

MIDDLE ROGUE STEELHEADERS
BOD MINUTES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009
ELMER'S RESTAURANT 11:30 A.M.

President Ed Chapman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

There were 17 officers and BOD in attendance and a total of 30 members present. This gave us a quorum to pass any motions.

Prior to the BOD meeting the club's two fishing groups held meetings to critique the years fishing trips.

Chuck Closterman, the past president, discussed the changes in Roberts Rules of Order for the BOD meetings. Discussion followed.

The minutes from the previous BOD meeting have been approved and posted on the web site.

The treasurer's report and was given and approved as given.

President Ed discussed the fact that all business, requests, e-mails, etc., **MUST** come before the BOD. This is not a one person club and all business not pre-approved must be brought to the board and pre approved prior to being sent out. Discussion followed.

Five members attended the BLM river users meeting. Discussion followed.

Three members attended the R & E board meeting. Bill Payne discussed the need for funds for transportation for kids to go fishing. Two members went with the tour on Saturday with R & E members and ODFW, visited little Butte Creek where we are helping to re-align the creek (will add 3/4 mile to spawning area), Gold Ray Dam (saw a coho) and a Savage Rapid Dam tour with manager Dan Shepard. Discussion followed.

President Ed discussed the **NO DUMP** stickers. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Ed led a discussion on what is the chapter's future in regard to riparian violation by members on the river or tributaries. Discussion followed on whether this is a one person report or a MRS report. If a club member sees a violation on the river, contact President Ed and he will bring it before the BOD. If possible the address and picture would be appreciated. Discussion also followed on partnering with other clubs and associations. A committee will be formed for further study.

The extra supplies from the locker were auctioned off and \$15.30 was collected and deposited into the house account.

At this time we have 70 MRS members and their spouses coming to the Christmas Party. "TIMELESS" will be the singing group at the Christmas Party.

At the last general meeting there were 550 lbs of food brought for the bears at Wildlife Images.

Dick Hardin has taken over the rod and reel repair for MRS rods and reels for Angler Education.

NEW BUSINESS;

Scott Stephenson volunteered to take on one of the empty BOD positions. He will fill a two year BOD position. He was voted on by the BOD and approved. He will also take over the club's library. We are still in need of another BOD for the current year.

Heike Arnold, the NEWSLETTER editor, alerted the club that because of travel plans. The NEWSLETTER for January will be late. Discussion followed.

President Ed discussed the need for Chuck Fustish to have addresses and phone numbers of club members working with him on ODFW projects. After much discussion, he will get a copy of the club roster. He will keep it private and not put it into ODFW files. He will use it for STEP projects that he gets club members to help with. Discussion followed.

Ray Tharp discussed emergency funding for a flood plane review on Sardine Creek. A motion was made by Ray Tharp and seconded by Maynard Flohaug to fund \$221.00 for the project. Motion passed. Discussion followed.

President Ed discussed the new ODFW commissioner. Discussion followed.

Ralph Trigo discussed the documentary film that captivated the fly fishing community. Discussion followed.

Janos Olah reported on the ODFW Fish I.D. Class to be held in Central Point this coming Friday at the ODFW offices from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A request for a club patch was received. A member took care of this himself but it should have had BOD approval. Again, members should take things of this nature to the BOD and not do it on their own.

Chuck Closterman discussed the ownership of the web site. At the direction of the BOD, the ownership of the web site is the Middle Rogue Steelhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 962, Grants Pass, OR. 97528, USA. Ray Tharp moved that the BOD accept these changes for the Web Site. Motion seconded by Bob Turner. Motion passed unanimously.

President Ed discussed the removal of Gold Ray Dam. Discussion followed. Since this is a political item and MRS is a non political club, it was decided to take no position on this item. Discussion followed on the fact that there is no viable boat ramp below where Gold Ray Dam is and that the safety for boaters would be a problem. Safety issues were discussed.

Maynard Flohaug discussed the possibility of having fish counting done at Baker Park. This could be done by MRS with the help of ODFW. This would be like what is done at Huntley Park down river. After much discussion, the BOD directed Chuck Fustish to tell ODFW that Steelheaders would be available to work on the project. There are MRS sled boats available to do the work. Discussion followed.

Keith Miller discussed the up and coming tree planting projects in January and February.

Ray Tharp discussed the tree planting in the Merlin area. Discussion followed.

Cole Tidwell discussed the Map books. The budget for the map books is \$338.00.

Business cards for the club were passed out for those needing them.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Bill Hickey – Secretary.