

Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Location: Teams

The meeting was called to order at 7:03. President Alan Davis presiding.

Board members in attendance: Rod Buchanan, John Doss, Alan Davis, Jim Walker, Tom Osterday, John Jordan, Ron Stearns, Susan Geer, Doyle Gaines, Tom Goodwin and Gerry Quigley.

A quorum was present.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: June Board minutes reviewed; a few corrections were noted. John Doss moved to approve, seconded by Doyle Gaines – motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

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

2021 budget approval remains unapproved due to outstanding questions. Michael Hachey will be asked to address the outstanding questions at the next Board meeting.

Old Business:

Alan Davis indicated that we are still waiting to hear on the Desert Fish Habitat grant that has been submitted. Alan indicated he reached out to AZ Fish & Game for an update. They indicated they are waiting on an AZ Fish & Game architectural review to be completed before they can move forward.

New Business:

None was reported.

Strategic Planning:

Alan indicated he and Rod Buchanan will be getting together to plan a future meeting.

Rod Buchanan suggested that a small group get together to develop objectives for the strategic planning meeting.

Membership & Outreach:

No report

Diversity and Inclusion:

Susan Geer reported that a grant request was submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation to fund a youth outing to Lake Saguaro.

Alan reported that this year's fish camp was an overall success. He has already received an inquiry from the Scouts regarding next year's potential fish camps.

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

John Doss and Alan Davis participated in a review of the May Fly program. We indicated we will be happy to provide assistance once the program is up and running.

Women's book club is up on August 16th.

Public Policy Committee:

Tom Osterday indicated he met this past Tuesday with the Assistant Director of AZ Fish and Game. The meeting was a general overview of initiatives undertaken by TU in AZ. Tom indicated it was a good meeting and plans to stay in touch.

Tom also indicated he had been in touch with Steve Kendall regarding the 30x30+20 program.

Four Forest Restoration plan – the awarding of contracts has not taken place. Once the contracts are awarded, we will know much more.

Education Committee:

It was reported that Orvis's Trout 101 program remains on hold.

Jim Walker provided the follow report regarding Trout in the Classroom:

- Due to COVID-19 and the challenges of schools restarting the start of the TIC program will be delayed for a month. A virtual workshop is scheduled for mid-September and eggs being delivered to TIC schools in late October.
- An email was sent on August 1st to 99 teachers announcing the return of the TIC program for school year 2021-2022.

- Most AZ schools will start on August 4th or August 11th.
- Changes currently being managed: 4 schools leaving the TIC program; 4 new schools joining the program; 6 new teachers replacing prior teachers in returning schools.
- Currently 35 schools are confirmed for the school year 2021-2022; awaiting word from several other prospects.
- Many issues underway: confirming inventory of equipment, chemicals, delivery to relocate tanks throughout the state, purchase and installation of a webcam planned for each school.
- Redesign/replacement of website and updating of content and new logo well underway with Spiral Creative Services. Launch date will coincide with September workshop.
- Volunteers needed to drive and deliver 100 rainbow trout eggs in a zip lock bag – training is available.

Conservation Committee:

Alan raised the question a to whether we should continue the Salt River Saturday program this coming fall/winter.

We also discussed pursuing a new initiative of adopting the Tonto National Forest.

Both these topics will be discussed further before making a decision.

Communication Committee:

Training on Microsoft Teams and Office 365 is ongoing.

Alan reported that Wayne Miller has done a good job of pulling together the Monthly ZGTU newsletter. His involvement has made the publishing process much more efficient.

State Council Report:

Apache Trout Management plan will soon be signed. AZTU Council and TU National will both be signatory on this plan.

TU Friends Report:

AZ Flycasters – Alan Davis will be the featured speaker for the September meeting. The club will have a San Juan River trip in October.

Desert Flycasters – annual swap meet with take place on Aug 11th starting at 6:30 p.m.