

Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2021 at 7p.m.

Location: Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:06. President Alan Davis presiding.

Board members in attendance: Rod Buchanan, Rod Burkey, Alan Davis, Doyle Gaines, Susan Geer, Michael Hachey, Glenn Knight, Tom Osterday, Nate Rees, Jim Walker
Guests: John Doss, AFC and AZFishbook; Jim Boyless, Old Pueblo Chapter of TU, Tucson
A quorum was present.

Committee Reports

Secretary:

1. Alan Davis presented the meeting minutes from the January 7, 2021 meeting. Tom Osterday moved, Susan Geer seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.
PASS

Treasurer:

1. Michael Hachey presented the financial report and discussed the costs involved in hosting The Rise Of The Apache Trout webinar such as postage and printing of postcards. Tom Osterday moved and Susan Geer seconded to approve the financials as presented. PASS
2. May 15 marks the due date to get national Trout Unlimited our volunteer hours. Volunteer hours will go through March 31, 2021 and a worksheet had been distributed to help break out the types of volunteer hours worked.

Old Business

1. Several grants were submitted but not awarded for various reasons including being more educationally focused than conservation-focused, or other projects were deemed more needy.
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. New board member nomination
 - a. Wayne Miiler who is the Newsletter Editor was nominated to be a board member by Susan Geer, Tom Osterday seconded. PASS
 - b. ZGTU holiday party – perhaps it might happen in July
 - c. Alan Davis called for volunteers to attend a strategic planning session
 - d. Susan Geer reported that the second annual ZGTU Photo Contest has been extended an extra month – new deadline is April 30, 2021

Membership & Outreach:

1. Alan Davis extended a huge thanks to Rod Buchanan and Jim Walker for putting together The Rise Of The Apache Trout program. It was a huge success and survey results showed it was popular.



2. ZGTU needs to replenish some of our SWAG items. The TU website promotional items can be costly, and Alan Davis suggested that we might find less expensive alternative resources. Susan Geer moved, and Tom Osterday seconded that the club authorize Alan Davis to spend up to \$250 on some ZGTU branded hats. Nate Rees and Alan Davis are exploring options for ZGTU branded fishing shirts.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:

1. Susan Geer reported that the next virtual woman's book club is March 18.
2. Glen Knight reported that he is still working on finding a contact and re-energizing the monthly Boys & Girls Club fishing clinics. Options including Special Olympics and AZGFD Free Fishing Day and using the AZGFD HAWG volunteers was discussed.
3. Alan Davis made a call for volunteers from May 30 – June 19, 2021 to help with Fish Camp.

Public Policy:

1. Tom Osterday reported that the committee strategic planning summit on January 23 was a huge success. The committee focused on creating an annual Action Plan to promote clean water, catchable fishing and engagement. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9.
2. The Cast 'n' Blast – Delayed until June 2021
3. Camo At The Capitol – held virtually. Bill Brake, AZGFD Commissioner was in attendance.
4. Updates on the forest thinning of old growth in the Kaibab forest, President Biden's 30% conservation commitment by 2030 plan, Arizona water—use it or lose it bill, the forest biomass processing tax credit, Heritage Fund for parks, trails and historic sites, surface water protection program and Representative Finchim's public land grab bills were discussed.
5. Western Rivers Action Network Day At The Legislature – will be held virtually. Date TBD.

Education:

1. Jim Walker's Trout In The Classroom report was short and sweet: Next year! See you in September!
2. Orvis' fly fishing classes on hold
3. The Native and Wild Trout Conference is going to be held virtually April 22 – April 26 with five hours of recorded content available and delivered through prerecorded presentations. Nate Rees, Jim Walker and Zach Beard (AZGFD) and working on the logistics.

Conservation:

1. Apache Sitgreaves environmental impact study—nothing new Michael Hachey reported that the Woods Canyon trash pick up was a success. Several people showed up and lots of trash was collected.
2. Salt River Saturday cleanups are scheduled for February 13 and 27
3. John Doss reported that AZFishbook is planning a fishing trip to Deadhorse State Park on February 19-21. ZGTU representation is requested.
4. Nate Rees requested 4-6 STRONG volunteers to help hauling logs into the Upper East Verde River on February 27
5. National Park Service's Bounty on the Browns in Lees Ferry – it is a challenge to get the local guides to support this. In the month of November, 40-ish browns were taken, but December's bounty was lower than November.
6. Tonto Forest Plan – no update
7. Four Forests Restoration Initiative (AKA 4FRI) – Contracts are delayed until June



Communication:

- I. Alan Davis reported that ZGTU will be transitioning to MicroSoft TEAMS hopefully within the month.

Friends Of TU Reports

Next board meeting:

Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 7:00PM Click [here](#).

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With no further business, Susan Geer moved, Jim Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM.

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Respectfully submitted: Susan Geer

