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GRTU Meeting

Saturday January 28, 2012

Canyon Lake CRRC
South Access Road
Sattler, Texas

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9AM- Lease Access
Orientation & Social Hour
10AM- Business Meeting
11AM Speaker
Christopher Taylor
12- Raffle & Lunch
1PM GRTU Board Meeting

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Christopher Taylor Fisheads San Juan River Lodge

What is a Fishead?

Fishead; (Fish-head) noun-title Person or persons who spends all their time thinking about, dreaming about or in the pursuit of fish.

Chris' father introduced him to fly fishing at eleven years of age on the waters of New Hampshire. His interest and expertise grew to the point where, during the summers of his college years, he guided clients for trout and salmon in Alaska.

After graduating from the University of New Hampshire, and not sure what avenue to peruse, he received a phone call from a friend in Telluride, CO to guide on waters local to the areas. After guiding the San Miguel and Dolores rivers for two years he went south to the San Juan River in Northern New Mexico and started guiding on the world renowned tail-water, working as a guide for a local outfitter.

In 2000, Chris started his own guide service, Fisheads, realizing an ambition that has sat in his mind for a number of years. Nine years in business, Fisheads of the San Juan became the premier guide service on the river servicing clients from all over the world. The quality of the Fisheads experience was recognized on a national level when Fisheads was named by Orvis as Guide Service of the year for 2008.



In April of 2011, Chris opened Fisheads San Juan River Lodge, complete with a restaurant, “The Back Cast Café”, fly shop and lodging to complement his guide service. Chris’s home waters of the San Juan River in Northern New Mexico is a tailwater fishery similar to the Guadalupe River. Chris will be our Guest Speaker at the January 28th Meeting where he will share with you what he knows regarding nymphing tactics from rigging your flies to casting. A presentation by Chris will certainly increase your knowledge, whet your appetite to fish and entertain you. It is a “not to be missed” presentation.

His presentation will be in two parts. The first being the river restoration project underway on the San Juan. The river is experiencing lower flows than in the past. Though it is still considered one of the top tailwaters in the country, concerned fisherman and guides, along with Fish and Game took steps to keep it that way. There have been four separate projects completed and others in the works for the future. The success of these projects has surpassed everyone’s expectations. The areas where work has been done now hold more fish and insects than in the past. The presentation will cover these projects from start to finish.

The second part of the presentation will be on nymph fishing. Fly selection, rigging and presentation will all be covered. You will look at nymph fishing with a whole new attitude. Hope to see you there.

Rafael Torres
VP Chapter Affairs

President’s Letter

January 2012

As we enter the holiday season with all of the activities surrounding them, I like to take a few minutes to look back over the year. I am not one who makes resolutions, but I think taking a few minutes to recall some of the milestones for our chapter is appropriate. We have much to be proud of as a chapter.

In February we took our Troutfest to a whole new level, thanks to the vision and leadership of Phil Dopson, and the hard work of a cadre of volunteers. This was augmented by a great article in the Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine on our river, chapter, and the trout fishery We hope to expand on that success this coming February - do you have your tickets yet?

We initiated a survey of our lease access members that lead to improvements in our stocking program, putting more fish in the river of varying sizes. Reports I have seen so far on the forums have been very positive. I plan to

do another survey in 2012 to further get your feedback on our efforts there.

We were fortunate to have participated in the TU annual meeting in Bend, OR, where two of our own were recognized with awards at the national level. Mick McCorcle won a Distinguished Service Award, and our long time biologist and Guadalupe River champion Steve Magnelia won a Trout Conservation Professional award - a first for TPWD.

We facilitated additional scientific studies on the Guad with side mapping sonar, helping TPWD survey the river bottom.

We participated in the first ever TU mid-south regional conference in Heber Springs, AR (more on this in Mick McCorcle's article).

Work to move the restoration of Rio Grande Cutthroats to the remote McKittrick Creek in west Texas moved forward with formal proposals submitted to park officials from TU Senior Scientist Jack Williams.

Discussions on flow agreements with the Guadalupe Blanco River Association (GBRA) have continued with constructive and friendly discussions on how we can help each other meet our respective goals.

