



## **Flathead Valley Trout Unlimited Board Meeting**

**Wednesday , 1/04/12**

Attendees: Chris Schustrom, Lucky Sultz, Dan Short, Dan Olson, Larry Timchak, Jim Johnson, Greg Letourneau, Glen Anacker

**Housekeeping-** Motion to approve minutes from 12/06/11 FTVU board meeting. Seconded and approved.

**Treasurers Report:** \$11,352 balance in checking account.

### **Old Business:**

1. Based on Montana TU template, Dan Short crafted chapter bylaws which were ratified by the unanimous consent of the membership at the December meeting.
2. **Flathead Lake NEPA-** Discussed ideas for communication strategy including:
  - Online petitions through Change.org, providing access to a larger population.
  - Media including letters to editors, op-ed pieces, tv news segments, advertisements.
  - Collaboration with other interest group and TU Chapters.
  - Continue to develop talking points, brochures, mailing lists.

Montana TU is working on larger regional pieces concerning lake trout impacts.

Will need to formalize communication strategy before public involvement with NEPA is underway.

### **New Business**

**Kalispell Sportsman Show** is now scheduled for March 30, 31 and April 1 at the County Fairgrounds. TU has reserved a 10'x20' booth.

**Swan Lake Meeting on Lake Trout-** Chris and Lucky will attend the Swan Lake Working Group meeting on January 11 at MTFWP office.

Dan Short made a motion to authorize Chris to commit up to \$3,000 to support the 2012 Lake trout netting and suppression efforts. Dan Olson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the board.

**Glacier NP, Rose Creek Barrier Project-** FVTU will provide a letter in support of this project.

**Chapter Activities:**

**2011/2012 Monthly Programs**

January 17- Tigerfish Tim Joern reports on his quest or Golden Dorado and tigerfish in Argentina.

February 21- Tim Wade, North Fork Anglers, Cody WY (checking out costs)

March 20- Toby Tabor, Fisheries Biologist, Blackfeet Tribe will provide an update on fishing the reservation,

Tentatively - March 30, 31 and April 1- Montana Sportsman Expo, Flathead County Fairgrounds

April- Local guides, Montana Fly Company

**Fly Tying classes-** Jim will finalize plans for use of Kalispell Middle School library with classes starting in late February.

**Other Business:**

Discussed possible dates for TU banquet.

**Next Board Meeting:** February 7, 2012, 6:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn seconded and approved.