

# 09 January 2008 General Meeting Minutes

## Announcements:

It's time for the Winter Sportsmen's shows. The chapter needs at least two person's per shift to sell raffle tickets and recruit new members. The member recruiting the most new members will win a new rod! Volunteers are given free admission to the show

Bellevue Fly Fishing Show February 1 - 3. (Friday - Sunday) Booth will be inside the hall at Meydenbauer Center. Fly Tiers are needed to help teach the kids and support the Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

Puyallup Sportsmen's show is January 24 - 25 (Thursday - Friday). We'll work with South Lake Washington Chapter on this one.

Evergreen Sportsman's Show is February 21 - 24 (Thursday - Sunday).

## Fishing Tales:

## Old Business:

Chapter budget was approved and submitted to T/U National.

Kokanee Genetic study which the chapter partially funded underway, waiting for results.

Construction of Fry Trap proceeding Dave Probart researching construction by school shop students or by reimbursing state for costs. Target date of 15MAR08 for construction to enable use for late March survey.

Google Groups site is up and running. Minutes and messages are posted there and any member can post new information. Members can contact other members through this site. Go to the website to view the latest : <http://groups.google.com/group/bellevueissaquah-trout-unlimited>

## New Business:

Chapter receiving donations in the name of Mr. James Bartron who passes away December 14, 2007. Chapter will research Mr. Bartron's information and generate thank you letters for donations in his name describing how we use such funding toward furthering T/U's goals.

Lewis Creek most likely site for fry trap survey this year. Would provide comparison to data we gathered last year and assess the impact of flooding and stream bed changes last month.

Google Calendar in work for members to post upcoming events, fishing excursions and information links. More info will be posted soon.

Members of Trout Unlimited National will visit our area in mid January. Mark Taylor will conduct a tour of our area and project sites in an effort to garner national level attention to our programs.

Two prospective Eagle Scouts have expressed interest in joining with us for their projects. Charlie Mallory and Mark Taylor will coordinate between the Scouts and various jurisdictions and agencies to determine projects of appropriate scope.

March General Meeting will be advertised as a 'Salmon Smoke-off' to help raise community awareness of our native Salmon . Details to follow next month.

May General meeting will culminate in naming the winner of a new beer being produced by the Rogue Brewery and Issaquah Brew Pub.

Next Board Meeting will be held 23 JAN 08 at 7:00 PM at the Brew Pub

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## Entertainment/Presentations:

Christian Osgood presented a video summation of his Eagle Scout Project of revegetating the Lewis Creek site with native plants. He demonstrated a very impressive degree of organization to bring all the diverse parties and interests together to accomplish his goal. Especially interesting were his photos of the site before and during his planting project and the drastic changes that occurred during the recent heavy rains.

Mark Rutherford presented another excellent program describing his backcountry Alaska fishing excursions. This year's emphasis was on his interaction with his Fishing Guide daughter and various interesting clients. He has produced a video which will receive national exposure and relates their experiences in the great Alaska wilderness. His goal is to illustrate how the involvement of those who have never experienced the great outdoors, particularly young people, is key to preserving what is left of this great resource.

Mark Rutherford's website is [www.wildriverfish.com](http://www.wildriverfish.com)