

Trout Unlimited Shasta Trinity Cascades Chapter

Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2020

1. Meeting Called to order at 6:01 pm at the Shasta Trinity Fly Fisher's (STFF) Clubhouse.
 - a. Quorum Present: Board members: Andrew Harris, Michael Caranci, Roberta Cole, Curtis Cole, Jim Wigington, Mary Nishioka, Creighton Smith, Allan Craig, Ken Martinez, April Brown
2. Minutes from Dec. 3, 2019 Board & Chapter Meeting reviewed. Motion to approve by Ken Martinez; seconded by Jim Wigington. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. \$24, 883.94 in the bank
 - b. We had a request from Project Healing Waters national organization for direct donation.
 - i. Richard Martin from PHW Redding Chapter was present, asked that we donate instead to our local PHW chapter.
 - ii. Motion from Allan Craig to Sponsor a boat at PHW's annual fundraiser the Two Fly Tournament, at \$1,250. Motion seconded by Mary Nishioka. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. We received a \$1,000 rebate from TU National. This is given to TU CA, they discussed at the Oct. State meeting to share the rebates evenly amongst the CA Chapters. Some bigger chapters wanted more funds, but it was discussed that they also have more fundraising opportunities than smaller rural chapters, so it was decided to share the rebate evenly.
4. President's Report
 - a. ISE Sacramento Show: Allan Craig will be there on Friday all day representing STFF Chapter
 - b. Discussed CDFW regulatory changes. Committee to discuss after meeting to respond with comments to DFW.
 - i. Main concerns are the Upper Sacramento Tributaries, recommendation to close during trout spawning periods from Oct. 1 to Sat preceding Memorial Day.
 - c. Hat Creek Mark/Recapture Survey early April.
 - i. CDFW is planning a study on Hat Creek Wild Trout Section in early April (prior to current Trout Season Opener). They would like our help to fish for trout, ascertain viability of fishery and proposed regulation changes prior to current Trout Opener.
 - d. TU CA State Meeting: set for October 23-25, 2020, in the Sacramento Area. This is close for us so we should have a good turnout from STC members. Fishing will be on Putah Creek.
 - e. Clear Creek Surveys
 - i. STC participated with volunteers (6 on Jan. 9, 4 on Jan 10) in winter fishing survey on Clear Creek. It went very well. Many fish were caught and tagged. First day volunteers caught lots of small trout from 10-14 inches,

scale samples taken from all. Second Day was less fish, but several big fish including a few over 20 inches that were believed to be steelhead, with telemetry tags surgically implanted in 4-6 fish.

- ii. CDFW staff is very pleased, saying the results from these 2 survey's so far have been very helpful for them, much better results than they've had in past surveys with only DFW staff.
 - iii. Next survey tentatively planned for late February, hoping to get approval to fish above the canyon to compare data to the lower sections previously surveyed.
 - f. TRRP Grant Opportunity
 - i. Trinity River Restoration Program reached out to TUSTC with grant funding opportunities for watershed work in the Trinity Region.
 - ii. STC members have doubts about the effectiveness of TRRP work on mainstem Trinity, but agree this could be good opportunity to do beneficial work in tributaries
 - iii. Concerns over bureaucratic process and administering larger funds.
 - iv. Suggested STC contact TU CA state staff, Brian Johnson and Tiffany from Truckee office, to get their thoughts. Suggested might be better as a state staff project, with support from STC. Mary Nishioka agreed to lead on contacts, Michael Caranci to help.
 - g. Nominating Committee formed to make recommendations for nominations to TUSTC Board and Officers. April Brown and Bryan Quick both terming out as board members. Bryan terms out as Security. Nominating Committee (Michael Caranci, Dan Rhodes, Ben Helsten, and Andrew Harris) will report to Board at next meeting, elections in April.
5. Trout in the Classroom:
- a. Big meeting today, 20+ teachers and volunteers getting tanks set up
 - 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.
 - i. Suggested TU-STC send eblast to membership asking for volunteer help
 - d. 10 New teachers this year
 - e. Eggs ready for delivery on Jan. 31
6. Women's Angle
- a. Still waiting for the committee to meet. They've tried several times but have not been able to meet. Committee is Bryan Quick, April Brown, Ben Helsten, and Kathy Burns.
 - i. April agreed to help try to set up another meeting.
 - ii. Event is scheduled for May 2-3, need to start lining up presenters asap.
 - iii. Mary Nishioka confirms most of the rest of the details are ready to go.
 - b. City of Redding wants to help promote.
7. Fundraising

- a. STFF would like STC to partner with them for their annual fundraising auction dinner, September 26, 2020.
 - b. Want STC help in promoting event, and asking for donations for auction.
 - i. Focus for donations on experiences rather than products.
 - c. Motion made by April Brown: Participate in joint fundraising event with STFF on Sept. 26. Motion seconded by Jim Wigington. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Other Projects:
- a. No update on Jet Ski ban, next step to develop petition and push for signatures
 - b. No update on Henderson Open Space, City of Redding still delaying the project. Frustrating because this area has been on the news many times in recent weeks due to the terrible transient/environmental problem there, tens of thousands of pounds of garbage removed weekly. Lots more garbage and chemicals going into the river there.
 - c. North Cypress: still working with McConnell foundation to possibly purchase and work with STC as stewards. Low priority for Foundation, but still on the table.
9. F3T Premier on February 20
- a. Moving forward and being promoted primarily by “new” F3T people.
 - b. But...in our community it is recognized as TU event, so we would be inconspuous in our total absence.
 - c. Agreed TUSTC should at the very least have a membership booth there.
 - d. Will need volunteers
 - e. Question asked if TU volunteers could get free tickets? Ben Helsten unavailable at the. Meeting to respond, but called in and said he’d be talking to F3T people later this week.
10. Next Meeting: February 25, 2020 at STFF Clubhouse
11. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm.