

TU Board Meeting, 5-2-2018

Attendees: Robert, Duane, Steve L., Steve M., Brad, Dave, Mark, Kevin, John, Denis, Gary

PHW, total of 31 veterans attended, 20 boats used. 5 vets were sick, could not attend. Vets were extremely thankful for the event.

Duane will be the intermediary in taking over the organizing of the PHW event for Robert, until someone else offers to step up.

Dave's Report

Says we have about a year-and-a-half in grant funding received.

Steve M noted that TU can take donated cars

Next Tuesday, conference about Kokanee situation. At Wally's.

Nils says he want to film some Kokanee trapping for the movie. Need volunteers to participate. Brad, Dave, Gary all maybe's on volunteering. Project is to load one trap and take it to Lewis Creek, install it, then demonstrate process for filming. About 2 hours, 9-11 am to install. Duane is the contact person. Sunday, May 20. Meet at Issaquah Brewhouse.

Salmon Days, Mark will register us for that event. Looking for volunteers to spearhead our involvement.

Casting Clinic. Wednesday, June 20th (third Wednesday). David updated the flyer. Orvis has said yes (according to John). John will send out flier to everyone. Should have enough water bottles leftover from PHW. Plan for 50-100 people. 18 hamburgers left (frozen) from PHW.

Mark suggested inviting everyone we know to our events, not just our members. Asked all to make a concerted effort to invite anyone and everyone to our events.

Mark asked if there is room in our storage unit for a small freezer. To be determined. Duane will get with Robert to survey everything in the storage unit.

The Kokanee Run, last Saturday in September (29th?). May get more tribal participation since it does not coincide with tribal event as last year.

Mark noted its time to send out another letter to members. May be good to email blast it as well, to make sure people receive it. John and Robert are members of fly clubs, and we should invite their members to our general meeting with reputable speakers to encourage more participation.

Snail mail is worth it. It may receive little attention, but it only takes one new member or donation to benefit the Chapter.

Brad said Project Stream Girls hosted 18 girls last weekend. Still no woman has volunteered to take it over yet. Girls sorely need some wading boots. Mark says we have \$500 budget for the program. Brad says we really need to do something. Need something to keep the girls warm. A discussion ensued regarding a solution to helping out the girls. Next event is on Oct. 19, 20, 21.

Mitch, Shawn, and Bill (Communications Team) were not present to discuss communications plan.

Steve Moyer with TU talked about inviting elected representatives to attend our events, to make the connections with those we serve, and what we do. Everything gets done by relationships.

Steve M. says we got the rule making done on the suction dredging issue. F&G unanimously voted that to put a rig in the water, miners will need to get a permit. It is a big setback for the miners. Department had no regulatory power to let them in the streams in the first place, but this is a big deal to get them out.

Met with Paul Graves, one of Issaquah District reps. He believes two groups may be able to come up with some funds for a research project.

Advocacy groups are trying to meet to find out what each chapter is doing, what projects they are working on.

Brad went to the Kitsap Chapter, and will be meeting with the Olympia Chapter.

We discussed making a sign about the Kokanee Project to put up at the hatchery.

Neil Hoffberg, talked to a possible speaker about coming to speak to our group, but she wanted to charge \$500 for her presentation.

Brad says thank you for the money our chapter sent to the State Chapter.

He is in the process of building a new website using WordPress.

As for asking for volunteers for specific events, seldom do people step up to take on the roles, all across the state. Brad's ultimate goal is to raise money, up to \$1 million.

Dave reported Kokanee Celebration, May 15th Tuesday, 11-2. He asked if there was any interest in showing kids how to cast. Its difficult to get volunteers on weekdays, because most still work weekdays. Kokanee launch during the event.

Dave is in the market for a small boat trailer for a 14-foot boat.

Kevin and Mark established a new account at BECU for our TU Chapter.

Amazon Prime Smile account is starting to contribute more money with increased use.

Salmon Recovery Council is sending a small group to Washington to talk about the mortality at the Ballard Locks. Big concern is if and when the locks fail. Reduction in lake levels would cost billions of dollars related to floating bridges and other infrastructure.

John will visit with his fly club again about funding for TU.

Mark noted that if anyone has an idea for an event that might attract more people, feel free to propose it as a future event. The biggest issue is getting someone to coordinate it.

Brad noted the State Fishout hosted about 25 people despite awful weather.

John McMillan May general meeting speaker, will talk about steelhead fishing.