We elected a significant number of new directors and officers, who have been working diligently (behind the scenes in most cases) to protect our fishery, improve habitat, and educate chapter members and the public about coldwater salmonids and what they mean to all of us, anglers and non-anglers alike.

This month we vote on proposed changes to our bylaws. Please take some time to review the bylaws in the newsletter. We will be voting in the January general meeting on those. The current bylaws are listed on our website at <http://www.grtu.org/grtubylaws.pdf> for your reference.

You may notice that I used "we" quite a bit in this article. That's because the success of GRTU depends on all of us, not just a handful of leaders. I encourage you to get involved as a volunteer to help us move forward. Our VP of Membership, Trey Nobles recently emailed chapter members asking for help compiling a list of volunteers and skills that we could call upon.

If you haven't responded to that email, or if somehow you didn't receive one, would you take a few minutes to contact Trey and let him know what skills, abilities, and experiences you have that might be useful to our chapter? I hope to see you on the river soon.

Mark Dillow
Predisent GRTU



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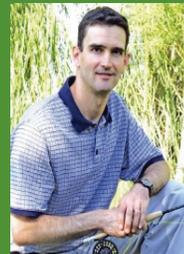
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Troutfest Update

Final plans for another successful Troutfest are mostly complete. We are again fortunate and proud to have Texas Parks and Wildlife as our Partner in Troutfest. The dates will be February 24, 25 & 26. The banquet is Friday evening February 24 and the key note speaker will be Chris Wood, CEO of Trout Unlimited. Our chapter is extremely proud to have the leader of TU speaking to us live and in person at the next Troutfest. Accompanying Chris to Troutfest will be his Vice President for Volunteer Operations Bryan Moore and the Director of Volunteer Operations Beverly Smith. These two people are the backbone of so much that goes on at TU where the interface of a national network of volunteers (such as yourself) are coordinated and blended to a smooth operation that is TU, which Chris so proudly leads. Additionally we will have Mick McCorcle our very own locally grown (transplanted) talent, who is a TU Grassroots Trustee. Come to Troutfest and be a part of this weekend's activities and learn more about TU on a national level and GRTU on a local level and how we can more effectively act as 1TU.

The EXPO booth space is filling fast and we are accepting donations for our auctions during Friday night's banquet.

A new event being planned for Troutfest is an author's booth where various outdoor authors are being invited and scheduled to come read, sign, sell their masterpiece and meet and greet the public. As a part of this literary conservation effort GRTU is planning to host an essay contest for area children to participate. A panel of judges will be assembled and the winner will be announced during the banquet on Friday night by Chris Wood. This could be a sustaining event for the goodness of conservation. Plans are being finalized as you read this article.

As a reminder the ticket sales to the Banquet and the auction are the only proceeds GRTU receives

and they pay all expenses of the event and the net proceeds are placed back into projects involving the Guadalupe River and its fishery. A portion of last year's funds are paying for an intern at TPWD, to assist GRTU with an economic feasibility study being conducted during 2012. This study will be useful in our attempt to have a continued flow agreement on the Guadalupe River to sustain the fishery.

The EXPO is free and open to the public. The Fly Fishing Movie will be shown Saturday night 2/25 and tickets can be bought to all the events plus Troutfest merchandise by going to www.grtutroutfest.org

See ya there!!!

