

Zane Grey Chapter, Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2021 at 7p.m.

Berkey, Buchanan, Davis, Doss, Gaines, Greer, Jordan, Mayl, Osterday, Stinson,
Walker Guest: Rees

1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves

2. Secretary Report

a. Approval of December 2020 meeting minutes

- *Unanimously approved*

3. Treasurer & Finance Report

a. The Financial report was not available to be approved

4. Old Business:

a. Youth Projects Funding (Fish Camp)

- *\$5000 AZGFD Local Sportsmen's Group funding*

- *additional information is required*

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

will be rescheduled when it is safe to schedule

b. ZGTU Planning Session,

will be February 4th at 7 pm

c. Photo Contest - 2021 update

the photo contest has categories and is on the website

2 rods will be awarded

judges will decide on winners.

6. Membership & Outreach

a. Membership Strategic Plan Review

- *First Quarterly member meetings is planned for January 28th*

Mike Russel will host a zoom program on "Apache Trout from near extinction to plenty"

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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.

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- Boys & Girls Club
 - 1. *Still on-hold – due to COVID-19 restrictions*
- Trout-In-the-Classroom (TIC): Program Update
Delayed until Fall of 2021
- c. Women's Initiative
 - *Book Club on Jan 21*
Women's program on

8. Public Policy Committee (Osterday)

- a. Items PPC is following

ADEQ Surface Water protection Program

ADEQ held a stakeholder meeting on December 15th to update the public on the latest iteration of their proposed legislation to protect Arizona's surface water. AZTU, as well as several of the Chapters in the state submitted comment letters after the last update. Included in our comments were concerns about their plan to not protect ephemeral streams and to not manage dredge & fill operations. In their most recent presentation, they state that if the ephemeral stream is connected to a protected body of water or is connected to groundwater, permits will be required. They did not specify any plans for managing dredge & fill, but expressed openness to considering limitations.

AZTU-PPC 2021 Strategy Summit

The Public Policy Committee will be conducting our second annual Strategy Summit on January 23rd from 9:00 to 11:00 via a virtual meeting. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tom Osterday at publicpolicychair@zgtu.org.

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- b. Apache Sitgreaves Black River EAS, Comments sent; next steps
Awaiting next update from USFS.

9. Education Committee

- a. Orvis Fly Fishing 101 & 201 on hold

10. Conservation Committee

- a. ZGTU – Conservation Committee
- b. Salt River Saturdays with AZFishbook 1/16 & 1/30
- 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*
- d. Tonto Forest Plan – Comments & Overview
- e. Four Forests Restoration initiative (4FRI)
- f. Uranium Mining in Arizona –
- g. Gila Trout in Frye Creek,
- 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 is published monthly

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 several events*
- *12/9 Club Mtg – Jeff Courier presenting*
- Orvis
- 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: 1st Thursday monthly at 7p.m. online, Click [here](#). Meeting ID: **862 8257 4742**; Password: **ZGTU2020** or, see invitation for call-in options
- ZGTU strategic planning meeting: Thursday, **January 7, 2021**)
- Salt River Saturday with AZFISHBOOK **1/16 & 1/30**
- Virtual Book Club – 6PM, **January 21**
- **ZGTU VIDEO PROGRAM JANUARY 28**
- Quarterly membership pint night September 24, 6-9PM, Bone Haus, Fountain. Hills – **TO BE RESCHEDULED**
- **ZGTU Holiday Party – TBD**