

Trout Unlimited Shasta Trinity Cascades Chapter

Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2020

1. Meeting Called to order at 6:08 pm at the Shasta Trinity Fly Fisher's (STFF) Clubhouse.
 - a. Quorum Present: Board members: Andrew Harris, Michael Caranci, Roberta Cole, Curtis Cole, Mary Nishioka, Ken Martinez, April Brown, Ben Helsten, Dan Rhodes
2. Minutes from Jan 14, 2020 Board & Chapter Meeting reviewed. Motion to approve by Mary; seconded by Curtis. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$23, 633.94 in the bank
4. President's Report
 - a. We were put in touch by Terry at The Fly Shop with the International Fly Fishing Film Tour (IF4). There is interest to pursue this as a fundraising alternative to replace the F3T, in late Oct/early Nov.
 - i. Ben Helsten agreed to contact IF4 people to open a conversation and learn more, will report back at the next meeting
 - ii. Nomination Committee
 1. Nominations for officers for 2020:
 - a. President: Andrew Harris
 - b. VP: Michael Caranci
 - c. Treasurer: Creighton Smith
 - d. Secretary: Jim Wigington
 2. Nominations for new Board Members for 2020 (3 year terms)
 - a. April Brown
 - b. Riley Johnson
 3. Vote at April Meeting
 - b. The next Clear Creek Fish Tagging Survey with CalDFW is set for March 4-5. Andrew will send notice to board/membership
 - c. March 11: Pit 3-4-5 Adaptive Management Meeting in Redding. Time/Place TBA
 - i. To discuss potential flow regime changes for Pit River. PGE considering going back to original flows; concern is that other groups (American Whitewater) may push for higher/pulse flows.
 - ii. TU-STC wants to have a presence there to keep us at the table for discussion.
 - d. Set the date for annual Sacramento River Cleanup: April 18
 - i. Aaron Galwey said he would help plan/organize.
 - ii. Need to publicize to get lots of volunteers
 - iii. Offer to invite volunteers to Fall River afterward
5. STFF Updates: City of Redding has asked for SSTFF to help put on an open house at the STFF Clubhouse on April 4. Midday, probably 10 am – 2 pm. Would like TU-STC to help.
 - a. Motion made by Andrew Harris to have a table and volunteers at the Open House. Motion seconded by Michael Caranci. Passes unanimously.

6. Women's Angle
 - a. Couldn't get presenters. Since TFS doesn't want to support the event, do we still want to do it? Yes, but let's start at a smaller scale.
 - b. May not be worth funding unless an annual event, and likely can't afford heavy financial commitment for extended period of time.
 - c. Maybe talk to TU State about additional support/funding?
 - d. Focus on 1 day event. Date tentatively set for April 11, 2021. Can use local instructors to save funds.
 - e. Women's Angle Committee will put together a proposal, present to next meeting.
7. STFF Fundraiser Banquet
 - a. STFF doesn't have a committee yet.
 - b. Working on formal document on how to distribute funds between STFF/TU.
 - c. Jim Tornillo and Tom Taylor (STFF) want to meet with someone (probably President Andrew Harris) to discuss fund dispersal.
 - d. Deposit has been paid by STFF.
 - e. Need to start soliciting items ASAP
 - f. By April, STC requested STFF to have a full event writeup so we can start soliciting for donations. Focus on "experiences".
 - g. STC will reach out to chapter membership with chapter updates, ask for donation ideas, etc.
8. Trout in the Classroom:
 - a. Lots of interest from schools...but not a lot of support from volunteers. May have to start limiting number of classrooms as a result.
 - b. Release days set for March 23, 24, 25, at Clover Creek Preserve, Anderson River Park, and Whiskeytown lake at Brandy Creek Marina.
 - c. Volunteers needed, especially to help with fish egg delivery, fly tying events, fly casting at release days.
9. Urban Streams:
 - a. Finally heard from Mike Harris, DFW. Set date of Saturday, March 7 to meet with BLM at Middle Creek Sediment Ponds. Time TBA...
10. Trinity Grants
 - a. Michael Caranci/Mary Nishioka spoke with TU-CA staff. Staff supports the idea of them working on Trinity watershed projects, with help from STC Chapter.
 - b. No time to do it for this year
 - c. Best to start process now for 2021 grant cycle.
 - d. Michael to try to contact Aaron Martin (Yurok) and/or Eric Weisman (DFW) for ideas for viable watershed projects
11. Next Meeting: April 8, 2020 at STFF Clubhouse
12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 pm.