

Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board Meeting Minutes – November 4, 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, Michael Hachey, Doyle Gains, John Jordan, Rod Berkey, Alan Davis, Jim Walker, Ron Stearns, Susan Geer, Tom Goodwin, Glen Knight and Tom Osterday. Guest - Gerry Quigley and Wayne Miller.

A quorum was present.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Report: October Board minutes reviewed. Susan Geers moved to approve, seconded by Ron Stearns – motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Financial report was presented by Michael Hachey. Moved to approve by Tom Goodwin, seconded by Ron Stearns – motion passed.

Old Business:

Alan Davis indicated that we are still waiting to hear on the Desert Fish Habitat grant that has been submitted. The US Fish & Wildlife architectural review has been completed. Now waiting on feedback/approval from the tribes.

If grant approval is not received in November funding will not take place until next April.

New Business:

Fundraising – Ron Stearns has prepared a one-page fundraising letter to go out to the ZGTU membership. It is anticipated the letter will go out in the next 7 – 10 days. Focus of the letter is to raise funds to support Apache and Gila Trout through local efforts.

Holiday Party – there was a brief discussion concerning hold a holiday party. Given schedule conflicts it appears this will need to be held in January – specific to be determined.

Strategic Planning:

Rod Buchanan reported that he is continuing to work on the final draft of the strategic plan. He may reach out to members of the planning committee for clarification on certain issues.

Date of full Board strategic planning meeting – TBD.

Diversity and Inclusion:

Susan Geer reported the following:

- Women's group held a kick off meeting at the AZ Fly Shop. It went well.
- Women's book club next meeting will be held via Teams. Susan is working to get this meeting set up.
- Still working on the Bureau Reclamation Grant.
- Joe Hill from Tucson reached out and has expressed an interest in working with the Stream Keepers program.
- Kiwanis fishing weekend is scheduled for 11/20.

Rod Buchanan reported that Madison Meadows Middle School fly fishing demo was a success. Approximately 140 kids participated as part of their outdoor recreation initiative. They had lots of volunteers participate.

The weeks of June 5th and June 18th have been set for the 2022 AZTU Fish Camp.

Public Policy Committee:

Tom Osterday reported the following:

- Nate Rees is working with SRP to apply for a \$1 million grant. Funds would be used for restoration of the west fork of the Black River.
- Work is continuing to define AZ priority waters.
- A late January Public Policy strategy meeting is being planned.
- The remainder of Tom's update can be found in the most recent ZGTU newsletter.

Education Committee:

It was reported that Orvis's Trout 101 & 202 programs are planned to be restarted in January, 2022

Education Committee (cont.):

Orvis is selling gift boxes for \$2.50. One half of this amount will be donated to ZGTU.

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

There are a total of 40 schools participating in the Trout in the Classroom program this year. Of these 23 are under ZGTU.

A virtual training session is planned for 20 teachers on November 17th.

AZFG agreed to produce a video for the Trout in the Classroom program.

Conservation Committee:

Arizona Flycasters has agreed to partner on the Salt River Saturday's program and will be taking the dates of December 4, January 15 and January 29th.

Susan Geer indicated the women's group was also interested in partnering on the Salt River Saturday's program. Specific dates TBD.

Lees Ferry – there will be no high flow water release this fall. High water flow scheduled for March which better mimics a natural occurrence.

Tonto Forest Plan – US Forest Chief expected to make an announcement shortly regarding AZ forest management.

Communication Committee:

No report provided.

Arizona State Council Report:

NAU held a meeting tonight. We learned that 10 individuals from NAU have expressed an interest in working with TU to support the Grand Canyon Chapter. Working to keep the Grand Canyon Chapter going by trying to integrate the NAU Flying Fishing club into the current Chapter.

TU Friends Report:

AZ Flycasters – AZ Flycasters is going back to in person meetings.

They had 14 people participate in their San Juan River outing.

Desert Flycasters – continuing to hold in person meetings.

AZ Sportsman for Wildlife Conservation – working to get back to in person meetings.