Phil Dopson
Troutfest Chair



Directions to the Canyon Lake CRRC Recreation Center

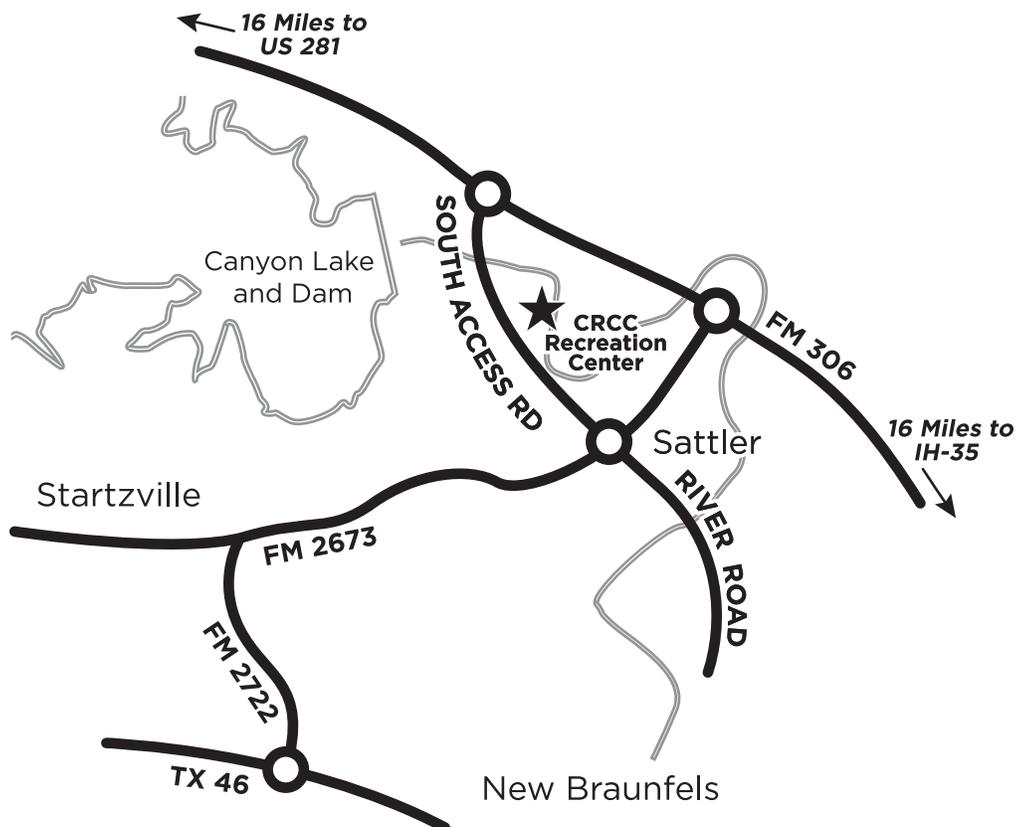
>From NORTH or SOUTH: Just North of New Braunfels on I-35 take Exit 191, (Canyon Lake Exit), which is FM 306 and go WEST, about 14 miles to Sattler (Canyon Lake area). Go past the traffic light at FM 2673 in Sattler for about 2 miles, (through Canyon City) and turn Left at the blinking caution light and small road sign marking the South Access Rd. Follow the South Access Road for about two miles, passing below the dam and across the spillway. The Recreation Center will be on your left.

>From the WEST: From US 281, turn EAST on FM 306, which is between Twin Sisters and Spring Branch. Drive about 16 miles to the blinking caution light (just before you enter the area called Canyon City). Turn Right on South Access and follow the South Access Road for about two miles, passing below the dam and across the spillway. The Recreation Center will be on your left.

>From the EAST: From I-10, take SH 46 to I-35. Go North on I-35 to Exit 191 (Canyon Lake Exit), which is FM-306. Go west, (Left), on FM306, about 14 miles to Sattler (Canyon Lake area). Go past the traffic light at FM 2673 in Sattler for about 2 miles, (through Canyon City) and turn Left at the blinking caution light and small road sign marking the South Access Rd. Follow the South Access Road for about two miles, passing below the dam and across the spillway. The Recreation Center will be on your left.

Follow our new map created by GRTU Volunteer Mark Broderick.

Map of GRTU Meeting Area



TU Holds First Mid South Region Meeting in Arkansas

In early November, TU held its first-ever Mid South Regional Meeting in Heber Springs Arkansas. Leaders from the Mid South Region, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, thought it was important for us to have a forum to discuss common regional issues. All four states have tailwater trout streams, for example, have trout that are primarily stocked fish, and regularly interact with the Army Corps of Engineers and their local state park and wildlife officials.

Attending the meeting from Texas were GRTU Chapter President Mark Dillow and Grassroots Trustee Mick McCorcle, who also facilitated the meeting. “The big takeaway for me,” said Mark, “was that what I learned at the annual meeting in Bend was underscored in Arkansas...that we have common threats to our watersheds, and as a chapter we are stronger when bound together with other chapters than we could be alone. Certainly there are some unique regional issues that may not affect our river, or perhaps at least not today, but I found much more commonality than disparity.”

