TU Klamath Chapter

Meeting Minutes

12-12-2016

18 in attendance

Nell Scott presiding

Nell: Our TU chapter # is 679.

Attending members introduced themselves around the huge pine table

Topic 1: Angler supported science

**Mark Hereford**:

* Dr. Armstrong at OSU and ODF&W seeing assistance for mark/recapture efforts in the Keno reach for redband trout.
* UKL Radio tagging assistance from February-June
* Spring Creek-Woody Debris projects
* Drone surveys for spawning

**Matt Wyatt:**

* Matt gives a report on recent spawning fish observations in Williamson and Sprague rivers

**Derek Schaun (sp?):** Suggests BLM Juniper management harvested trees for habitat improvement

**Nell:** Facebook page is public, events will be on the page. Mark Hereford isn’t on the facebook, appears to be confused about this mythical cyber world.

Topics are Random from here on out:

Access Improvements/Advocacy: Dean: really interested in developing a tool where people can describe access points. Potentially an interactive map showing locations of USFS ramps along the Sprague or private property where access is allowed. Especially true along Sprague and Wood River where access is limited by large expanses of private property.

**Michael Hughes:** Asks about Flycasters and if anyone has reached out to them. Wondering if there will be conflicts? Discussion ensues. Liam suggests that there would be no conflict mainly due to TU mission, others recognize the importance of the Flycasters in the basin, and all agree that collaboration and complementary programs would be beneficial to both groups.

**Michael Hughes:** Suggest that there could be opportunities for integration with local TU staff. Nell agrees that there could/will be some overlap between the members chapter and the local staff.

**Cherie Swanson (Klamath Sustainable Comminities):** Wants to know more about state policy, advocacy, organizing, etc.

**Karl Wenner:** Wants to know if there’s a way to get OIT students and staff/faculty involved in the chapter? Michael Hughes says yes, OIT students have participated in Ducks Unlimited chapter activities in Klamath in the past. Charlie Erdman suggests that high school students could also be active.

**Liam Schenk:** Starts discussion on education and outreach, including the ODF&W Adopt-a-Trout program. Derek Schaun (sp?) mentions the Fish Derby that ODFW puts on. Nell mentions the Fish-to-Fry program with USFWS. Sue Mattenberger comments that the program is good way to get kids involved. Mark Hereford suggests a Perch derby since Yellow Perch are no bueno for trout, with something like a prize for most fish caught, etc.

**Nell Scott:** Begins discussion on recreational activities, networking for fishing, etc.

**Cherie Swanson**: Suggests a “Tool Library”, where people can check out equipment. She is also interested in collaborating with the Klamath Tribes on Wocus reintroduction. Liam mentions that many people at the meeting have contacts at the Tribes that work with Wocus re-intro. Derek Schaun (sp?) says the Karuk Tribe has programs that are a good example of what our chapter can do. Karl Wenner agrees, working with Tribes is a good thing for the chapter.

Oh wait here’s a topic: Winter Activities

**Nell:** Fly tying nights, presentations, art night, macro-invertebrate ID nights (all ideas). Karl suggests engaging the Fly Casters for fly-tying nights, mentioned Marshal Moser as a good contact for the Fly Casters to reach out to.

**Dean (last name?):** Interested in addressing access issues and communicating access points. Mark Hereford mentions that ODFW is working on fishing maps. Much discussion about access ensues.

**Mark Hereford:** Wants to know if there is an email list for the chapter. Some mention of aversion to the Facebook again.

**Nell Scott:** Appropriate plug for the Gaucho letting us use the space for our first meeting. Mentions that we need to find an office space for future meetings.

Next Meeting: Jan 4th at 6pm. (this meeting was eventually cancelled due to weather)