

OPTU Board Meeting
July 22, 2009
El Charro Restaurant
Speedway and Swan

Attending

Mick Fletcher
Clay Hernandez
Mike Mehrer
(No quorum, no votes taken)

The meeting was called to order by Clay Hernandez at 6:00 PM

Membership Participation

Four upcoming events are scheduled. (The Halloween program- Oct., The Family Outing-Nov, The Christmas party- Dec. and the 2010 Annual banquet-Feb?) We agreed that expanded membership participation should be pursued to guarantee success in these and future activities. Toward that end Clay will look into asking the former Presidents to form a council to consult with us.

Halloween Event (Oct 31st. 10AM to 4PM)

Ed Engle will be our speaker. He is a well known author, (Tying Small Flies, Fishing Small Flies, Splitting Cane, Fly Fishing the Tailwaters, and Seasonal: A Life Outside.) and guide and instructor on the South Platte River, CO. We have a choice of presentation topics. The three that seem to be most appropriate to OPTU members are a) Fly Fishing Western Tailwaters, b) A Fly Fishers Life and c) Fishing Rocky Mountain Small Streams. We need to make a decision. **All members are invited to comment.** He will also hold a one hour small fly tying workshop. We are also looking for volunteers from the membership to help in organizing/ participating in the following activities during the event.

- Dry fly Swap meet
- Fly Rod building workshop

Some lucky member will be chosen to host Ed during his stay with us. (two nights).

Interested members should contact Mike Mehrer.

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Cray Fish nets/traps

We noted that votes are being taken by the board by email on a motion by Lauren Lucas to purchase 6 dozen for future workdays and to replenish Joe Fagan's equipment.

OPTU Treasure

Fundraising results at the annual banquet this year declined from previous years (income \$2000?) This is not surprising given the current state of the economy. Future Board meeting will need to discuss the state of OPTU accounts and what future fund raising needs to be scheduled.

TU chapters in AZ

We discussed to possible advantages to coordinating activities with our sister AZ TU chapters. this might be a topic to take up with the proposed Former Presidents Council.

Holiday Party Idea

Clay suggested that this year's party might be more fun if we made it a Pot Luck rather than catering. It would reduce cost, might engender more participation, and would vary the menu. **We invite members to offer their own thoughts.**

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With no additional topics to discuss Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:00PM