

Trout Unlimited General Meeting
August 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Shott at 7:00 p.m.

General Announcements:

Lee Squires stated that tickets purchased by TU members on or before September 17th would cost \$30.00 each. Tickets purchased after that date and at the door would be \$35.00 each. The banquet committee hopes to sell at least 60-70 tickets. Items are needed for the silent auction, and the only item offered at live auction would be a one-week getaway cabin at Red River Gorge that has been donated by Barney Sutton. Donation sheets and tax deduction information was distributed.

Gerry McDaniels reported that he had fishing equipment that had belonged to Doc Hadley available for purchase should anyone be interested.

Wayne Hunley, former board member, passed away August 28, 2007.

Fishing Reports:

The Cumberland River is doing quite well, with 18-19" fish commonplace. From Burkesville and up the water temperature has been registering 67 degrees, but the resident fish are not moving upriver as water fluctuation caused by the irregular water release program has created warm riffles that trout are reluctant to pass. However, this warm water has created the best walleye fishing in 20 years.

George Smith and company reported catching 20 trout at Helm's Landing the previous weekend.

Program:

Tom Walsh introduced Don Mathews, Dfishin fool's Guide Service, who guided the spring TU steelhead fishing trip in tributaries running into Lake Erie.

The steelhead season runs from October through May, and all prices quoted are inclusive. The customer should bring chest high waders, a fishing license, and a pair of polarized sunglasses - all other equipment is furnished by the Guide Service. The staff of six guides are local and not only know the migratory habits of steelhead, but also the pools and riffles where the fish are likely to hole up. The streams fished are mostly privately owned with access granted to the Defishin fool's Guide Service. Fishing is walk and wade with only the Grand River having the ability to support a drift boat.

The Guide Service also offers a fall trip to Ontario Canada for trout, Chinook, Pink and Coho Salmon on the Ojibwa Reservation north of Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. Interested parties are urged to book early as prime dates fill up quickly.

Minutes:

The minutes were approved as read.

Committees:

Fly Tying: Barry Morris

Tom Walsh will be tying this month and Deloris Cummings in September.

Program: Tom Walsh

Pam Martin, DBNF, if scheduled for the October General Meeting and will discuss fishing and conservation in Kentucky's park system.

Tony Brown will be on the program in November.

Outings: Roy Weeks

Roy and Vicki Weeks were the only participants of the Yellowstone Trip. Fishing was good although the park service imposed a no-fish time zone during their stay. Several fisheries were closed through August 22nd after they left. The trip for 2008 is already scheduled, and those wishing to go to Yellowstone should make their lodging reservations early.

September 28th and 29th are the dates for the Great Smokey Mountain trip to Townsend. Reservations for lodging need to be made asap. Tom Walsh stated that the elk herd will be on the move at that time, and interested parties may wish to go to Townsend earlier.

Casting Clinic: Delores Cummings

No report.

Membership: George Smith

TU welcomed newcomer Fred Doyle.

Old Business:

Wolf Creek Dam: Joe Bobrowski

Construction at Wolf Creek Dam is ahead of schedule. On-line reports are available bi-monthly.

Conservation Easements:

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will try to reschedule. The Bill made it through the House, but failed in the Senate.

Big Brush and Otter Creeks: George Smith

Temperature monitors were removed in July; however, there has been no report.

Fly Tying at Wolf Creek Hatchery Museum:

Volunteers are needed to conduct a fly tying seminar (9/27/07) at the Museum for a group from the Women in the Outdoors Program. This event coincides with the National Hunting and Fishing Day being also being held at the Salato Center on September 22nd.

Nominating Committee: Frank Elsen, Bill Remaks, George Smith

A slate has been compiled, but there are still vacancies for the posts of treasurer and secretary. Interested parties should contact the nominating committee.

Casting for Recovery: Mike Lubeach

Reel recovery, a program for men being treated or recovering from cancer, took place in May 2007. The retreat was staffed by volunteers from TU and former participants.

Casting for recovery for women surviving breast cancer will be held the last weekend in September, and volunteers are needed for the retreat that will be held in Indiana. Brochures and application forms for attending the retreat were made available by Mike.

Adoption of Otter Creek: Tom Walsh

Signage has been erected at Otter Creek indicating TU's partnership with Metro Parks. Obligations include periodic cleaning of Otter Creek. Contact has been made with the military establishment concerning the silting program where heavy equipment accesses the stream. The administration is aware of the problem; however, training will take precedence in any and all instances.

Future fish stocking will be a scattered approach rather than dumping in one spot. Backpacks will be used to move the fish to more friendly localities in the stream. The committee is also trying to get a delayed harvest program started.

Brush Creek:

After 22 days of 90 degree air temperatures, a downstream monitor registered 70 degrees while one five miles farther up registered 64 degrees. Other streams being considered for monitoring are Otter Creek and Lynncamp.

New Business:

Trammel Creek: Barry Morris

There will be a call for volunteers for hands-on habitat improvement, but no date has been set.

Crooked Creek: Walt Anderson

TU has donated funding for four rods and reels for the BSA camp, bringing the total available to six. The increase in fishing equipment enabled the attending Scouts to work for a fly fishing merit badge. George Smith was recognized for his support for the project and was awarded a 20th anniversary Crooked Creek Coffee Mug and a merit patch.

Raffle:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Diane Miller

Secretary