

TU Board Meeting Minutes, 4/4/18

Mark called meeting to order at 7 pm.

Mark, Kevin, Steve L, Duane, Bill, Shawn, Dave, Steve M., John, Denis, Robert, and guest Jeff Norman from the High Lakers Chapter.

Mark noted we need a speaker for April member meeting. John will check with Orvis. Mark wants to know within 24 hours, or will plan some other member-driven activity.

Project Healing Waters planning and organization is going well. Robert says he is two seats short at present. Around 20 boats committed so far.

Dave noted that he needs help getting his bbq in his truck for event.

Dave's Kokanee Project Report

Disconnected RSI from \_\_\_\_\_, and Idyllwood creeks (?)

Dave still has Kokanee backboard used with the Kokanee launcher. (Shawn, where are we on getting a representative culvert photo or art piece to put on the backdrop?)

Dave advised that the Snoqualmie Tribe is not participating in the upcoming Educational Event. (Political reasons, nothing to do with TU).

That opens up a spot at the event, possibly for the Chapter (Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>) at Confluence Park, 10-2 60-90 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students; Riparian maintenance, pulling weeds will be main project. Still working on RFP for Laughing Jacobs; hopes to get it out in week or two.

Emergency Action Plan is in place for this next year; RSI; Weirs in streams. (Can you add a little on this Dave?)

Trying a varied strategy this year on fry/smolt release, some unfed, some in RSI's, some will be kept for extended release (until October, where they are larger in size, beyond DO squeeze, and released in middle of the lake to reduce shoreline predation.)

Fish will be marked 4 different ways so we can tell where any returning fish came from.

Need \$200,000 for project. Confirmed for about \$70,000 in funds so far.

Kevin asked if releasing them in the middle of the lake will affect imprinting.

Ebrite, Laughing Jacobs and ? runs tend to stray anyway, so we don't really know.

Weirs will be place (where?) and manned November through December

Project will include manning the weirs in 6 hour shifts.

Hatchery is redoing its fish id signs. Dave noted we are trying to get some info on Kokanee on the signs.

Mark announced we received \$500 from Overlake Flyfishing Club to add on to the Kokanee Research grant.

Mark also mentioned that John may have money from the Evergreen Flyfishers to support a student researcher.

Our May speaker will be John McMillan, wild steelhead scientist who is a great speaker.

June is casting clinic at Sam State Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed in June.

Steve M. is trying to come up with funding for research. Thinking WFW may have some funding due to the mortality of smolts heading out of Lake Sam.

Theoretically we could get some money for Orca Recovery Plan, will propose another idea for utilizing those funds for fish recovery since salmon populations are critical to the Orca. State level we are going to try to stop a new proposed mine in the Green River area, with headwaters in the Mt. Adams area. The land is now in the hands of USFS who has already been communicating with a Canadian mining company.

Mark noted he plans a clamming outing on April 22. Said we could put it on the TU calendar of events, website as well as add surf fishing on the outing as an option too.

Daughters of the Revolution of North Bend are helping support the Project Healing Waters event. They were little known until they started supporting the event, and now are recognized as a group that supports the veteran's fishing outing.

Robert will be moving to Montana, so it was suggested he provide the Chapter with notes on his PHW planning schedule and boat volunteer connections.

Denis noted we had a small spike in new members immediately following the film, but no new members in past month.

Denis also is interested in getting speaker to our chapter meeting to talk about making Go-Pro videos. Mark suggested that he contact Go-Pro directly about a meeting presentation. Denis said he had not had luck with that yet.

Mark summarized the communications team meeting that was held last Wednesday at Bill's house, with Bill, Mark, Mitch, Shawn, Steve L., and Randall attending.

It was also noted that we need to remind members to post their fishing photos on our TU Chapter facebook page.

Bill mentioned a new Wildlife Area Management Plan committee being formed by WFW. In its early stages, but something we should keep an eye on even though its main focus is wildlife.

Jeff Norman is a member of the High Lakers Chapter. Joined the meeting to hear about what we are doing.

He is working with City of Bellevue on a stream team survey of the peamouth chub, specific to Kelsey Creek. Mentioned another recent survey showed that Kelsey Creek has the largest spawning population of cutthroat.

He added that WA alpine lakes are and have long been managed for put and take fishing. Not many offer restricted fishing.

John asked Jeff if he could provide chapter with some information about high lakes fishing.

Jeff will ask if Erik Fickheiser (?) could be a presenter for our chapter.

Mt Rainier National Park fish management is a mess. Brook trout cross-breeding with native bull trout. Although streams are glacial, they do support good fish populations, including chinook and Coho.

Kevin just wrote a \$10,000 check to the film project  
\$36,000 left in the account.

Dave added: Lake Sam is reworking their master plan. Cannot rework much of it because it's a wetland. Talking about all kinds of ideas, including artificial turf fields, indoor swimming and tennis complex, rope course, floating docks with trampolines, urban camping, etc. Park only has one senior aide, so there is no daytime management of the park for appropriate use. Just starting now. If anyone is interested, its time to get involved. Mostly presenting redevelopment stuff. Nothing about wetland or creek restoration. Dave will continue going to the meetings, as it effects Laughing Jacobs creek, and other waterways in close proximity.

Denis asked if TU has any college campus recruiting programs. Mark mentioned Western WA has a TU campus chapter. CWU may also have one.

Dave mentioned there is new talk about actually considering sea lion control, as their populations are robust and they are wreaking havoc on salmon.