

## East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited Minutes 9/8/2011

Sunset House, Cody, Wyoming

The meeting was opened by Vice-president Gregg Bierei at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Bob Capron, Judy Capron, Barbara Cozzens, Larry Thomas, Maxine Thomas, Lew Wiser, Jim Blakeslee, Diane Blakeslee, George Simonton, Birney Holberg, Chris Nielsen, Jane Bierei, Gregg Bierei, Ray Zubik, Jason Burkhart, Laura Burkhart, and Doc Moore.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting was made by Bob Capron, seconded by Larry Thomas. Motion passed.

Larry Thomas gave the treasurer's report. Bob moved to accept the report, George Simonton seconded. The motion passed.

Barbara Cozzens from the Greater Yellowstone Coalition mentioned an article written in the New York Times about the work done by the University of Montana for TU's Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat project. Transmitters will be installed on fish in the Greybull River on Sept. 22 & 23.

### Old Business

- 1) The stairs at the Paul Stock Trail were removed by the city and the BBHC due to liability concerns. The chapter decided it was best not to respond any further.
- 2) Discussion of the TU by-laws was tabled until next month.
- 3) Conservation projects update
  - a. Bob read a thank you letter from the Field and Stream editor Anthony Citaska concerning the Timber Creek revegetation project. A DVD of the event was included.
  - b. The Sheridan TU chapter did some revegetation in the Bighorn Mountains at Willow Flats.
  - c. The Nature Conservancy removed fences at the LU Ranch on Grass Creek.
  - d. Mike Williams, an environmental engineer from Marathon Oil, wants to join with TU on some projects. Projects may possibly pertain to discharge water from oil fields.
  - e. Trout magazine had an article on our chapter's canal salvage work.
  - f. This summer a few chapter members had a fun time camping out on Ranger Creek in the Big Horns.
  - g. Franc's Fork: TU's Cory Toy was credited with making the Franc's fork bridge become a reality. The next project slated for the Franc's fork is a fish screen.
  - h. The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) approved funding for 20 of 24 projects, 6 of which were awarded to TU. Our chapter will get \$125,000 out of \$600,000 for the following: North Fork Irrigation fish screen, Timber Creek fish screen, Upper

Sunshine diversion, Franc's Fork fish screen, Horse Creek diversion improvement, Holme's ditch and the Ishawooa Ranch, if money is left over.

- i. George Simonton moved to commend Bob Capron for all his conservation work.
- 4) Membership update: Chris Nielsen reported we added 9 new members over the summer, but our total of 188 is down slightly.
- 5) Fund raising update: Birney Holberg said we are making headway.

#### New Business

- 1) Chris Nielsen said the Cody VFW would like to support TU by writing to their members on our behalf. They especially want to help the handicapped or provide food for TU volunteers.
- 2) Doc Moore updated us on the cleanup of the cars along the South Fork River. The grant that Jill Siggins's Cody Conservation District received does not take effect until next year. Much discussion followed concerning the risks of removing cars from so many sites. A motion was made by George to write a letter to Ms. Siggins asking her to respond in writing and describe what she expects from the chapter, and the status of the project. Birney seconded. George will write the letter to her.
- 3) The Girl Scout Jamboree will be held at Beck Lake on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Lunch will be provided.
- 4) Bob needs help with organizing the canal salvage at the end of October for 9 or 10 days. Volunteers are needed to coordinate lunches, media coverage, and school children/FFA students. Call Bob at 587-2456 or email Travis Duncan.

The meeting was adjourned by Gregg Bierei.

Submitted:

Jana Bierei