



# Payson Fly Casters

## AZ Trout Unlimited Gila Chapter 530

### General Meeting Minutes

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*Date | time* 4/27/2024 9:00 AM | *Location* Tiny's Restaurant *Number of Attendees:* 30

Meeting Opened at 09:00am by Tom Herman

1. Tom Herman and Donn Newhouse welcomed 1 new member and 6 guests.
2. Tom Herman and PFC members who attended the San Juan River Fishing Trip shared a photo presentation and information share about the trip.
3. Deems Davis, with support from PFC Board Members in attendance, shared information on the Payson Flycasters Organization changes. Payson Flycasters is now known as “Payson Fly Casters, Inc.” and is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and corporation registered with the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Gila Chapter 530 of Trout Unlimited no longer has officers and will be “dissolved” unless individuals wish to serve as Board of Directors and hold the required officer positions.

4. Tom Herman shared information and the results of the Humane Society Spring Gear Collection and Sales Event. This event will only occur once per year, changing from the twice per year event.
5. Greg Reed issued a call for volunteers to support Payson Fly Casters at the 2024 Payson Wildlife Fair on May 4, 2024.
6. Tom Herman shared information on the Tonto Creek Hatchery and Canyon Creek Hatchery Support by Payson Fly Casters by purchasing needed hatchery maintenance equipment. Tonto Creek Hatchery manager Bryce Sisson will be attending a future club meeting to share a local fishing report.
7. 2024 Outings – Members in Attendance
  - a. White Mountains Arizona June 6 – June 13, 2024
  - b. Flaming Gorge, Green River, Dutch John Utah – September 16, 2024 – September 19, 2024
  - c. Lee's Ferry – October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024. This outing may be cancelled due to lack of available fish at this location per member Tyson Warren.
8. Fishing Reports:
  - a. Lake Mary fishing has been abundant. Opportunity for larger fish. Wading, Float, or fishing from the banks. Wooly buggers and midges of any type have had success—Tyson Warren.
  - b. Woods Canyon Lake road opened on 4/25. Willow Springs Lake now open with success catching rainbow trout—Several PFC Members.
  - c. Tonto Creek and Bear Flats had success catching on Prince Nymphs (16) and Zebra Midges—Tommy Brunetto.
  - d. Upper East Verde had fish sighted at all locations. Water level low at Verde Glen—Several PFC Members.
  - e. Green Valley Lake had large rainbows caught at the apartment pond, large grass carp sighted at lake #3. Will be stocked in preparation for the May 4 Payson Wildlife Fair.

9. Donn Newhouse shared a thank you from Jim Stroger for all who serve as coaches for the students of the Julia Randall Elementary After School Fly Fishing class. Coaches encouraged all who were in attendance to take the opportunity to serve as a coach to help the students learn the sport.
10. John Green shared information on the Payson Parks and Recreation Fly Fishing Class that will take place on May 11, 2024. John requests support from PFC membership for the afternoon outdoor portion of the class.
11. Other Announcements:
  - a. The name and address of the treasurer for the Insurance policy provider requires a change from former treasurer, Mike Arnold, to current treasurer, Greg Reed. Donn Newhouse motioned for this change, Gary Altman seconded, all present voted in favor.
12. Gary Altman provided an update on the 2024 Christmas Party. Will take place at the Mazatzal Casino on Sunday December 15, 2024, at 5PM. Cost per person is approximately \$35 with the final amount to be shared at a future date.
13. Gary Altman Facilitated the 50/50 Raffle. Total of \$80 collected for a \$40/\$40 split between the club and the winner.
14. Next Meeting May 25, 2024, at 9:00am. Tiny's Restaurant

Respectfully submitted,  
Donn Newhouse  
Payson Fly Casters, Inc.