

Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes - June 10 2021 at 7 p.m.

Location: Teams

The meeting was called to order at 7:26. President Alan Davis presiding.

Board members in attendance: Rod Buchanan, David Mayl, Alan Davis, Jim Walker, Tom Osterday, John Jordan, Ron Stearns and Nathan Rees.

A quorum was present.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: May Board minutes reviewed a few corrections were noted. Tom Osterday moved to approve, seconded by Jim Walker – motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Financial report presented by Alan Davis. Moved to approve by Tom Goodwin, seconded by Tom Osterday – motion passed.

2021 budget was discussed. Several questions around conservation disbursements, Trout in the Classroom and Scouts budget items came up. Since Michael Hachey was not in attendance it was agreed to delay budget approval until these questions could be addressed at next Board meeting.

Suggested that a budget sub-committee be formed to develop and present future year's budgets to the board.

Old Business:

1. Alan Davis indicated that we are still waiting to hear on the Desert fish habitat grant that had been submitted.
2. Tom Goodwin reported that the photo contest is completed and the winner have been announced. We've received questions from a couple contestants. These questions were related to the contest rules. We have responded to the questions raised.
3. Jim Walker indicated there will be an updated membership activity report coming out that reflects Chapter and Council activity over the past few years.

4. Alan Davis indicated we've gone from approximately 900 members in 2020 to over 1,300 currently. In addition, we are hoping to get back to holding quarterly Member events this coming fall.
5. Rod Buchanan received a check from Orvis for ZGTU in the amount of \$2,530. This was the result of Orvis's "Donate \$10 get \$10" fund raising event.
6. Jim Walker reported that the Trout in the Classroom will take place this fall. The training workshop will be held both on a virtual and in-person basis.

New Business:

- 1) Alan Davis announced that Gary Stinson had recently passed away. There was discussion of how active and influential Gary had been within Trout Unlimited and broader Arizona Sportsman community. He will be missed.
- 2) Alan indicated the Board will go through a Membership Strategic Design process this coming fall or winter. Rod Buchanan has offered to facilitate this process. Focus will be on building a 2–3-year plan.

Membership & Outreach:

Diversity and Inclusion:

Alan Davis reported the 1st week of Fish Camp went very well. The second week will be starting on June 11th.

Public Policy Committee:

Tom Osterday reported that he recently had a very good meeting Katie Miller – Director of Government Affairs for ?

There is a meeting on July 12th with AZFG to start designing a comprehensive plan for Apache trout recovery.

Nate Rees indicated the State Legislature is winding down.

Four Forest Restoration plan – the awarding of contracts is expected at the end of the month. Once the contracts are awarded, we should know much more.

Education Committee:

It was reported that Orvis plans to restart their Trout 101 program in January.

Conservation Committee:

Jim Stroger has been asked to get involved in the Lee's Ferry brown trout bounty program. Looking for ways to more effectively manage removal of Brown trout in hopes of preventing USFG from taking more drastic steps to control/eliminate brown trout population.

There is currently work being undertaken to get a water temperature monitor in Lee's Ferry headwaters to help manage water discharges and control non-native fish.

It was noted that Lee's Ferry area is seeing a considerable increase in activity on the river. This includes kayaks, paddle boards, etc. This may lead to steps to lead to steps to control access in the future.

Communication Committee:

1. Alan Davis will be sending out a link to free training for Office 365. Alan encouraged everyone to take advantage of this training as it will make the Board more efficient with the Microsoft Teams programs.

Strategic Planning:

No updates provided.

State Council Report:

Nate Rees reported that all presentations from the recent Native and Wild Trout Conference was recorded and are now posted out on the web.

A survey will be sent out to individuals who attended the Conference in the near future. Results of the survey will help guide the development of future conferences.

Tom Osterday congratulated Nate on the "great job" he did in facilitating the Conference.

TU Friends Report:

AZ Flycasters – David Mayl reported that had been a presenter at the last virtual club meeting. Moving forward the Club is hoping to resume in person meetings. There is a San Juan river trip planned for October.

Desert Flycasters – Rod Buchanan indicated the Club will resume in person meetings Starting with the swap meet in August. The club has a Big Lake outing coming up. September will be the 1st in person regular meeting.

