

Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes – September 2, 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, Ron Stearns, Susan Geer, Tom Goodwin, Glen Knight. Guest - Gerry Quigley.

A quorum was present.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: August Board minutes reviewed. Ron Stearns moved to approve, seconded by John Doss – motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

No financial report was submitted.

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 US Fish & Wildlife for an update. They indicated they are waiting on an US Fish & Wildlife architectural review to be completed before they can move forward.

New Business:

Alan Davis discussed with Ron Stearns, Mike Hachey and John Doss ways in which the Chapter might pursue fundraising events to support conservations initiatives.

It was reported that we looked into determining whether ZGTU might qualify for Arizona tax exemption status. After review it was determined that ZGTU does meet the necessary qualifications.

Ron Stearns presented the idea of sending out a funding raising mailer. After some discussion Susan Geers moved that Ron be provided a budget of up to \$1,500 to send out a fundraising letter, to include a return envelope, to the current ZGTU membership. Motion was seconded by Tom Goodwin. Motion approved.

Ron will be developing the letter in the next month with the assistance of the committee. Letter will be targeted to be sent out in early November.

New Business (cont.)

John Doss reported that he is working with FFI to develop a fund raising and community outreach event. This event is targeted to be held in early November. Event specifics are still being developed but may include casting classes in the morning followed by casting competition in the afternoon.

John has asked for ZGTU support through providing volunteers, participants and notifying ZGTU members of this upcoming event.

Tom Goodwin moved to approve John's request support. Ron Stearns seconded the motion. Motion approved

Strategic Planning:

Alan indicated he and Rod Buchanan are continuing work on planning a future meeting.

Membership & Outreach:

Alan indicated he is working on developing a plan that should allow the Chapter operate on a more effective basis.

Diversity and Inclusion:

Susan Geer reported that she is working toward having an individual sponsor an event each month through out the year. She indicated that she is slowly making progress on this goal.

Alan reported that next year's Fish Camp is scheduled in 2022 beginning the week of May 29th. We have committed to hold fish camp two different weeks and may add a third week if there is sufficient participation.

Glen Knight reported that he and Susan Geer are working with the Boys and Girls Club to put together a fishing program this coming November.

Public Policy Committee:

No report was provided.

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:

- Email (Constant Contact) sent August 1st to 99 teachers and volunteers announcing return of TIC program for school year 2021- 2022
- Most Arizona schools returned with various COVID guidelines on August 4th or August 11th.
- TIC virtual workshop now tentatively rescheduled for mid-October.
- Eggs to be available (tentatively) from Page Springs Hatchery (Sedona) on November 10th.
- Changes currently being managed: 4 schools leaving 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, ordering and shipping of chemicals, pickup and delivery to relocate equipment and tanks throughout the state, purchase and installation of a webcam planned for each school.
- Redesign/replacement of website, content and new logo is nearly complete with Spiral Creative Services – view at www.aztic.org.
- Volunteers needed to drive and deliver 100 rainbow trout eggs in a zip lock bag, training available.

Conservation Committee:

Alan led a brief discussion concerning the continuation of Slat River Saturdays. Alan suggested we reach out to area Fishing Clubs to see if they would be willing to join ZGTU in holding these events through the fall/winter. It was agreed that we should pursue this idea. Alan will be reaching out to the various valley fishing clubs to determine interest.

Communication Committee:

No report provided.

Arizona State Council Report:

Working to keep the Grand Canyon Chapter going by trying to integrate the NAU Flying Fishing club into the current Chapter. Meet with NAU Fishing Club and Idea seemed to be well received.

TU Friends Report:

AZ Flycasters – AZ Fly casters has returned to a zoom meeting format due to increased COVID concerns. Alan Davis will be the featured speaker for the September meeting. The club will have a San Juan River trip in October.

Desert Flycasters – continuing to hold in person meetings. Next meeting is scheduled September 8th. Will be holding a BBQ and fly-casting event of September 18th.

White Mountain Lakes Foundation - 8th annual meeting to be held on October 16th. Always a fun event with lots of prizes given away.