



TROUT UNLIMITED

CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND RESTORING NORTH AMERICA'S COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

TROUT UNLIMITED - PANHANDLE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, May, 8 2024

Meeting held at the West Bonner County Library, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Bill Love, Ron Forsberg, Walt Grows, Dave Gillmor, Loren Albright, Chip Corsi, Julie Kallemeyn and Laura Forsberg

Members Present: Kevin Kittleson

Guests Present: Erin Plue

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm.

It was announced that Eric Bernsten will no longer be able to attend most BOD meetings and is resigning from the Secretary position. We thank Eric for his years of service and wish him all the best with his new work responsibilities. Laura and Ronald Forsberg volunteered to act as Secretary and Bill Love will remain as President/Treasurer.

Treasurers Report- Bill Love presented the balance in our account of \$34,362.39. This includes expenses of \$99.35 in ACH Debit Merchant Services (Bill to investigate), \$150 to the Rotary Club of Bonners Ferry and \$500 donation to Cathy Gidley Memorial. In addition, a check from the Panida Theater was received today in the amount of \$3,700.60 from proceeds for the F3T films and has not been deposited. This amount is \$180 more than we were expecting, and Laura will contact the Panida for an explanation.

In addition, Bill presented a F3T 2024 final financial report dated May 8, 2024.

Chip suggested with the amount of funds in our account, we could consider offering a scholarship to a local fisheries biology student in their junior or senior year of college. Bill offered to investigate a scholarship possibility. He also will check if any improvements/donations can be made to the Kalispel Tribe for the boat ramp at Twin Rivers Resort.

Twin Rivers Resort Boat Ramp - Dave Gillmor said a local fishing guide and shuttle service provider, Leeanna Young, is moving onto the Twin Rivers Resort property May 15 and will open the ramp May 16.

TU Western National Regional Meeting - The Rendezvous will be held for 3 days in Idaho Falls commencing May 17. Maggie Heumann from the Teton Valley Chapter sent the email invitation on May 2.

Bull Trout at Sullivan Lake - Jason Conner with the Kalispel Tribe is looking to extend the comment period to stock Sullivan Lake with Bull Trout sourced from the Pend Oreille drainage. Bill asked Chip if the genetic makeup would be diverse enough (once established at Sullivan Lake) to establish elsewhere

and serve as a backup population in the event our population crashes. Chip will write a letter to the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife about this. Bill will provide Chip with the contact information.

TU Website and Newsletter - Bill will sign the contract Erin reviewed and forwarded for hiring the website designer. The code used to create the website is universal in the event we need to hire another website designer. Regarding the newsletter, Erin will submit one article and Chip will add a second. The first newsletter will include an announcement of the November annual meeting for chapter members. Erin will create postcards to mail to our membership to solicit email addresses and announce our newsletter and new website. Discussed a donation page for the website to enable on-line donations via credit cards and EBTs.

Fly Fishing Clinic at WDC - The fly fishing clinic will be held June 8 at the WDC. Posters for distribution were created by the Master Naturalists and handed out at the meeting. Ron Forsberg gave a poster to each high school and middle school in the Sandpoint area. Walt will give a poster to the Clark Fork High School. Chapter volunteers committed to this day are Ron Mamajek, Dave Gillmor, Bill Love and Julie Kallemeyn. Bill will contact Jim Forrest and Brenda Woodward as volunteers also. Jordan Palm has offered to volunteer and House of Fly at N40 will provide a fly rod set up and swag as door prizes for the youth. The target age is 7th - 12th grades. Laura will not be present at the event but will coordinate our efforts with the Master Naturalists.

Fly Fishing Open House at KNWR - The fly fishing open house will be held June 22. It will be held by the Friends of the Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge and our chapter at the refuge and Rotary Lions Den Park.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held June 12. Location TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura and Ronald Forsberg, Acting Secretary