The meeting was ably hosted by The Red River Action Team, the local TU chapter in Heber Springs. About thirty people attended the meeting, including chapter members, chapter and council officers, and representatives from like-minded community organizations in the region.

“Just like in any other endeavor,” said Mark,

“relationships are paramount to understanding how to work with people. We have some outstanding people in TU that I have been able to develop friendships with that I would never have met outside the organization.”

Since one of the major items on the agenda was the rapid growth of natural gas fracking in Arkansas and Oklahoma, it also drew the attention and attendance of two employees of one of the local natural gas drilling companies. “One key highlight for me,” said Mark, “was witnessing TU's use of non-adversarial approaches to find solutions to difficult conservation issues. We had two people "join" GRTU in order to attend this meeting that were actually representatives of a local energy company. We think they were sent to investigate TU's position on hydro-fracking, which has increased dramatically in Arkansas. What they found, rather than adversaries who wanted to ban all energy exploration and production, were people who wanted to work together toward win-win solutions. I think they were quite surprised by that.”

GRTU has offered to host the next Mid South Region Meeting, which has yet to be scheduled. Watch this newsletter or the chapter website for future developments and plan to attend the next meeting.

Mick McCorcle
Grassroots Trustee

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GRTU Gets Corp Approval for Initial Gorge Restoration

GRTU continues with our plan to restore the banks along the Gorge area. The Gorge area was formed during the severe flooding in July 2002 when water topped Canyon Lake Dam and flowed through the diversion channel to the Guadalupe River. Flows during the flood exceeded 70,000 cfs and created a deeply incised stream channel along the overflow diversion which is now referred to the Canyon Lake Gorge. The floodwaters severely eroded the banks at the confluence with the river and that bank remains mostly devoid of vegetation to this day.

As many of you recall, we initially had plans to plant willow saplings along the river bank in the winter of 2009/2010. That plan was abandoned after the US Corp of Engineers withdrew their approval following a change in local management at the Canyon Lake office. In the fall of 2010 GRTU met with the new Corp Manager to discuss possible restoration activities. In that meeting GRTU learned that the Corps' main concern with the original plan was the type and location of trees to be planted. The Corp believes that new trees should not be planted where they may impede flow through the Gorge should another flood event occur. The Corp also prefers that longer-lived native trees be planted to prevent excessive buildup of woody debris in the river which can exacerbate flooding.

In August 2011, GRTU's Conservation Committee submitted a revised plan to the Corp. The new plan includes the installation of Cypress and Sycamore trees native to Texas, as well as native shrubs and grasses. The trees will be planted along the river bank to shade the river and help reduce solar heating. The native shrubs and grasses will provide habitat for insects and

animals and will reduce bank erosion. The revised plan successfully addressed the Corps' concerns and verbal approval has been given. GRTU will request formal written approval of the plan before proceeding with purchase of the plants for project.

The next step is to research locally available plant supplies to determine cost and scheduling for the plantings. Part of the criteria required by the Corp is that native plants be used. There is a potential that suitable quantities of some plants will not be available this winter if nursery stocks are low. However, we will push forward to get this done as quickly as possible. Thanks go to Gary Burns and Chris White for their hard work in drafting the revised plan and meeting with the Corp to gain final approval. Keep an eye on GRTU's webpage and newsletters for information on scheduling the planting. We will be needing volunteers to assist with the plantings.

Gary Cobb
Conservation Chair



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Volunteer

Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited could not exist without volunteers. Our mission is to have an organization that makes a difference for its members and the trout fishery that we all love. We have a wide range of services that require voluntary help: membership, meetings, community events, newsletter, conservation, computer, fisheries, etc. etc. To become a more effective organization, the chapter is implementing a committee structure to utilize as many of our members as possible, who want to volunteer their time.

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Fisheries Report

By the time you read this, GRTU will have completed 2 of their 3 stockings for this season. GRTU will have stocked approximately 7800 Rainbows into the Guadalupe River. We have been stocking all the GRTU Lease Access Sites spreading out these trout up and down the river. As of December 4th TPWD will have also started their stockings and will be shooting some of their fish into the Trophy Trout Zone to supplement those already there, in addition to their public winter fishing sites.



