

TROUT UNLIMITED BELLEVUE ISSAQUAH Chapter 109

25 June 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

President: Mark Getzendaner
Secretary: Charlie Mallory
Treasurer: Shirley VanderVeen
Membership Chair: Rik Sligar
At large: Dallas Cross
Dayna Rockett

Kokanee Project: Fry count data was submitted by Mark Taylor. Timing is key for pushing the other agencies involved in Kokanee preservation to complete a survey. Low numbers of hatching fry that we observed this Spring make this year especially important in determining population size and viability. Mark Getzendaner and Rik Sligar are in contact with the members of the State, County and local agencies to keep the program moving while Mark Taylor is away for the summer.

Scouting Programs: Scout J.T. Farmer is scheduling a stream bank clearing of non-native vegetation for 12 July 2008. Charlie Mallory has signed J.T.'s project submission to the Troop council. J.T. has selected the section of Laughing Jacob's Creek adjacent to the East Lake Sammamish Trail just North of the public boat launching area of the Lake Sammamish State Park.

A member of a Mercer Island Troop has contacted the Chapter regarding the Fly Fishing Merit Badge program. The T/U website has a program already laid out. Charlie Mallory will coordinate the effort and will solicit volunteers who would like to show the scouts some of the basics of the sport.

Special Beer for the Kokanee: A final selection must be made and the July 9th General Meeting will feature the various choices.

Mark Getzendaner will publish an announcement to invite the members to attend the meeting and sample the various brews so we can settle on which will be the most popular. A label design is also in progress.

Upcoming Events:

July 9th : General Meeting with fishing videos, beer sampling and selection

August 1 -3 : Snoqualmie Railroad Days. We'll have a booth to inform, raffle some prizes and seek new members. Rik Sliger will coordinate.

August 21 - September 1: Evergreen State Fair. We will man a booth for a portion of the Fair. Mark G. will contact the other chapters regarding their participation and expected volunteer hours.

October 4-5: Salmon Days. Application fee was submitted for a booth. Location of booth TBA. John Wick is chair.

Getting the word out: The board discussed the communication methods we have tried with varying degrees of success and cost.

We agreed that electronic transmission of our newsletters and announcements are both effective and low cost but only reach the members with current, valid email addresses and only a few prospective members.

Mailing of newsletters and cards is both expensive and labor intensive but reaches the majority of members. The response is difficult to judge as little feedback is received from the members.

It was proposed and agreed upon that we will emphasize the placing of announcements in local publications.

Newsletters will be published on a quarterly basis with coinciding with possible high interest events or speakers. They will be sent electronically to those with valid email addresses and by regular mail to the remainder. A note in each letter, urging a response, will ask for a preference for electronic or continued regular mail

Dayna Rockett will take on the duties as publicist to coordinate the newsletter and announcements.

Treasurer's Report: Shirley VanderVeen reported that the coffers are a bit bare at the moment and our budget is limited until funds are raised from raffles etc. at upcoming events and donations are received.

Charlie Mallory
Chapter Secretary