

**Three Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited**  
**Board Meeting Minutes: January 04, 2023**  
**6:30-8:00 PM at Wildfin American Grill, Issaquah, WA**

**Board and Committee Members**

Present: Steve Laing, Bill Gerdts, Bruce Tyson, Kevin Ostendorf, Jeff Norman, Jeff Jensen, Dave Kyle, and Rebecca Lavier

Absent: Judy Larson, Wayne Lamm

**Proceedings**

Meeting called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Steve Laing.

January general member/business meeting, January 18, VFW Redmond 7-9 PM– Steve L.

- Our guest speaker will be Michael Bailey, Restoration & Monitoring Specialist with the Environmental and Natural Resources Department for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.
- Jeff Norman lined up a second guest speaker from the Issaquah Alps Trails Club: Sally Lawrence, Chair of the Steering Committee of SaveCoalCreek.org. Save Coal Creek's goal is to preserve the 12-acre parcel of land on Lakemont Boulevard directly across from Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. Acquired by Isola homes in 2016, the planned 35 luxury home development in this ecologically sensitive, historically significant open space would forever alter one of Bellevue's most beloved natural areas. Concerns include water quality issues, avoid increase in traffic, preserve history, and protect salmon and wildlife habitat.
- Judy Larson sent out a new survey and request for nominations. No new nominations.
- Boost membership meeting attendance by having all board members call 10 members and invite them to attend. A personal invitation from board members hopefully will result in higher attendance. Acknowledged that it might be a challenge for people from Seattle to come due to driving distance. This may also be a good time to find interested individuals that want to become involved at the board level (both Kevin and Bill have been in their positions for 10+ years).
- Raffle Items for general meeting: beautiful bamboo fly rod built by Steve Foisie, Guided Sea Run Cutthroat Fishing trip for two with Bret Wedeking, fly line, hat, and other items from Creekside Angling Company, growler from Formula Brewery, and possibly a coffee donation from Freestone Coffee Co. (Judy L. reaching out to Bobby Jaeger). Also looking for more raffle ideas – Avid Angler in Lake Forest Park, WA.? Bruce T. could donate a rafting trip?
- Create a list of previous donors to reach out to, as well as new ones.

National TU conference in Spokane, WA for 2023

- Cx3 in 2023 happening Sept. 27-Oct. 01
- 3RTU will put together two auction items. Ideas: artwork, large basket of fishing gear, other; Jeff N. suggested reaching out to the artist Ken McCloud for an item to auction.

3RTU 2023 Budget planning meeting date/location

- January 21, 2023 at Kevin O.'s home on Camano Island, or a more local location on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Invite the president of the Seattle Cascades Chapter.

Semi-monthly membership meeting schedule.

- January – March – May – July – September – November

- Keep people interested and involved. Semi-monthly allows us to post volunteer activities, events, anything that comes up so that it's not too long between communications.
- Bruce and Steve will not be present for the March membership meeting. Judy L. will run meeting with help from rest of board.
- Following week in March 3RTU hosts the Spring Council Meeting

#### Film Festival – Steve Laing

- Owe FT3 \$1050 plus tickets for last year's film festival.
- Holding our own film festival this year could save a significant amount of money, as other venues are very expensive.
- Three main local films could be shown, possibly some others to make length 1 ½ hour show-time.
- Not a lot of time to plan.
- Good forum for raffles.

#### Project Healing Waters – Bruce Tyson

- Fish-Out scheduled for April 15, 2023 at Beaver Lake. Pavilion reserved.
- Information sent out to previous volunteers. Next step is to solicit more volunteers

#### Kokanee and Community Outreach updates – Dave Kyle

- Only 70 kokanee counted this fall (3 pairs on Ebright Creek, sent to Issaquah fish hatchery)
- quite a few fish coming online at Orcas Island.
- Fry trapping coming up, maintenance needed on the traps. Traps in at end of Feb. typically, temperature dependent. Wayne Lamm one of the leads.
- Important to keep this project going: the data we collect is a goldmine.
- None of the fry rearing methods stood out as being winners.
- Community outreach: Alix received funding for park cleanups, which has shown to be great as a TU community outreach event. Other organizations can sponsor these event, and 3RTU is a good fit for this. Good way to access new audiences. Funding came through King County but cleanups can happen at any parks.
- Grants month coming up; if funds are secured, they could be used for eDNA, aquatic weeds, parasites, pinniped management.

#### North End Activities - Jeff Jensen

- Strong run of kokanee (several thousand) in the North Creek river this year (75% + male). Expecting next year's run to be stronger.
- Working on a plan to install incubators along streams, similar to program with Lake Sammamish kokanee, but will need support and permits from Muckleshoot tribe before installing.
- Salmon watchers is ongoing.
- Jeff attended an event at biotech company called Sofie. They want to help with DNA extraction from old specimens.
- More eDNA studies are planned. Potential to help identify populations of African clawed frogs in stormwater ponds.
- The kokanee themed community play "The Little Town that Could" was filmed and could be used as an outreach tool

#### Treasurer Report – Kevin O.

- New 3RTU laptop update – Kevin did a price-check via his wife’s discount with the school district; started price comparisons, but hasn’t purchased yet. Purchase laptop before April
- QuickBooks purchase will happen after laptop purchase

#### Event & Project “Playbooks” or Check sheets

##### Drafts completed:

- Salmon Days – Steve L
- Run with the Kokanee – Steve L
- Fry Trapping (may need reformatting) – Wayne L

##### Drafts needed:

- PHW – Bruce
- Compass Outdoor Adventures casting clinics – Bruce, Jeff N?
- Perch Derbies – Dave
- Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, Fly-casting clinic – Steve L, others?
- Cedar River Clean-up (probably a Keaton event, level of support TBD)
- Salmon watchers/Kokanee spawning observers - Jeff Jensen?
- African clawed frog removal – Rebecca Lavier

Include number of volunteers and track volunteer hour.

#### Volunteer hours’ reporting – Kevin

- Jeff J. knows someone that might be able to create an app where we could input our hours and Kevin could access for reporting purposes.

#### Did not have time to discuss –

- Coordinating fry trapping season volunteers/activities – Wayne L (Report to Steve)
- Youth Academy funding – Discussion
- Online options for raffling/auctioning large ticket items – Steve L
- Update on WCTU recommendation for 3RTU to absorb Seattle Cascades Chapter
- Board member recruitment, succession planning, by-law revisions – Board Discussion

Bruce T. motioned to adjourn; Bill G. seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.