The river temperatures are continuing to fall through the winter season. The flows should remain in the 50-60cfs range until we get substantial rains. Unfortunately NOAA's most recent forecast has continuing La Nina weather conditions and drought through January. This drought we are experiencing shows no sign of



relenting anytime soon. Still I am optimistic and hoping that we may see a change in the long range weather patterns this summer.

This year we have seen a return of trout that are easily caught in the first weeks after stocking. Streamers and wooly buggers are again productive presentations for these newly stocked fish. Our anglers have been enjoying all the excellent action. And as usual these fish soon become more selective, responding to smaller nymphs, and occasionally to emerging and adult insects on top! Dryfly action.... Wooo Hooooo !!!

Troutfest will also be coming up this February 24-26 with a dinner, an auction, many fishing activities, and speakers that will inspire and educate us. As hard as it may be to imagine after last year's Troutfest, this one will be bigger and better than ever.

I hope everyone has been able to get out on the river and had a chance to enjoy all these leaping Rainbows this year. I certainly have ! Hope to see you on the river. I'll be the one with a smile on my face and a bent rod !

Jimbo Roberts
GRTU V P of Fisheries

River Etiquette

Here's a little refresher course on the basics of River Etiquette.

First let me say that as GRTU members and GRTU Lease Access members we are not seen as the average angler. We each are seen as representatives of GRTU and TU and are subject to closer scrutiny.

Our behavior must be above reproach as we enjoy access and trout fishing. We must show that we can fish the river and accommodate all those who wish to share the fishing and the floating while respecting the rights of all landowners in a cordial and friendly manner.

I think the simplest answer to river etiquette is contained in the "Golden Rule". Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Here are some of the keys to a higher level of conduct on the river.....

- 1) Respect the rights and wishes of all anglers enjoying the Fishery.
- 2) Communicate with the other anglers (and those floating the river) for a harmonious experience. Ask for permission when approaching another angler already on the water to share the water. When passing by an angler already fishing give him plenty of room and pass behind him if possible, as quietly as possible, so as not to disturb his water.
- 3) In these low flows it is especially important to allow those floating the river the right to pass through, especially in areas where only one route is possible. The guides are among the best at not disturbing anglers already in the area, often passing well behind or in front of an angler working the water, still there are places that because of the low flows they have no choice in where they must pass. Allow them to do so.

4) Respect the rights of landowners. "One Foot wet, there is no regret." Do not cross land that you have no legal right of access.

5) Practice conservation, use the best catch and release tactics, and consider fishing barbless.

6) Be aware of the Texas Sportsman's Rights act, and Harassment laws, avoid confrontations.

7) Familiarize yourself with the exact letter of the fish and game laws. Report poaching if you are absolutely sure that game laws are being broken. Leave the enforcement to the professionals.

8) On the subject of relieving one's self. First think ahead. Ask permission and use the permanent restrooms at the many outfitters. Hold it if you can, but in those cases where you must, use the utmost decorum and stealth.

9) Do not litter and consider picking some up trash on your way out.

10) Ultimately respect our natural resources and be a good steward of the river.

Jimbo Roberts
GRTU V P of Fisheries



GRTU Membership Reminder

Our GRTU 2011-2012 Lease Access Program provides many access points on the river and is effective November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2012. Several of these access points are annual, meaning you have fishing access to the river year round. Members can sign up their children (ages 10-17) at no additional cost. We stock the river in the fall with trout and continue to stock the river over the year. As a Lease Access Member, you will be notified via e-mail when the stockings take place. Additionally, you will have access to our private online "Forum" where you can ask questions and get answers.

To join go to: www.grtu.org and click on Membership. All Lease Access Members are required to complete the online orientation covering do's and don'ts. Please also renew your

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Below are the new proposed bylaws for GRTU. We will be voting on these bylaws in the January general meeting. The current bylaws may be viewed at www.GRTU.org

Guadalupe River Chapter Trout Unlimited Bylaws

Article I. Organization and Purposes

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be The Guadalupe River Chapter, Trout Unlimited.

