

OPTU Board Mtg  
10/27/10  
Minutes

Attending

Scott Koktavy  
Jay Elliott  
Steve Reiter  
Mickey Fletcher  
Roger McKee  
Robin Marsett  
Mike Mehrer  
Vaughn Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM by President Roger McKee.

A new OPTU member, Vaughn Johnson introduced himself and observed the goings on.

Annual Banquet

Jay presented to the board his vision for the 2011 Banquet. It will be held at the Savoy Opera House, Pinnacle Peak on Tanque Verde Rd. It will be family friendly with activities and prizes for women and children in addition to the fishing and conservation focused activities. A children's mariachi group (Mariachi Sensacional) will entertain (arrangements pending). Auction activities will be condensed and more exciting. The meal will be table served rather than buffet. Promotions will begin early and include email, hard copy mailers and flyers, and Tucson PR in newspapers and Radio. We will call upon all members to help with fundraising. This vision was endorsed by the board.

Jay and Scott will prepare a banquet program statement to use for marketing. Jay and Robin will prepare a marketing book/pamphlet. Mike will forward photos and materials used for the 2010 banquet to Robin. Roger and Mike will be responsible for final review and approval of marketing materials.

Annual Member Meeting

A slate of officers and directors was prepared for submittal to OPTU members at the December meeting, as follows.

President: Mike Mehrer

Vice President and Membership Chairman: Steve Reiter

Secretary: Stan Vanagunas

Treasurer: Cathy Hill

Director Emeritus: Roger McKee

Director and Healing Waters Chairman: Robin Marsett

Director and Meetings Host: Scott Koktavy

Director and TIC Chairman: Joe Fagan

Director and Public Relations Chairman: Mickey Fletcher

Director and Conservation Chairman: Clay Hernandez

Robin Marsett will speak on [fishing the Arctic regions of Alaska for Sheefish and Grayling](#).

The meeting will be announced to all members, in accordance with TU bylaws by email and notice in the newsletter as well as a hardcopy mailer to those without recorded email addresses. Mike will arrange for the email notices. Stan and Steve will arrange for the mailers.

#### Trout in the classroom

Joe Fagan reviewed the new TIC venue at 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade children at the Drachman Montessori School. AZG&F has committed to supplying the Rainbow trout triploid fish eggs after the winter holidays. Age appropriate" topics and pedagogical techniques will be prepared. And Joe is already beginning to think about finding a second TIC venue in Tucson for older kids. He will need volunteers. Any minuter readers interested?

#### Conservation projects

During the Ash Creek renovation work this week (organized and run by AZG&F) Mike had a brief conversation with Jason Kline about OPTU future participation in stream restoration projects in the Tucson region. In short, the game in AZ is to facilitate the two federal agencies and one state agency for long term approval, scheduling and funding. In addition to Ash creek, two more streams in the Penaleños are on G&F's to-do list. It won't be easy to insert OPTU into the picture but there is interest at many levels to make this work. Mike and Jason agreed to continue the conversation next week.

#### OPTU By-laws

After a brief discussion about the adoption of updated OPTU bylaws the board decided to table the issue for a future meeting.

#### OPTU budget

The board agreed that with the budget template prepared by Cathy Hill, we will be able to prepare a budget for 2010-11. Mike will begin to ask responsible individuals for estimates of expenditures for budgeting purposes.

#### OPTU Strategic Plan

One more good intention was tabled for a future meeting.

With no additional topics to consider Roger McKee adjourned the meeting at 7:30PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Mehrer