. The due-date is Dec. 17.
  - Jason submitted the annual fish rescue report to Carol Havlik.
  - Tommy Thompson is TU National's new Water Projects Manager for the Big Horn Basin.
  - Rich received a letter from the State Engineer's office regarding the winter releases from Buffalo Bill Reservoir: they will be set at 350 cfs.
- Adopt-A-Trout: Travis Duncan reported that there was a great turnout for the beginning of this project and the interest was high among the kids in attendance.

- Website Update—due to absence of Lorna Anderson, no report.
- Fundraising Update—Birney Holberg: Rich submitted two letters requesting Elk Tags: one sent to Commissioner Michael Healy in District 5; one sent to Commissioner Ed Mignery in District 6. We probably will not hear of any results until January or February 2011. Birney suggested we go thru Rocky Mountain Elk magazine to sell them; Dave informed that while they are willing to do this, they would want a cut of the proceeds. Birney will look into this and other options. Birney sold tickets for a nice Orvis equipment bag and Gregg Bierei was the lucky winner.
- State Council Update--Rich & Dave Sweet: The Upper Bear River chapter did an excellent job of hosting the meeting and it was well attended with 8 of 12 state chapters represented. The presentation on Press Relations and the class on grant writing were very informative. Rich has also found it helpful to him as chapter president to be able to meet and dialog with other chapters' representatives.
  - Medical Insurance Coverage for Chapters: TU National provides, at no cost to Chapters, a \$5000 Basic Accidental Medical Insurance for Volunteers on TU-sponsored projects. There is additional insurance available for chapters to purchase from TU: \$110 per year to upgrade to a \$25,000 coverage or \$150 per year for \$50,000 coverage. The higher insurances were intended for those chapters who are most active, and therefore have higher risk of volunteer injury. However, these insurances are a 'secondary' insurance, intended to pick up whatever costs the injured party's personal insurance does not. *Please Note:* 'Liability Insurance' is different and ALL chapters are totally covered by TU National's Insurance as per Dave Sweet. Rich will be contacting Andy Snyder at TU National to get a copy of the Medical Insurance for chapter review.
  - New Wyoming State TU Council Officers: Beginning January 1, 2011 are: Council Chair: Jim Broderick; Vice Chair: Mike Jensen; Secretary: Kathy Buchner; Treasurer: Dave Sweet; MLC Representative: John Deakins.
  - Chapter Rebates: Chapter representatives at the meeting voted to continue leaving the rebate monies in the State Council's coffers.
  - Drift Boat Raffle: Winner of the State Council's drift boat raffle was Matt Jensen of Provo, UT.
  - Next State Council Meeting: Next meeting will be in Lander; tentative dates: May 20-22, 2011.
- Membership Update—due to absence of Chris Nielsen, no report.
- Newsletter Update—Kel Thomas: Thanks to all who submitted items for this last newsletter—the photos were great. January's newsletter will be put out earlier than usual, due to the holidays, so I will be requesting items to be submitted earlier than usual. Please continue sending those photos and articles of interest.

### **New Business:**

- Logo: Rich noticed that the Upper Bear River chapter has an 'official' logo and this enables them to market such things as mugs, shirts, hats, etc., with their logo. Rich suggested that EYTU

develop one of our own by possibly conducting a 'logo design' contest. He will research matters such as copyright issues and registration of such a logo and report on it at January's meeting.

- Funding for State Council Coordinator: This discussion was tabled until January's meeting so that Larry Thomas can research whether EYTU has fulfilled our obligation.
- Fundraising Account: To make it easier to obtain items for our meeting raffles/drawings, Rich proposed we set up a budget amount for the Fundraising Chair to use. The suggested amount to start with is \$300. Any money used from this fund would be replenished from the proceeds of said raffles/drawings with any remainder to be deposited into General Fund or any other fund deemed appropriate by the chapter, and in this way, the \$300 amount would stay constant. To initially set up this budget item, money from the General Fund would be used. Dave Sweet motioned that we set up such an account as stated above, Frank Bird seconded. Motion passed.
- Bob Capron would like to award one of the donated LLBean fly-fishing rod sets to one of our young volunteers, Tanner Rosenbaum. He is 11 yrs. old and has been very active in our fish rescue projects for the last several years. Bobbie made the motion to do this; Birney Holberg seconded. Motion passed.

Kel motioned to adjourn; Bill Camp seconded.

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:40 p.m.**

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

***This will be our 'Christmas Party' meeting!***

***We will be doing our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Cutthroat" gift exchange. Everyone wanting to participate should bring a wrapped gift no more than \$20 in value or a wrapped 'white elephant' gift, no names on the gift, please. This year, we'll only be able to steal once from each other. We're also having a silent auction this year, so be sure to come early and get your bids in!***

***Desserts will be provided by EYTU, so please RSVP to Rich by November 28 so we can give Sunset House a head-count.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbie Hostetler, Secretary