

Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2020 at 7p.m.

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:04. President Alan Davis presiding.

Board members in attendance: Alan Davis, Doyle Gaines, Susan Geer, Michael Hachey, Glenn Knight, Tom Osterday, Gary Stinson, Jim Walker
Guests: Dale Dalrymple, Golden State Chapter TU Conservation Chair, San Diego
A quorum was present.

Committee Reports

Secretary:

1. Alan Davis presented the meeting minutes from the October 1, 2020 meetings. Tom Osterday moved, Susan Geer seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.
PASS

Treasurer:

1. Michael Hachey reported that the QuickBooks was completely balanced as the bookkeeping program change was finalized.
2. Checking account balance is \$2,180.67 and savings account balance is \$3,881.06.
3. Constant Contact and GoDaddy payments were noted.
4. No \$1,560 check from Orvis has been received yet. Alan Davis checking on it's status.
5. Tom Osterday moved and Gary Stintson seconded to approved the financials as presented.
PASS

Old Business

1. Storage Unit: Very full!
2. \$2,500 Embrace A Stream grant for R-C Pond was received.
3. \$5,000 funding for Fish Camp from Arizona Game and Fish Department was received.

New Business

1. Grants submitted for:
 - a. AZTU for Western Native Trout Initiative in 2021
 - b. AZTU for Desert Fish Habitat Partnership
 - c. AZTU EAS matching funds
 - d. Need to write a grant request for AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation!
2. Jim Walker gave a recap of the national TU virtual annual meeting.
3. Discussion about if/where to hold a ZGTU board holiday event. The event will not be held this year due to COVID restrictions.
4. Discussion about when/how to hold a ZGTU annual planning session. Probably a virtual meeting in January 2021.
5. Susan Geer presented information about setting up a ShortStack (program) photo contest-- \$50/month cost and cancel at any time. Tom Goodwin secured donated rod kits from Hook & Hackle and will build the rods for prizes. He may purchase a discounted rod kit from St. Croix. Tom Osterday moved, Jim Walker seconded that we allocate up to \$1,000 for the project.
PASS



Membership & Outreach:

1. Alan Davis suggested that we have virtual membership meetings with speakers, etc. Tom Osterday asked how our meetings would be different from other clubs. Several speakers that would be uniquely beneficial to our membership were suggested and noted for quarterly virtual events.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

1. Susan Geer reported that the next virtual woman's book club is November 19, still would like to find a STREAM Keepers lead, COVID put a crunch on a lot of social events.
2. Glen Knight reported that he is still working on finding a contact and re-energizing the monthly Boys & Girls Club fishing clinics. It's difficult with the consolidation of the clubs in the Valley.
3. 2021 Fish Camp representatives Alan Davis and Doyle Gaines met with Greg Harmon via Zoom and plan to meet monthly and follow up with a Memo of Understanding. This is important because of the \$5,000 grant that AZGFD gave which will primarily fund the bus to transport the kids.

Public Policy:

1. Tom Osterday reported that John Hammil is moving to Montrose, CO and the committee wants to publicly thank John for his contribution to the committee.
2. Past speakers have been recorded and are available to review. Those interested should request a link from Tom Osterday.
3. ADEQ – will be at the November 10 virtual meeting and give an update on what they will do to protect the water in Arizona. The challenge is those who don't want regulations in the state.
4. Black River environmental assessment is closing and thank you to the several members who have sent in comments. There is a lot of good that is happening in that 92,000 acre region including managing feral horses who damage the streams, etc.
5. Verde River mitigation study – determining how to capture more water from the Verde River and many options are being investigated.
6. 2021 legislative session at hand. Not a lot of legislative change.
7. Western Rivers Action Network day at the legislature is being planned but will probably be a virtual event.
8. Camo At The Capitol – Feb. 4, 2021
9. Audubon is having a Tips And Tricks on how to engage the legislature. Ask Tom Osterday for more information.

Education:

4. Jim Walker Trout In The Classroom is still on hold because of COVID and they will revisit this in January.
5. Orvis Fly Fishing 101 and 201 is on hold.

Conservation:

1. Michael Hachey reported that the Woods Canyon trash pick up was a success. Several people showed up and lots of trash was collected.
2. Willow Springs clean up is cancelled due to expected inclement weather
3. National Park Service's Bounty on the Browns in Lees Ferry – is in play but we don't know the effective date.
4. Tonto Forest Plan – no update
5. Four Forests Restoration Initiative (AKA 4FRI) – Tom Osterday reported that there are no major changes and the forest service is reviewing and negotiating contracts. Awards may happen as early as March 2021.



6. Uranium Mining in Arizona – The critical minerals list was put out by the government and the President said all agencies should do all they can to extract the critical minerals.
7. Christopher Creed and R-C Pond – Natural Channel Design is starting their job.
8. Jim Walker reported that the Native and Wild Trout Conference will happen in April 2021 and will happen via Webinar. The presentations will also be recorded and available after the conference date.

Communication:

- I. Susan Geer requested news stories to post on the website and to keep her abreast of changes in upcoming events so that the website can be current and relevant.

Arizona Council:

- I. Doyle Gaines reported that the council's annual strategic planning virtual session is scheduled for November 16. Outcomes from that meeting will feed into Zane Grey and other chapters.

Friends Of TU Reports

Next board meeting:

Thursday, December 3, 2020 @ 7:00PM Click [here](#).

Meeting ID: **862 8257 4742**; Password: **ZGTU2020**

With no further business, Susan Geer moved and Jim Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

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Respectfully submitted: Susan Geer

