

02-03-2009 – MINUTES - T.U. MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Gold Rush Chapter, Dahlonega, Georgia

Vice President, Fred Ruppel presided over the membership meeting held at Camp Glisson; there were 24 attendees. The minutes from the prior meeting were distributed among the membership for review and were approved with motion and second. The treasurer reported no change from the prior month.

Member, Sherman Head announced that the Dream Trip raffle ticket sales were on-track and it was anticipated that the chapter would sell all 100 tickets issued; members were reminded that all unsold tickets and funds from tickets sold should be turned in to him no later than the next chapter meeting; March 3rd. The drawing for the raffle will be held March 21st at the “Hoot on the Hooch”, in Helen, Ga.

Henry Bazella welcomed new members to the meeting; also it was noted that the chapter roster revealed 6 new members assigned, 6 renewals, & 2 expirations. New attendees were Arnold Dyer, J.R. Johnson, & Randy Johnson.

Fred gave a recap of the recent Atlanta Fly Fishing Show held in Gwinnett County; several members from Gold Rush attended. He also noted that a Back-The-Brookie booklet was available during the meeting for chapter members to review. It was pointed out that detailed information on the Brookie program is also available on the web.

A workday on the Yahoola Creek Park was announced for the second Saturday in February; the 14th. A fly casting program for the Lumpkin County Middle School kid's day is planned. Members were invited to attend the chapter board meeting which is planned for February; no date has been set. The Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited will convene for the quarterly meeting March 7th, in Dahlonega. The Gold Rush Chapter is the host chapter; interested members were invited to attend.

John Vermont recapped the progress of the Stover Creek Grant. He has submitted the 1st year report, 1/3 of the funds from the grant have been expended. Vermont stated that areas of nearby Long Creek have been identified as being in need of maintenance from prior stream restoration work. It has been suggested that the chapter develop a plan for maintenance of Long Creek as well as Stover Creek as a perpetual chapter conservation project.

The program for the month was provided by chapter member Sam Johnson, who gave an excellent presentation on fly fishing the alluvial fan, and other nearby streams in Estes Park & the Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado