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President's Letter

Lyle Courtnage

At the October 4th membership meeting you have the opportunity to vote on new bylaws for Magic City Fly Fishers Trout Unlimited Chapter 582. The purpose of this bylaw change is part of a nation-wide effort by Trout Unlimited to comply with Internal Revenue Service 501 c3 regulations. 501 c3 is that part of IRS code dealing with non-profits. This is important to Magic City because we are able to operate as a 501 c3 non-profit organization under the umbrella of national Trout Unlimited. Without this affiliation, your contributions to Magic City Fly Fishers TU chapter 582 would not be tax deductible.

A copy of the new bylaws is posted on the MCFF website (www.mcffonline.org) along with the existing bylaws. I encourage you to review both sets prior to the meeting.

The changes were based on model bylaws developed at the national level by Trout Unlimited. Your board of directors has reviewed the changes and voted to present the changes to you at the October 4th meeting. At the September meeting, per our current bylaws, we held an official meeting and announced that a vote would be held at the October 4th meeting.

As President, I would recommend you vote for the change in the bylaws. In my opinion it would be a strain on our relationship with both the Montana TU council and the national TU if we are not in compliance with IRS rules for 501c3 organizations.

At the same time, after spending time examining the model bylaws and our current bylaws, I believe there are other bylaw issues that we should address. However, I also think these issues need further discussion by the board. As we move through this year, the board will take a look at these. In the meantime we should move forward to make the recommended changes. Thank you for your help.

Lyle

Montana FWP Commission

October 13 meeting in Helena

Montana's Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission will meet Oct. 13 at the FWP Helena Headquarters, 1420 East 6th Ave beginning at 8:30 a.m. The FWP Commission will make final decisions on the:

- Change to the deer and elk permit drawing deadline,
- Boating rules on the Clark Fork, Blackfoot and Bitterroot River,
- Stacey Creek road easement near Miles City,
- The 2012 fishing regulations.

The commission also plans to consider the proposed commercial use biennial fee rule, the Fort Peck Reservoir management plan, and may consider a Fort Benton urban deer plan.

Information will be presented on the results of the season setting scoping process and the permit to hunt from a vehicle.

FWP ensures its meetings are fully accessible to those with a disability. Individuals with special needs may request arrangements by contacting FWP at: 406-444-3186.

The full agenda and additional information on the scheduled topics may be found on the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov by clicking on the FWP Commission tab on the right side of the page.

Volunteers Needed

Youth Fly Tying

Ron Hildebrand

Each year MCFF provides Fly Tying classes in local elementary school. We need volunteers from the second week in January through March to help two days a week for 1/2 hour each session. We try to have enough help so we have a student/teacher ratio of 1 to 3 in all classes. This program introduces close to 300 students annually to the fun of fly tying. Additionally we provide scholarships to 12 schools to attend the Rocky Mountain Fly Fishing Camp for Kids

coordinated by Hugh Huntley. You don't need to be an expert flytyer or disrupt winter travel plans to help. This program was started 24 years ago by Fred Brinkman and John Gibson and coordinated for 23 years by Grant Davis. Contact Ron Hildebrand at 656-5111 or by E-Mail at rwhcmh@imt.net if

you have an interest in having a lot of fun with the youth of Billings.

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Membership Report

Don Findon
MCFF Membership Chairman

The Hackle Bender is our monthly newsletter that we send out 9 times per year. It is very professionally done by Kit Seaton, one of our members. Kit also keeps up our web site for us. When you see Kit at one of our meetings, thank him for all he does for our club.

The Hackle Bender is sent out to over 250 people at a cost of more than \$1 each. The Hackle Bender is a member benefit and a much needed communication device to keep our members informed of club activities. So when you figure it out, about \$10 of each membership contribution goes toward paying for our Hackle Bender. What is left from the membership contribution helps pay for our meetings, speaker fees, in school fly tying programs and other club activities. So we do need your contributions to help run this organization each year.

As of today we have listed on our MCFF roster 298 members. Currently, we have 182 paid up members leaving 116 who are overdue in paying their membership contribution for the year. More than 90 percent of the 116 were due to be paid in early September. You can check your due date by looking at the address block in the Hackle Bender. Your due date is below your name on the address block of the Hackle Bender.

You can find a registration form in the Hackle Bender and at our web site that can be mailed in to us. The address is on the form. You can also stop by at the membership table at our monthly meeting to register. Please feel free to stop by at the membership table at the meeting if you have any questions about your membership or email me at findon@bresnan.net or call me at 406-671-6429 if you have any concerns about your membership.

Thanks for your continued support of our organization.

FWP Seeking future fisheries citizen review panel members

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking new members for a two-year term on the Future Fisheries Citizen Review Panel.

FWP's Future Fisheries Improvement Program offers about \$650,000 annually for projects to improve and restore Montana's wild fish habitats. The 14-member panel meets twice a year to review proposals and recommend projects to the FWP Commission for funding.

Five new panel members are being sought: one representative of conservation districts; one stream restoration professional; two licensed Montana anglers; and one with expertise in forest management.

The review panel members are appointed by the

Governor or his representative, and must represent a variety of interests including: conservation districts; commercial agriculture; irrigated agriculture; silviculture; fisheries restoration; Montana anglers; members of the Montana House of Representatives and Senate; high school students; mining reclamation; fisheries; and one ex-officio member from the Montana Department of Transportation. The Future Fisheries Improvement Program seeks projects that aid wild fisheries and that have local support and participation.

To apply for a position on the Future Fisheries Citizen Review Panel, send a letter to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, ATTN: Mark Lere, Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620. The letter should include name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, educational background, work background, experience working in a team/group setting and brief paragraph describing why you are interested in the appointment. Please identify what panel category you are applying for.

Application letters must be received by 5 p.m. on Oct. 24. For more information, call 406-444-2432, or email: mlere@mt.gov.

FWP Seeks high school student to serve on future fisheries review panel members

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is seeking a high school student to sit on the agency's Future Fisheries Review Panel. The student selected will serve with 13 other panel members.

FWP is accepting nominations for the position, which will provide a motivated student an opportunity to learn about natural resource management, government affairs, project planning and how to make funding decisions that benefit wild fish in Montana.

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Members of the Future Fisheries Review Panel:

- review proposed projects;
- determine the projects eligible for funding; and
- recommend projects to the FWP Commission.

Panel members meet twice each year - once in December and again in June. Meetings are usually in Helena and are attended by individuals who have submitted proposed projects for funding. An excused absence from school will be required for the December meeting. Two or three evenings are normally required to read proposals and prepare for each meeting.

High school students interested in serving on the panel, or those who would like to nominate a student to serve, should send a letter by Oct. 24 to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Attn: Mark Lere, Fisheries Bureau; P.O. Box 200701; Helena, MT 59620-0701; or email mlere@mt.gov.

Include a brief statement indicating why you or your nominee is interested in serving on the panel; a summary of the student's activities outside of the classroom; and the student's cumulative high school grade point average.

For more information, please call 406-444-2432, or email: mlere@mt.gov.

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- Yes No

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