

Shasta-Trinity-Cascade Trout Unlimited Meeting Minute NOTES:

Wednesday, 6/24/20

Meeting held at the STFF Club House (first face to face since CoVid19 Shelter in Place)

Notes taken by Roberta Cole

VP Michael Caranci calls the meeting to order: 6:07 PM

Board Members present:

Michael Caranci, Roberta Cole, Curtis Cole, Riley Johnson, April Brown, Creighton Smith, Allan Craig, Ken Martinez, Mary Nishioka

Welcome our non-board members and thank them for joining us

Welcome our guest speaker: Tiffanee Hutton, TU CA Employee from the Truckee Office and her BF Eric.

- PowerPoint presentation on Small Habitat Restoration (under 5 acres), including CA planning and permitting.
 - Identify the purpose & need
 - Get a range of expertise and input
 - Develop a team
 - Design then secure funding
 - NEPA vs CEPA permitting process
 - NOTE: if your project can be under the umbrella of a fuels reduction project, funding and permission is easier to obtain
- Roberta took some photos of her PP presentation
- 7 PM Tiffanee finished answering questions from the group

Business begins.....

- Motion to approve the minutes from 5/6/20 by Curtis Cole; Seconded by Alan Craig.
- Motion accepted unanimously.

Treasurer Report.....

- Account Balance: \$26,810.92
- Not much activity since the last meeting....deposited a PGE Matching check for \$750.00
- Creighton (and Roberta) continue to work on the Annual Financial Report. This last fiscal year is longer than normal: Begin October 18, 2018 and End April 1, 2020
- AFR must be submitted by July 15th

President's Report.....

- Report given by Michael Caranci
- Pit 3/4/5 Adaptive Management Proposal by PGE update will be given at the next meeting, when Andrew returns.
- Visit to Squaw Valley Creek given by VP Michael Caranci

- On Friday, June 12th, the following STC-TU Board Members Andrew, Creighton, Allan, Jim, Ken. Michael, Curt & Roberta met with a McCloud landowner, Marc Meyer, in McCloud, CA. Our purpose was to discuss a potential future, restoration project.
- The group started at the McCloud Golf Course to see the riparian, overgrowth. The water was clear and cold
- Next stop was a some springs on Forest/Timber land
- Next was to see some early 1900 weirs that were still blocking part of the river
- Next we went to Marc's property to see some restoration work he had done in the last couple of years. He cleared much of the stream bank overgrowth, and with permits put in a V-weir and a J-hook in the river. We saw parts of his property that could still use restoration work.
- We crossed over Squaw Valley Creek (a few times) on the main road—at this point, the creek was on private grazing land.
- We finished our tour at a public access point: Cabin Creek Trailhead
- Alan will check with DFW (Mike D????) to see if there are any thought about what we could do on this creek. Hopefully, he will have data from any studies done when the Nestle bottling plant was looking into acquiring the water rights.
- Alan will check with DFW (Mike D????) to see if there are any thought about what projects might be possible on the McCloud River, Sheep Creek, etc with more public accessibility---especially, regarding the McCloud Red Band.

Upcoming Events.....

- The September 26th, STFF/STCTU Fundraising Dinner has been postponed until March 20th, 2021 due to CoVid19 concerns.
- As of today, the Oct 23-25, State TU meeting in Woodland, is still on the schedule. Roberta & Curtis will be able to attend the meeting. Since it is close, others are welcome to join them. In the past, State TU would pay for a motel room, for anyone traveling to the meeting.
- Late Fall or Spring River Clean Up dates have been postponed until social gathering restrictions have been updated (CoVid19)

Committee Reports / Chapter Updates.....

- Middle Creek Project
 - Creighton has talked with Jerry D. Comingdeer, owner of Crystal Creek Aggregate. He has agreed to give us use of a loader, truck, excavator and drivers/operators. They will not only remove the sediment from Middle Creek, they will haul away the silt and rock.
 - Michael said that John Ribinsky, of BLM is still working out the details of the project. Michael said that we have obtained the man power and equipment...now we just need the agencies to get all their ducks in a row. Possible project date: August or September 2020.
 - STC TU drafted a letter to the BLM, stating what we can do, and how we can help. Mary motioned to accept this letter and send it to BLM. Seconded by Alan. Unanimously accepted.
- Update from STTFF: Mary Nishioka

- STFF last meeting was Wed, 6/17/20
 - Earliest they can start offering classes at the clubhouse is Oct 2020. This is frustrating because, 2020 was the first year STFF advertised in the Redding Parks and Rec catalog.
 - STFF Christmas Party is still a “Go” unless CoVid19 shuts it down.
 - STFF has purchased an annual membership to ZOOM. Mary can set up a ZOOM meeting through this membership, so that the STC TU can hold online meetings, if necessary.
 - NEW: Constant Contact Email report
 - NEW: Fish reports
 - They hired a consultant to help with their website
- Trout in the Classroom: Alan Craig
 - Teachers / Administration have no idea what public education will look like in the future
 - Teachers are still interested in receiving eggs....but, field trips and on site visitors will probably not be a reality during the 2020-2021 School Year.
 - Alan will stay in communication with the teachers / administration; making sure all teachers who want eggs will get them.
 - Roberta said that the person working with the Steelhead in the Classroom project on the coast is also in limbo. He is not asking for any monetary support at this time.
- Other Project News.....
 - Michael discussed the Klamath Dam Removal Project and how agencies have gone to the Shasta Regional Foundation for possible funding assistance.
 - SRF let Michael know that we might have an opportunity to help with the recreation access portion of this project. Maybe some educational signage?
- Other.....
 - Discussed the Jet Ski issue on the river. Roberta mentioned that the sheriff was sitting in their boat, tucked into the Posse Grounds Boat Ramp. When questioned, they said they were waiting / looking for Jet Skiers who were breaking the rules.
 - Hopefully, a small group of people can get petitions signed to remedy the jet ski problem.
 - Seeing people fishing about the 44 Bridge. Now that this is a “Permanent Closure”.....we should consider putting up education signage along all the popular access points. The people many of us have approached, genuinely seem oblivious to the closure and have appreciated our letting them know that fishing is closed in this area.
 - Henderson Project still moving forward
 - A study in in the works to start studying the effect(s) of the light illuminating on the river, from the Sun Dial Bridge. Maybe we could do a PM hook and line study to see if there are fish under the bridge when the lights are on??? ☺

- NO new meeting date set. We will let Andrew set the date/send out the invitations. Possibly a Virtual ZOOM meeting? Possibly a Face to Face? We do have some business over the summer months that need to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM