



Payson Flycasters

AZ Trout Unlimited Gila Chapter 530

Club Meeting Minutes



Date | time 4/29/2023 9:00 AM | *Location* Tiny's Restaurant Payson AZ
Number of Attendees: 38

Agenda Items

1. The meeting opened at 8:55 by Tom Herman. Donn Newhouse introduced 8 guests, and 1 returning member.
2. Donn Newhouse remembered Dan Howell and shared information regarding the memorial service for Dan to take place at Messenger's Funeral Home, 901 S Westerly Rd, Payson, AZ 85541, on Thursday May 25 at 10:00am. Donn will send communication to the club membership closer to the date.
3. Tom Herman and Dorothy Howell remember Payson Flycasters founding member, Bob Youtz, who passed away on April 21.
4. Presentation: *"Fishing in Arizona"* – Chris Rich Owner AZ Fly Shop Phoenix Arizona. Chris was invited to return to present more at a to be determined date in the near future.
5. 5 Minute Break
6. Update on the Arizona Game and Fish Wildlife Fair on May 6, 2023. The event is at Green Valley Lake Park. Set up is from 8am to 9am, and the event runs from 9am to 3pm. Opportunity to help attendees with fly fishing during the event. Donn to send out a reminder to the volunteers and request additional support.
7. After School Childrens Program Report by Jim Stroger. Coaches assisting students at Green Valley Lake recognized. The program will continue on Thursdays until May 18, 2023.
8. Update on New Zealand Mud Snails at Upper and Lower Canyon Creek by Jim Stroger. Also shared information on how to prevent the spread of the snails by correct equipment cleaning.
9. Humane Society Fundraising Gear Collection and Sales Events Report by Tom Herman and Dave Montgomery. Thanks to everyone who participated in the two weekend event. A total of \$837.00 collected, with \$418.50 to the Humane Society, and \$418.50 to the After School Children's Program.
10. Trout in the Classroom Update and Support by Tom Herman. Trout are a few inches long. Tanks will need to be taken down from the library at Julia Randall Elementary School, anyone interested in helping should contact Tom Herman.
11. Trout Unlimited Annual Report Volunteer Hours Request by Donn Newhouse.

12. 2023 Outstanding Dues Request by Donn Newhouse. An email will be sent to those members who have not yet paid their dues for 2023. If dues are not paid by the May meeting, those members will be marked as “Inactive” and removed from future communications, until dues are paid. Annual dues of \$25.00 are for a calendar year (January through December).
13. Fishing Reports – Members in Attendance
 - a. Request to avoid Green Valley Lake on 4/29 due to Kid Fishing Day by Jim Stroger
 - b. Reports on Field Trips to Upper Christopher Creek, East Verde and Upper East Verde Rivers, and Tonto Creek by Jim Stroger and Greg Reed. The trips were very informative and well attended.
14. Raffle 50/50 and Orvis \$250 Gift Card facilitated by Gary Altman. Collected \$126.00 for the 50/50 raffle. Collected \$5 for the Orvis Gift Card Raffle. Additional items were 4 boxes of flies, spools of tippet, baseball cap, gift card to restaurant.