



Payson Flycasters
AZ Trout Unlimited Gila Chapter 530
General Meeting Minutes



Date | time 5/27/2023 9:00 PM | *Location* Tiny's Restaurant

Number of Attendees: 21

1. Meeting opened at 8:57AM by Tom Herman. 3 guests in attendance and no new members.
2. Treasurer's Report: PFC Checking - \$4958.74, PFC Savings - \$502.00
GTTU \$10,524.97 of which \$7000 is a special funds allocation for a 2 year commitment for GTTU to a full time Trout Unlimited Conservation Position and \$2000 for a conservation effort of the chapter's choice.
3. Dan Howell Memorial Celebration. Tom Herman recognized Dan and thanked those who attended the service on 5-25-2023.
4. Jim Stroger announced that this meeting the Orvis \$250 Gift Card winner would be drawn and provided a last chance for those in attendance to purchase a chance to win.
5. Tom Herman and others who attended the San Juan Fishing trip shared their experiences.
6. Fishing Reports – Members in Attendance
 - a. Several attendees shared information on the Woods Canyon Lake Stocking Incident on 5-23-2023.
 - b. Reports on the East Verde River where Gila Trout was caught at the Water Wheel.
 - c. Rainbows caught at Woods Canyon Lake, which was stocked after the lake was cleaned post 5-23-2023 incident.
 - d. Rainbows caught at Willow Springs.
 - e. Brown Trout caught at Tonto Creek.
 - f. Blue Gills and Crappies caught at Green Valley Lake.
7. Lie and Tie – Beginners Fly Tying report by Tom Herman, meetings have been well attended to date.
8. Silver Creek Restoration Project in June information shared by Jim Stroger. Donn will send out more information as it is made available.
9. Arizona Game and Fish Wildlife Fair Report by Jim Stroger. Estimated 3000 attendees this year. PFC GTTU booth well received.
10. Payson Parks and Rec Intro to Fly Fishing Class on June 10 still has some open slots as of this meeting reported by Jim Stroger

11. Payson Flycasters Bench at Green Valley Lake Park is now in place near the fishing dock. Reported by Jim Stroger
12. After School Fly Fishing Program End of School Year Update by Jim Stroger. Participants in attendance shared their experiences helping the students. Jim also announced the Board's decision to support Jagrav Patel, the AZGFD Youth Conservation Award Winner, for the TU Youth Leadership Camp in Montana. Jim Stroger will ask Jagrav for interest in presenting his experiences at the camp at a future club meeting.
13. Changes in GTTU Leadership Announcement – Jim Stroger will be stepping down from the President position effective September 1, 2023.
14. Sale of Rods and other Equipment donated by members Bob Youtz and Gary Bedsworth shared by Tom Herman
15. Next Meeting Announcement: June 24, 2023 – *“Fishing in the White Mountains”* – Dave Rozema
16. Raffle 50/50 and Orvis \$250 Gift Cards – Dorothy Howell. Donn will contact the winner of the Orvis Gift Card.