

**Trout Unlimited General Meeting
February 27, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Roger Shott.

General announcements consisted of the following:

A drop-in, cabin fever Fly Tie-In will be held at the Commonwealth Bank. Participants arriving before noon are asked to park behind the bank. The event will start at 10:00 a.m., a light lunch of soup and sandwiches will be served, and the tie-in will end at 4:00 p.m.

Fin clipping at Wolf Creek on Friday, March 2, 2007, with Dave Dreves. A light lunch will be served.

Minutes: The January Minutes were posted on the TU web site and were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Fly Tying: Barry Morris and Tom Walsh

Barry Morris updated the current tying schedule.

Lee Squires	March 13 th
George Smith	April - Katydid pattern

Tom Walsh reported that after one more month of fly tying (3rd Tuesday of the month) at Bass Pro, the program will be re-evaluated.

Programs: Tom Walsh

Additional and revised events include the March 3rd Tie-In, the March 9th through 11th steelhead trip, a March 27th presentation by Roy Weeks on fishing for Bone Fish, and the April 19th (rain date April 26th) Fly Casting at Thurman Hutchins Park. A revised events sheet was distributed.

Outings: Roy Weeks

In Roy Weeks' absence, Roger Shott reported that the steelhead fishing trip will take place March 8, 9, 10, and 11th. Six individuals are participating.

Public Relations: Lee Squires

Deloris Cummings and Lee Squires will handle the publicity for the casting clinic to be held at Thurman Hutchins Park.

Membership: George Smith

Six new memberships have resulted from Trout Unlimited's participation in the Derby City Fly Fishers and Jim Strader events, and this February meeting welcomed both new and repeater members to the Club.

Old Business:

Otter Creek:

Members were reminded of the Otter Creek Clean Up that will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 noon April 28th. Volunteers should meet in the picnic area, bring a lunch, and stay after for a one-fly fishing competition that will end at 4:00 p.m.

Big Brush Creek:

George Smith reported that the temperature sensors are still in place, and no new information has been received.

Wolf Creek Dam Update:

Gerry McDaniels reported that on February 23rd the high flow matched past low flows, and the low flow was extremely low, running between 2-3,000 cfs for a 24-hour period. There is a fairly reliable TVA site on the internet that lists the predicted times of water release, and should be checked as spring rains may raise the flow as high as 20,000 cfs to keep the lake level at a safe depth.

Conservation Easements - Rally:

Roger Shott and Barry Morris attended the Rally in Frankfort. House Bill 354 offers tax relief to landowner participants who agree to easement access. This bill is heavily supported by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Division, and individuals who also wish to lend support may contact their state legislator.

Jim Strader Show:

Approximately thirty people showed interest in TU with several attending this meeting, and Nancy Walsh thanked the volunteers who staffed the booth.

New Business:

US Sportsman's Alliance Foundation:

TU has been asked to participate in casting instruction for the annual Churchill Downs Scoutarama that will be held March 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Last year three individuals covered the event; however, at least six to eight volunteers are needed to assist with the large number of participating scouts.

Program:

Tom Walsh introduced and filmed Lee Squires, Deloris Cummings, and Steve Woodring who illustrated their fly tying techniques.

Lee Squires tied an Airhead similar to the fly created by Gary LaFontaine. LaFontaine's flies were tested by scuba divers who watched the reactions made by trout, and the Airhead was the only fly that got immediate reaction, primarily from the light reflection on the closed cell foam used to create the fly. Another added feature of the fly is

that with the foam head and body, floatant isn't needed. The fly can be used both as an attractor and strike indicator.

Deloris Cummings tied a Hipps HellCraw which was featured in a recent issue of "Fly Tying." This fly is good for large and small mouth bass and large trout.

Steve Woodring tied a caddis type down-wing dry fly named the Woody Fly by Howard Patterson. Steve created this fly twenty years ago for fishing the Yellowstone in both smooth and rough water.

Miscellaneous:

The newsletter will be coming out this weekend. Check the TU website.

The TU Wolf Creek Dam portion of the Club's booth display was exhibited at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Diane Miller
Secretary