

Snowy Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Board Meeting
August 7, 2021
10:00 a.m., Lewistown Library

Present: Mike Chapman, Mike Getman, Candy Bowman, Al Eggers, Chad Williams, Dave Ballman, Marita Valencia.

1. Review and approve May 2021 minutes

2. Treasurer's Report

Balance today is \$4211.01. We will shortly receive a bill for ~ \$300 from the News Argus for the thank-you ad we published after the fishing clinic. We will also pay Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU) \$450 for the class as well as our annual donation of \$300. Motion to approve these expenses by Al, seconded by Chad. Passed unanimously.

3. Review activity this year so far:

Junior High Fly Casting cancelled for lack of interest

MTU Kids' Fishing Clinic was big success! Thanks to Candy and all who helped. MTU's Bill Pfeiffer impressed by location and participating young people.

Contributed \$300 to Public Land and Water Access and \$500 to Big Spring Creek Watershed booklet.

Commented on native trout restoration projects policy

Obtained mini grant to be used for Junior High ecology class equipment

4. Chokecherry Festival

Our booth will be close to our previous location at 6th St. Set up is a little different because booths no longer abut one another.

As the new Big Spring Creek Watershed booklet is now available, we will make the theme of our booth "Big Spring Creek – Lewistown's Lifeline." Al will make a new poster with that heading using pictures from the booklet. We will have newsprint copies of the booklet to handout.

We will also have other useful materials to handout:

Fishing Access Sites, statewide

Stream Access Law

Region 4 Pond Guide

Applications to join Trout Unlimited

We discussed the possibility of a raffle and reviewed items we have available but decided against it. Will still have flies tied by our members. Decided that rather than sell them, we will give them away as opportunities arise.

We may bring a vice and tying materials so we can provide a demonstration to anyone who is interested.

Will bring a cooler of Big Spring water for ourselves and to offer others

Tent set up will be done by Mike Chapman, Mike Getman, Dave Ballman and Chad and Beckie Williams.

A sign-up sheet for staffing the booth and for who-brings-what will be circulated.

5. Hats: only three of the hats we ordered about 7 years ago remain. It was decided we will order more hats in a more modern style. Candy will check out cost at Variety Store and perhaps elsewhere.
6. Envelopes: We are almost out of envelopes with our logo in upper left corner. It was decided we will order five hundred more from The Argus. Marita will follow up.
7. Do we want an October or November program? Will decide after Chokecherry Festival
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Marita Valencia