Section 2. The purpose of the Chapter shall be to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries of North America and their watersheds with a focus on (but not limited to) the Guadalupe River. The Chapter shall operate as a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. The Chapter shall function exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

Section 3. The Chapter is a subsidiary organization of Trout Unlimited, Inc., a Michigan non-profit corporation and is under its authority. The Chapter shall carry out the aims and purposes of Trout Unlimited and all policies, objectives and activities pursued by the Chapter and its members shall be in conformity with the Bylaws and policies of Trout Unlimited. The Chapter's use of the TU name, logo and Chapter affiliation with other organizations and businesses shall conform to TU policies.

Section 4. The Chapter and all members acting on its behalf shall not finance, promote or oppose the candidacy of any person seeking election to public office and shall not participate or intervene in any campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 5. The Chapter shall not conduct or carry on any activities, including the expenditure of funds, not permitted to be conducted or carried on by a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited is the only requirement for membership in Trout Unlimited and the Chapter. The Chapter shall not assess any additional dues or fees and shall not establish classes of membership.

Section 2. Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited shall automatically make one a member of the Chapter, if the member resides in the Chapter's geographical area. Any Trout Unlimited member in good standing from a different chapter's geographic area may elect to become a member of the Chapter.

Section 3. The By-laws of Trout Unlimited shall govern the suspension or expulsion of chapter members.

Section 4. No Chapter or chapter officer, director or member may transfer, sell, barter, or lease to any person or entity the membership list or the names, addresses, contact information or other personal information of the members.

Article III. Membership Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held in the month of April on a date set by the Board of Directors, to elect Directors and conduct other business of the Chapter. The President and the Treasurer shall present annual reports to the members.

Section 2. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The meeting notice shall include the date, time, place and agenda of the annual Meeting and the slate of candidates nominated for election by the Nominating Committee.

Section 3. The Chapter shall hold regular meetings at a date, time and place chosen by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors or upon the written request of the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the members or twenty (20) members. Notice of all special meetings must be given to members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and shall include the date, time, place and agenda for the special meeting.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the meetings on all matters relating to order and procedure, including nominations and elections. Only current members of Trout Unlimited shall be permitted to vote at any meeting of the members and no proxy voting shall be allowed.

Section 6. Any officer may be removed at any regular or special Chapter board meeting by a 2/3 vote of the board members in attendance whenever, in their judgment, the interest of the Chapter would be served.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors is responsible for the general supervision of the Chapter's affairs and finances.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) non-officer members and the officers pursuant to Article V, section 1. Each non-officer Director shall serve a three-year term, with Directors' terms staggered to provide for continuity. The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for the term of his or her successor. All Directors shall be current members of Trout Unlimited.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet regularly, but no less than 6 times per year. Upon notice, the meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted by telephone. The Board of Directors may also act by email vote, provided all members of the Board of Directors are permitted the opportunity to participate and all votes are shown to all Directors and reported in the minutes of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. A simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority vote of those present is required to approve any official action.

Section 5. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two (2) members of the Board of Directors. Unless notice is waived by all members of the Board of Directors, notice of any special meeting, including date, time, place and agenda, must be given at least seven (7) days in advance. Notice may be in writing or by electronic communication, including fax or electronic mail.

Section 6. If a director is unable to serve for any reason or if a director is appointed to fill a vacant officer position, the vacant director position shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by election at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter members or at a special meeting called for this purpose.

Article V. Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be: President, Vice President of Chapter Affairs, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Fisheries, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be voting members of the Chapter's Board of Directors. All officers must be members in good standing of Trout Unlimited. No person shall hold more than one (1) office at any time, except for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be chosen and elected by the Board of Directors at the annual membership meeting.

Section 2. The President shall serve as general executive officer and shall appoint the chairs of all Chapter committees. The President shall oversee all activities of the chapter and preside at all membership and board meetings. If the office of president becomes vacant, the person who completes the unexpired term is eligible to hold the office of president for a successive term.

Section 3. The duties of the Vice-President of Chapter Affairs include: planning and/or organizing the chapter's general meetings; assisting the President, other officers, and the Directors as needed or directed. The Vice President of Chapter Affairs shall assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to perform the President's duties. The Vice President of Chapter Affairs shall perform the duties assigned by the Board of Directors and the President.

