

3-7-2018 Trout Unlimited Board Meeting Minutes.

Attendees: Mark, Kevin, Steve M., Shawn, Denis, Brad, Robert, Steve L, Mitch, Bill

Mark called meeting to order by noting that the movie night brought in \$3,200 \$800 from raffle

Only 11 tickets were sold at the door

We may need to give the theater more than door sales to help defer their costs.

Mark suggested \$500 as a possible amount to discuss for future events.

Received \$187 from Costco Challenge

We are \$400 over our fundraising goal for the year already, with \$54,000 in our account. David Shipman (?) with the Overlake Fly-fishing Club agreed to donate \$500 toward the Kokanee Project.

David Kyle received a \$151,000 grant he applied for to reroute Laughing Jacobs Creek Rachel Martin has written a grant seeking funds to support education/outreach efforts.

Mark believes we need to use our resources to support more research on the lake. He mentioned he'd visited with Fadra Booth (name?), who is the major donor director for WWU, and said she may be able to connect us to students to help with research Bill Way, who started the Kokanee Connection, is our connection with her.

It was suggested our chapter offer a \$10,000 grant to support student research on the pathogens in the lake.

Prof. Quinn, from the UW, will be our presenter at the March member meeting, where we can ask him how we can get students to help with research.

Mark clarified that TU can offer grants, but no scholarships.

A motion to allocate \$10,000 for a grant to help fund Lake Sammamish Kokanee research was presented and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Embrace a Stream is coming up, which may present another opportunity to offer \$3-4,000 grant.

It was noted that there has been a problem with email blasts to members who have gmail accounts.

A discussion ensued about resolving this issue.

Brad suggested using Excel to selectively pull gmail accounts for a separate email to those particular members.

With the ongoing email issues, Mark noted that we will still need to do two mailings per year to our members.

He also suggested establishing a Communication Group to meet to discuss the issues and to resolve them related to the website and social media sites. The group will include Mark, Bill, Mitch, Shawn (and Brad?) and meet at Mitch's house on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, time TBD.

Mark and Kevin noted that we should consider changing banks/financial institutions for our account. Mark noted that he used a US Bank ATM to get cash for the movie night and was charged an ATM fee by US Bank, and by Chase for using another institution's ATM.

BECU, which has supported TU with large donations the past couple of years, does not charge ATM fees and will reimburse you for fees charged at other bank ATMs.

A motion was presented that we switch our account to BECU, with 90% of our funds being held there, and 10% left in the US Bank account to keep that account active through fiscal or calendar year. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Bill Cook is TU lobbyist for the TU state chapter. He and Pat (?) presented to the legislature concerns about and issues surrounding mechanized mining, and pointed out that mechanized mining was never officially made legal in WA. Past legislative documents were dug up that revealed it was never approved by the state. Mark, Brad, and Steve M. attended the presentation.

Shawn I working to this year's Cedar River Clean-up.

Bill attended a meeting about the proposed Cedar River Asphalt plant, and described it as an input gathering event.

Brad mentioned that concerns have been raised by a local land owner who lives along the Raging River near a local quarry that has been doing blasting allowing silt to flow into the river. King County may be considering whether or not to buy the land through its Conservation Futures program.

The Willamore (?) Project has selected its outlet design for Lake Sammamish.

Mark noted that the Ballard Locks are old and could cause a major problem if they failed, the lake levels would be severely affected.

Brad noted that the State Chapter Fish Out will be at the Sun Lakes first weekend in April. He also noted that the State Chapter website is horrible, and wants to know if anyone has WordPress experience.

He also noted they are looking to hire a strong fundraiser, probably part time to begin, and the chapter is developing a fundraising committee to look at options for bringing in large donations.

Brad added that the Stream Girls initiative is going well, will have another outing at the end of April, and he believe he now has enough women trained to manage the program so he can step aside.

Mark noted that we may support Sasha Cohen, a dynamic young woman who's been extremely interested and active in TU, by helping to travel to conferences and meetings, as one of our efforts to nurture future leaders.