



Payson Flycasters

AZ Trout Unlimited Gila Chapter 530

General Meeting Minutes



Date | time 3/30/2024 9:00 AM | *Location* Tiny's Restaurant *Number of Attendees:* 27

Meeting Opened at 09:00am by Tom Herman

1. Tom Herman and Donn Newhouse welcomed 1 new member and 5 guests.
2. Jim Goughnour presented and fielded questions on the *Arizona Game and Fish Department Agency Overview* and fielded questions on *Custom Fishing Rod Building*.
3. PFC Member Bill Davis gave an information share on "*Flaming Gorge and Green River Fishing*". Donn Newhouse will share a list of information with club membership.
4. Tom Herman reported on the recent Arizona Veterans Fly Fishing event. Dorothy Howell shared that the organization presented the club with a recognition plaque for all the support the club has provided to the veterans over the years.
5. Tom Herman gave a report on a recent visit to the Tonto Creek Hatchery. The White Mountains recreational fishing waters will soon be stocked with Apache trout from the hatchery.
6. Tom Herman shared an update on the current Trout In the Classroom project at Julia Randall Elementary School.
7. Tom Herman reported on the upcoming Humane Society Spring Gear Collection and Sales Events for April 5, 6 and April 12,13. Signup sheet circulated.
8. Donn Newhouse reported on the Julia Randall Elementary School After School Fly Fishing Program for Jim Strogon. Members have donated flies to meet this semester's needs. Update on some past students and their current involvement in fly fishing.
9. 2024 Outings Update – Members in Attendance
 - a. San Juan River New Mexico April 10 – April 19, 2024
 - b. White Mountains Arizona June 6 – June 13, 2024
 - c. Flaming Gorge, Green River, Dutch John Utah – September 16, 2024 – September 19, 2024
 - d. Lee's Ferry – October 21, 2024 – October 24, 2024
10. Fishing Reports:
 - a. Tonto Creek on 3-27. Fishing with black pine squirrel leaches and hare's ear nymphs were working.
 - b. Roosevelt Lake has been very good. Fish are in various stages of spawning, suggested to fish near where water is flowing. Smallmouth caught.
 - c. Green Valley Lake has been slow. Water temperatures are too low for trout, and water cloudy.
 - d. Discussion on Verde Glen access.
11. Donn Newhouse gave an update on 2024 Membership Dues receipts.

12. Gary Altman requested show of hands for interest in an afternoon or evening time from for the 2024 Christmas Party. Tally was Afternoon: 8. Evening: 8.
13. Raffle 50/50 – Gary Altman \$56 total with \$28 to the selected ticket. Special raffle of merchandise was held for members who paid 2024 dues and lifetime memberships.
14. Next Meeting April 27, 2024. Presentation will be the San Juan River outing by those who attended.