

East Yellowstone Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2010

Members & Guests Present: Rich & Bobbie Hostetler; Dick & Karen Crysedale, Rick Cox, Larry Thomas & Maxine Thomas; Dave Crowther; Lorna Anderson; Birney Holberg; Merle & Chris Nielsen; Laura & Madison Burckhardt; Kel Thomas; Bob & Judy Capron; Bill Spencer; Gregg Bierei, Michael Mufich, Bruce Fauskee, Jim Pratt, Vaughan Gdula, Paul Arthur.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order @ 6:40 pm by President Rich Hostetler

Meeting Minutes: Bob Capron moved to approve the May 2010 minutes; Gregg Bierei seconded; motion carried. May's minutes approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Thomas reported for May 2010. Bob Capron moved to approve report; Merle Nielsen seconded; motion carried. Treasurer's Report for May approved as presented.

Old Business:

- Volunteer Age Limits---The consent form developed by the Liability Task Force was again given to each member. Rich contacted Andy Snyder at TU National regarding their policy on volunteer liability waivers. Andy said anyone under age 18 should have a liability waiver signed by parent or guardian before participating in an event with EYTU and the inclusion of the release to use photos of minors in this form was a great idea. Additionally, Rich recommended that anyone 13 years or younger should be required to have immediate supervision by their parent or guardian during their participation in any EYTU event. **Motion** by Birney Holberg: **accept the consent form as presented and anyone 13 years and younger must have direct parent or guardian supervision during their participation in any EYTU event.** Seconded by Merle Nielsen. **Motion carried.**

Updates:

- Conservation Update—Bob Capron: The summer campout went well. Approximately 600 Cutthroat Trout in Soldier Creek were shocked, netted, and relocated to Buckskin Ed Creek. WGF poisoned the creek after the Cuts were removed. Dead Indian Creek: rotenone was applied and that clean-up project was completed. Rock Creek Survey: began in July. Aquatic insect samples, plant survey and photos of area were taken. Some fishing was done but due to the rough terrain, most fishing areas were not accessible, so no conclusion can be drawn from the lack of fish caught. Hopefully, next spring/summer we'll go up with shockers and nets to locate any fish. Timber Creek Drainage: The culverts were upgraded to a bottomless arch. Work on riparian fencing will begin this fall. J-Bar-9 Entrainment Study: Tommy Thompson has begun work on this project. Shell Creek Survey: This project on the Flitner Ranch will begin on Monday, Sept. 13. Sorry for the late notice, but that's all the notice they gave Bob C.! If you're interested in helping out with this, please contact Bob Capron @ 587-2456. **CANAL SALVAGE: Mark your calendars!**--this project will begin sometime during the last week in October thru the first week or two of November—it all depends on the weather and canal closure.
- Website Update—Lorna Anderson: Continue to check the website for updates on various projects. She will look into setting up a Facebook page for EYTU and setting up a link to purchase Dick

Crysdale's book, *Yellowstone Cutthroats and Me*. Proceeds from sales of this book will go to Save The Yellowstone Cutthroats. Mike Mufich will give us a copy of Dick's presentation during our program tonight for our use.

- Fundraising Update—Birney Holberg: Next month he will bring some items to raffle off at the meeting. Sometime this fall we need to get a letter off to Game & Fish Commissioners requesting **Elk Tag(s)**.
- Membership Update—Chris Nielsen: We gained six new members during the summer. Some of our chapter members were lost when the ones from Gillette were reassigned to chapters closer to their homes.
- Newsletter Update—Kel Thomas: Please keep things coming!

New Business:

- Nominating Committee: Gregg Bierei 'volunteered' (Thanks, Gregg!!) to chair this committee. Open positions are: President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Larry Thomas has agreed to continue as our Treasurer—thanks, Larry! The slate of nominees will be presented at November's meeting and will be voted on at December's meeting.
- Travel Expenses: Our State TU Council meets twice a year and it is strongly encouraged that each chapter sends two voting members to these meetings. The meetings are held in different regions of the state so there is often an expense involved for the members attending. Rich recommends that our chapter reimburse the two voting members these expenses. Reimbursement would be made **only** for the **voting members'** expenses, that being gas, food, and lodging, contingent upon receipts being submitted to the Treasurer. Bob Capron motioned to accept this recommendation and Larry Thomas seconded. **Motion carried.**
- Annual Report: Each year, TU National requires each chapter to submit a report with the number of volunteers and the total hours they've put in. Our chapter needs that information from the following: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, Conservation Chair, Fundraising Chair, and Website Chair. Please get your numbers to Larry Thomas no later than Nov. 1, 2010 so he has time to compile all the information and submit it to TU National by Nov. 12, 2010.
- Vice-President Merle Nielsen will conduct October's meeting and Lorna Anderson has graciously agreed to take the minutes for this meeting. Thanks much to both of you!

Meeting adjourned @ 7:07 p.m.

Program: Following the meeting, "*Yellowstone, Cutthroats and Me*" author, Dick Crysdale, discussed his experiences and insights about Yellowstone Lake and the endangered Cutthroat trout. He also presented EYTU with a donation from the first 6 months of proceeds from sales of his book to go to our 'Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat' fund.

Next Meeting: *Thursday, October 14, 2010*, at the Sunset House Restaurant,
1651 8th Street, Cody, WY 82414

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Hostetler, Secretary