

12-02-2008 – MINUTES – T.U. MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Gold Rush Chapter,
Dahlonega, Georgia

Camp Glisson hosted the December meeting with Deborah Scott, president presiding. The minutes from the prior month were distributed to the membership at large and were approved after the appropriate motion and second. The treasurer, Raymond Deblois, was not present; no report was offered. A reminder was made to the members to remain current on their national dues, as most members are required to make annual renewals.

The Georgia Council, quarterly meeting will be held on the upcoming Saturday, December, 6th, in Gainesville at the U.S. Forestry Office; members were invited to attend. For March, the Gold Rush Chapter will host the meeting in Dahlonega. The annual Rabun Rendezvous will be held in Dillard, members were encouraged to attend. The program for January will be Dwayne Stalnaker, from the Rabun Chapter; he will do a presentation on fishing the Chatooga River.

Flies are needed from members in ½ dozen quantities to be donated for fundraisers; members may tie their own or purchase them from one of the local fly shops. Richard Trotter, chapter secretary, announced & displayed a set of 5, fly rod outfits (rod, reel, line, backing, etc.) provided to the chapter for use in teaching fly fishing to others; specifically young people. The outfits were furnished via a partnership with T.F.O. Rods & the Sierra Club. The target group is to be youth oriented with the idea of involving more young people in the activity of fly fishing so that future generations will have the opportunity to fly fish clean streams, lakes, & rivers.

Vice president Fred Ruppel announced that Yahooola park volunteer workers are needed for the monthly, Saturday, workdays

Member, Sherman Head announced that the Dream Vacation ticket sales are continuing more tickets are available for sale; the drawing for the vacation is: March 21, 2009. The Fishing for Veterans Day, was successful; however the 20 degree temperatures resulted in a smaller than expected turnout; chapter volunteers were Deborah Scott, Fred Ruppel, & Sherman Head.

Fred Ruppel prepared and presented for distribution among the members, an album of numerous photographs he had taken during the past year of various T.U. related events

The Chapter program was provided by speaking guest, Bob Borgwat, of Reel Angling Adventures (www.reelanglingadventures.com); this was an in-depth presentation on fly selection for area streams and how fly selection relates to water conditions, fish forage life forms & seasonal changes.

