

East Yellowstone Chapter Trout Unlimited

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2013

Attendance: Gregg Bierei, Birney Holberg, Aaron Danforth, Bob Capron, Larry & Maxine Thomas, Cathy Sweet, Lew & Ellie Wiser, Chris Nielsen, Elaine Tabacinski, Andy & Susan Caraveau, Jim & Diane Blakeslie, Tanner Rosenbaum, Duane Anderson, Tom Anderson, Andy Whiteman, Bob Vosseller, Dave Crowther, Lorna Anderson, Duane Feick.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Gregg Bierei at 6:30. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2013: Duane Feick moved to approve minutes. Larry Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Larry Thomas, presented the last month's report. Bob Capron moved to approve the report. Ellie Wiser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Conservation: Bob Capron

Fish rescue will start on Tuesday, October 15 on the North Fork Ditch. Volunteers are needed. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Rocky Mountain Sports parking lot. Bring waders and weather appropriate clothing. Donuts and lunch will be provided.

Check the website for daily updates on time and place as rescue is dependent on when the canals are shut down and when the water goes down enough for us to get to the fish.

On October 26, Field and Stream Hero for a Day film crew will be here to film our fish rescue project. We hope to be able to do the Cody Canal at that time.

Lew Stahl of Game and Fish has offered our chapter a rotating drum that their department has but are not using. We just have to decide where would be the best location for it. Bob has some ideas but if anyone else has some suggestions please let him know.

Fundraising: An idea that is proposed is to be a part of the Optimists big Garage Sale in April. So instead of getting rid of your unwanted items, please save them to put in the garage sale and raise some money for our chapter. Details to come later.

Web Master: Lorna reminded us that the Virtual Fly Box is now on the website.

Duane Feick - Virtual Fly Box: Duane is asking everyone to send a photo of their favorite fly along with directions on how to tie it as well as any information on why you like it and where you use it. Duane was set up at the meeting taking photos of flies that members brought in to share with the group. Be sure to check out the Virtual Fly Box on our website.

Save the Yellowstone Cutthroat: Lew Wiser updated the members on the most recent activity on the SYC project. In late September he, Bob Capron, and Dave Sweet were on Yellowstone Lake to track tagged lake trout in the southeast and south arms where there is currently no netting taking place. The purpose was to identify possible lake trout spawning beds that we were unaware of. He passed out a map showing areas and miles of lake they covered. They found very few tagged fish in those areas so probably no real concentration of spawning lake trout. Very windy and rainy conditions made for a very difficult time on the lake.

It has been reported that 300,000 lake trout have been netted this season.

Even though Yellowstone Park has been closed due to government shutdown, it has been approved for project personnel to go in and pull all the receivers before the lake freezes. This is very good for the project as the receivers are very costly and would have been a huge loss.

Dave Sweet is going to be in Douglas on October 11 to defend a grant submitted to the Wyoming Wildlife Trust Fund to help fund the SYC project. He will report on that meeting in November.

New Business:

Gregg Bierei will be sending in an application for a Commissioner's Elk Tag before Nov. 4.

Wyoming TU Council Meeting will be held in Laramie November 1-3. If anyone would like to attend please contact Greg for details.

It was also reported that the Wyoming Council was honored with the State Council Award for Excellence at the national TU meeting held in Wisconsin. The award recognizes work on leadership and organizational actions, attracting new members, mentoring new leaders and carrying out TU's coldwater conservation mission.

Adjourn Meeting: Bernie Holberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Thomas seconded. Meeting was adjourned.