

**ECTU Board Meeting  
December 13, 2016; 6:30 pm  
Board Room, Hotel La Fonda de Taos**

In Attendance: Tom Harper, Bill Adkison, Larry Kelley, Paul White, Doug Palmer, and Marilyn Farrow.

President Tom called the meeting to order at 6:30. The minutes of the November 9 meeting as amended (to add the name of the bank and ECTU account number) were approved on the motion of Marilyn, second of Doug. It was unanimously approved that Bill will assume the title of Assistant Treasurer to comply with TU National's by laws regarding his overseeing of our financial affairs.

Treasurer Paul reported that the 2016 Tournament netted \$2,675.72 (less \$18 yet to be paid for shirt embroidery). The \$2,675.72 has been added to the funds set aside for the Red River project, the total of which is now \$8,175.72. We currently have \$35,551.28 in People's Bank, \$924.35 in PayPal. Of these funds, \$1,000 is set aside for remaining banquet planning and \$20,000 for the Hondo Tribes resulting in available discretionary funds of \$7,299.91. **Paul and Tom will put together a detailed budget for the year.** Copies of Paul's reports are attached.

The annual Banquet is scheduled for May 6, 2017. The check to Hank Patison as speaking fee has cleared; his travel expenses are yet to be determined. Mr. Patison quoted a fee of \$500 to add the "Fish with a Celebrity" day to the Banquet; it was agreed we are not interested in pursuing that option. The Sagebrush and Martina's are both on hold pending signing of a contract. Tom spoke with Georgio of Martinas confirming pricing; **Tom will now get the terms confirmed and sign a contract. Notices of the event will be sent out after the Winter Social;** Paul will order "save the date" postcards. All attendees will pay the same rate; there will be no free tickets or discounts. **Marc will pursue donations from "out of state," including Wind River.** Tom's proposed newspaper article has been submitted to Cody Hooks, sports editor for the Taos News. **Tom will find, or be, a sponsor for Taos News sports editor Cody Hooks to attend.**

Project Healing Waters had its first winter "skills" meeting at the Assembly of God Church. The next meeting is set for January 12. There are about 12 active participants, 3 to 6 of whom regularly attend meetings. Don Peters of Not Forgotten Outreach hosts week-long groups throughout the year at a bed and breakfast by Val Verde Commons. Any Vet with a card showing disability may participate in Project Healing Waters.

Regarding Catch and Release initiatives, the State Fish and Game Commission has approved the proposal for the Chama River. Marc is working with Toner to develop support in the Questa area for designating a section of the Red River as catch and release water. Larry has volunteered to collect signatures on a petition when the time is right. It is imperative ECTU maintain transparency in our actions. **Larry**

**and Tom will form a committee and develop a marketing plan defining what we want to do for the community and outlining talking points. Mark will work on a draft; Tom will review.**

Marc Harrell and Tom Harper attended a meeting of the Taos County Commissioners because the agenda included consideration of a Resolution to present to Congress in support of maintaining and preserving the National Monument status of the Rio Grande del Norte. There has been some concern that some members of Congress/Senate may try to rescind the National Monument designations made by Pres. Obama. The Resolution passed unanimously. Tom has a copy of the resolution if anyone would like to see it.

Marc is working on getting a contract with Taos Mesa Brewing to create a beer to benefit ECTU. It is estimated about \$5,000 per year could be realized by ECTU through this initiative. Taos Mesa Brewing would produce, label, and offer the beer with \$1 per pint going to ECTU. The beer would be promoted through fly shops.

Trout in the Classroom is being handled in Red River by Davia Jarrett in a 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at the Red River Charter School. Ms. Jarrett is handling it on her own, working with Game & Fish. Chrissy Streit's class at the Charter School in Taos has about 50-75 frye and she is handling the program well. David Gilroy did not get fish pre-Thanksgiving for his Taos high School classroom; he will deal directly with Game & Fish. Currently the program is "off-line" in Cimarron and there is no commitment to resurrect the program. Doug will contact educators he knows in Cimarron, and perhaps enlist Doc Thompson's help, to see about getting the program going. Failing tht, we will get the equipment back. Doug said there is also a set-up in Angel Fire Moreno Valley Charter School (which was provided by the Philmont) from which they are now using the nitrate to grow vegetables. There is money designated in our budget for supplies such as media filters, hoses, etc.

**Bart, as our conservation lead, should be our liaison with the Taos Rivers and land Clean-Up project.** The current plan is to run an ECTU initiative separately, but on the same day as the Town; **Marilyn to find out who is on the Taos planning committee and work with Bart to create our program. It was agreed we should have a membership table, and perhaps catch and release information at the event.**

The Winter Social will be held January 14 at the Plaza Café in the Hotel La Fonda. Increasing membership, not fundraising, is the goal of the event. ECTU will provide appetizers for the estimated 50 people who will attend; the bar will be no-host. Tom will provide about a 10-minute "State of the Chapter" report.

Ideas are still being sought for member events. Doug will pursue a program on how the Colorado water laws were recently improved. Ideal would be a presentation by the environmental attorneys who worked on it – Hobbs and Casio. It is anticipated the program would be embraced by the NM TU Council, NM Trout, and other TU

Chapters. There are major meetings regarding the Colorado River held in Santa Fe in the spring and in the fall; if the attorneys attend, perhaps we could “piggy-back” on their being in our area. Another possibility for speaker would be John Flock, a professor at UNM, who has written a book on water in NM.

Other events on the calendar are the Annual Meeting on September 10 (the second weekend after labor day).

It was confirmed that Emily will do a newsletter for us; Tom will be her primary contact. **Marilyn to put Emily on distribution list to receive our meeting notes.**

**Board members who would like to have business cards should contact Acorn Graphics in Taos; the card format has already been set up and paid for.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Farrow  
Secretary