

Payson Flycasters Club/Gila Trout Chapter #530
Minutes of Meeting
August 28, 2021

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM, by Jim Stroger, President via Zoom Conference. 11 people in attendance.
2. Joe Miller introduced Kevin McCully Payson's Fuels Manager, who gave a presentation on the fire risk mitigation of the areas around Payson and the Cragin Reservoir.
3. Shared with the club the list of Coming Events including:
 - a. Cleanup at East Verde River on September 28, 2021. Group will meet at Home Depot at 1pm.
 - b. Humane Society Event.
 - i. Collection of sale items on October 1, 2, 2021.
 - ii. Sale Event on October 15, 16, 2021.
 - c. Project Healing Waters:
 - i. Cleanup and fishing at Green Valley Lake Park on November 5, 2021, at 9:00am.
 - ii. Project Healing Waters on November 6, 2021.
 - d. Christmas Party at Fairways Restaurant at Payson Golf Club on December 4, 2021. Gary Bedsworth shared information about the venue, more details will be provided as the date approaches.
4. East Verde River Watershed Restoration update provided by Joe Miller. Plans are for 18,000 acres from the Water Wheel at East Verde River to the Mogollon Rim.
5. Report on the Mogollon Rim Sporting Association (MSA) Banquet. Payson Flycasters Club, Desert Flycasters Dave Weaver donated a handcrafted fly rod. A matching loaded reel was donated by Joe Miller from Payson Flycasters and Gila Chapter of Trout Unlimited. A total of \$400 was raised for the MSA. MSA does a tremendous job supporting conservation and education efforts in Rim Country. They have been extremely helpful with the Canyon Creek Hatchery Gila Trout Propagation Program with a \$25,000 donation and have also been very supportive of the Kid Fly Fishing programs at JRE and RCMS with purchase of fly-tying equipment and rod/reel outfits.
6. The future meeting issue is dependent on Covid conditions, as well as venue availability as Tiny's is not yet open. Will have September meeting as an outdoor event at either Rumsey Park or Green Valley Lake Park.
7. Fishing Reports
 - a. Tom Herman shared information about recent trips to Woods Canyon Lake, Willow Springs Lake and Kohl's Ranch.
 - b. Jim Stroger shared information about Brown Trout at Tonto Creek. East Verde River possible stocking is hopeful for the fall, but not certain. A major issue will be stream temperature and adequate pools for fish. We will keep you posted as we learn more. Canyon Creek Hatchery has trout ready for stocking, some may be used to stock Green Valley Lake and other area lakes.
 - c. Joe Miller is preparing an article on Horton Creek for the next newsletter. Also shared a report on the Cragin Reservoir Lake which has risen to 31 feet, which is higher than this spring season.
8. Adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted by
Donn Newhouse Secretary