

# Zane Grey Chapter, Trout Unlimited

## Board Meeting Minutes December 3, 2020 at 7p.m.

Buchanan, Davis, Doss, Gaines, Hachey, Jordan, Knight, Osterday, Stinson, Walker

### 1. Introductions

- a. *Some members participated in Stream Girls call. Linda McAteer previously led for ZGTU. Looking for a new leader.*

### 2. Secretary Report

- a. Approval of November 2020 meeting minutes
  - *Move to approve: Tom Osterday*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Walker*
  - *Unanimously approved*

### 3. Treasurer & Finance Report

- a. Approval of Treasurer's October report
  - *Checking balance: \$2,240.00; Savings balance: \$23,882.04*
  - *Move to approve: Tom Osterday*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup>: Glen Knight*
  - *Unanimously approved*
- b. Status of Bank Change of from BMO Harris to Desert Financial
  - *Done*
- c. Furnish budget information for your ZGTU projects or portion of projects.
  - *Moved to next meeting*

### 4. Old Business:

- a. Youth Projects Funding (Fish Camp)
  - *\$5000 AZGFD Local Sportsmen's Group funding*
- b. AZTU EAS funds Match
  - *Collected \$2535+ some random donations TBD*
  - *#10 nationwide*
- c. AZTU Grants submitted for Desert Fish Habitat Partnership
- d. AZTU Grants submitted for Western Native Trout Initiative FY2021

### 5. New Business:

- a. ZGTU Holiday Party January TBD Venue?
- b. ZGTU Planning Session, January
- c. Photo Contest - 2021 update
  - *2 rods will be awards*
  - *We learned: Will not be a popularity contest; judges will decide on winners.*

### 6. Membership & Outreach – TBD Committee Chair

- a. Membership Strategic Plan Review

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- Quarterly member meetings change to virtual
- Suggested speakers, or other ideas
  1. Focus on Conservation, Public Policy & Education
    - a. Tonto National Forest – Kelly Mott-LaCroix
    - b. CC Cragin Watershed Restoration
    - c. Forest Service
    - d. AZGFD
    - e. Christopher Creek
  2. How can members engage in conservation projects?
  3. How do we make it interesting to members?
  4. Communication: AZFishbook, ZGTU Newsletter, AFC
  5. “Feed ‘em or give something away”
  6. Sign a petition – earn a raffle ticket
  7. Have we solicited input from members?
    - a. 2018 ... probably time to do it again
  8. Understand why the need exists. Emergency motivates. We need to ignite souls!
  9. Pebble Beach – 50,000 TU letters and emails were sent when the urgent call-to-action was issued.
  10. Individuals can make a difference when MOTIVATED.
- Suggested Schedule
  1. Proposed first event: January 28
  2. Issue schedule for 4 events in 2021?
  3. Record events?
  4. ZGTU Zoom link? Limit on participants?

## **7. Diversity and Inclusion Committee**

- a. Diversity and Youth sub-committee
- b. Youth Initiatives – Review
  - Fish Camp 2021 update  
GCC – AZTU Fish Camp 2021 – May 30 – June 19, 2021
    1. Monthly meetings are commencing.
  - Boys & Girls Club
    1. Still on-hold – due to COVID-19 restrictions
  - Should we consider other youth organizations, e.g. Big Brothers Big Sisters?
    1. Maybe...
  - Trout-In-the-Classroom (TIC): Program Update
    1. Probably delayed until Fall of 2021
- c. Women’s Initiative
  - Book Club on Jan 21

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## 8. Public Policy Committee (Osterday)

- a. Items PPC is following
  - *ADEQ Surface Water Protection Program Framework published*
    1. *AZTU, ZGTU and GTTU and individual members submitted feedback raising concerns about lack of protections of ephemeral waters and dredge & fill*
    2. *December meeting will focus on Initiative clean-up*
    3. *Planning a Strategy session for mid January*
- b. Apache Sitgreaves Black River EAS, Comments sent; next steps
  - *Awaiting next update from USFS.*

## 9. Education Committee

- a. Orvis Fly Fishing 101 & 201 (Doss/Mayl/Walker/Bobb/Davis) on hold

## 10. Conservation Committee (Knight Rees)

- a. ZGTU – Conservation Committee Salt River Saturday 11/14
  - *Success! 29 people participated*
- b. Salt River Saturdays with AZFishbook 12/12 & 12/26
  1. *Michael Hachey motioned that ZGTU pay for coffee & donuts for Saturday clean-up.*
  2. *Glen Knight seconded.*
  3. *Unanimously approved.*
- c. Lees Ferry Recreational Trout Fishery Management EIS
  - *Bounty on Browns – Program started*
  - *\$25 per fish – probably not enough to motivate anglers*
  - *Awaiting results of pilot program*
  - *Spring high-flow event being considered. Fall high-flow events have occurred in the past.*
- d. Tonto Forest Plan – Comments & Overview
- e. Four Forests Restoration initiative (4FRI)
- f. Uranium Mining in Arizona – Updates (Rees)
  - *New bill proposed to create additional strategic pile of US-mined uranium with a taxpayer subsidy.*
- g. Gila Trout in Frye Creek, and Marijilda Creek – (Rees)
- h. Christopher Creek & R-C Pond – NCD sent early report
  - *Channel Design proposal came in at \$185K with all contractor labor. Exploring lower cost options including volunteer labor.*

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## 11. Communications Committee

- a. Council wide Communications committee created and we've made some progress.
  - a. *Constant Contact will continue to be our blast email tool*
    - i. *Old templates are going away and need to be migrated to current templates.*
  - b. *Microsoft 360 will be our platform going forward for email, collaboration, virtual meetings and storage. Data migration and training will need to be facilitated.*
- b. Social Media: Facebook and Websites (ZGTU)
  - a. *We have an Instagram account, but no one is using it.*
- c. Monthly Newsletter

## 12. Strategic Planning

- a. We'll schedule when AZTU presents their Strategic Plan
  - Membership –
  - *Succession Planning is key*

## 13. Arizona State Council Report (Davis/Doss/Jordan/Mayl/Walker)

## 14. TU Friends Reports

- Arizona Flycasters Club
  - *Planning casting events*
- Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife
  - *No meeting in Dec.*
  - *Awards have been reviewed/approved*
- Conservation
- Arizona Wildlife Federation
- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
- Desert Fly Casters Club
  - *Planning events*
- *12/9 Club Mtg – Jeff Courier presenting*
- Orvis
  - *Check received!*
- Sun Lakes Fly Fishing Club
- Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Western Rivers Action Network
  - *Legislature Day being planned*
- White Mountain Lakes Foundation
  - *AZGFD issued closures in bald eagle nesting areas*

## 15. Reminders:

- Board Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly at 7p.m. online, Click [here](#). Meeting ID: **862 8257 4742**; Password: **ZGTU2020** or, see invitation for call-in options (Next meeting, Thursday, **January 7, 2021**)
- Salt River Saturday with AZFISHBOOK **December 12**
- Salt River Saturday with AZFISHBOOK **December 26**
- ZGTU Planning Session **TBD January**
- Virtual Book Club – 6PM, **January 21**
- Quarterly membership pint night September 24, 6-9PM, Bone Haus, Fountain. Hills – **TO BE RESCHEDULED**
- **ZGTU Holiday Party – TBD**