Section 4. The duties of the Vice-President of Fisheries shall include: the management of trout purchases; acquiring the necessary permits from Texas Parks and Wildlife for trout stockings; scheduling and coordination of stocking events; negotiating and acquiring leased properties for fishing access; and assisting the President, other officers, and the Directors as needed or directed.

Section 5. The duties of the Vice President of Membership shall include: the management of all functions and documents relating to all levels of membership; the management of the Lease Access program membership, lease orientations, rules and requirements, and program permits; the communication with T.U. National either directly or through a chapter coordinator, the communication with the Chapter Treasurer in relation to membership funds; and assisting the President, other officers, and the Directors as needed or directed

Section 6. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and property of the Chapter. With the President, the Treasurer may sign and execute, in the name of the Chapter, all contracts, agreements and other obligations of the Chapter. When necessary or proper, the Treasurer shall endorse for collection on behalf of the Chapter, all checks, notes, drafts and electronic credits and transfers and shall deposit same and all other revenues to the credit of the Chapter in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors designates. The Board of Directors may impose such alternate authority or limitations of authority to execute contracts, sign checks or use other forms of payment as the Board of Directors deems appropriate and may require that the Treasurer be bonded. The Treasurer shall also:

A. Keep full and accurate accounts of monies received and paid on account of the Chapter, give a financial report at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and whenever required by the Board of Directors, render a statement of the Chapter's accounts and report to the membership.

B. Submit a complete Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the chapter to Trout Unlimited prior to the deadline set by Trout Unlimited. The AFR will be in compliance with the policies and requirements of Trout Unlimited and will contain a complete and accurate accounting of all revenues, expenses, volunteer hours by members of the Chapter and any additional items prescribed within the AFR form.

C. The Treasurer will also make all necessary filings with the Internal Revenue Service and state and local authorities.

D. Upon request, permit access to the Chapter's books, records and accounts by any Chapter Officer, Director or designated representative of the State Council and/or Trout Unlimited.

Section 7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership and keep an accurate and current record of all Chapter memberships. The Secretary shall assist the Treasurer in preparing the AFR form. The Secretary shall send all required notices to members of the Chapter, as required by these bylaws or otherwise. Notice may be in writing or by electronic communication, including fax, electronic mail or by posting on the Chapter's web-site. The Secretary shall also maintain the correspondence of the Chapter.

Article VI. Election, Term, Vacancy

Section 1. The Chapter President shall be elected for a two-year term. No president shall serve more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms, but may again hold the same office after a one-year period out of office. Other officers do not have term limits

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall nominate members for each elected office.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1. The Chapter may establish standing committees, whose members shall be appointed by the chair of each committee:

A. Communications: This committee is responsible for the chapter web-site and newsletter.

B. Membership: This committee is responsible for membership services, membership lists and efforts to recruit and retain members.

C. Education: This committee is responsible for education programs and youth activities.

D. Conservation: This committee is responsible for activities and projects that directly support Trout Unlimited's conservation agenda.

E. Financial Development: This committee is responsible for chapter fundraising.

F. Nominating: This committee shall assist the Board of Directors and officers with leadership development and submit a slate of candidates for elections.

G. Fisheries: This committee is responsible for assisting the VP of Fisheries with management of stocking, lease agreements, and recommendations to the board for changes in those programs as necessary.

Section 2. Additional standing or ad hoc committees may be established from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Fiscal Year

Section 1. The Chapter's fiscal year shall be the same as that of Trout Unlimited.

Article IX. Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1. These Chapter bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting if at least the lesser of 30 chapter members or 10% of the Chapter's members are present. Amendment of the bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Only current members of Trout Unlimited shall be permitted to vote. Any amendment to these bylaws shall be consistent with the bylaws of Trout Unlimited. All proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall require at least 30 days notice to the members, with the notice specifying the proposed amendment. Proposed amendments shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Board of Directors either for or against adoption.

Section 2. If any amendment of these bylaws is required in order to make them consistent with the bylaws of Trout Unlimited, a vote of a majority of those present and permitted to vote shall be sufficient to pass the amendment.

Article X. Assets and Dissolution

Section 1. No part of the income, earnings or assets of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, director or officer of the Chapter or any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Chapter in effecting one or more of its purposes. Chapter members, officers and directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for or on behalf of the Chapter.

Section 2. All Chapter expenditures shall be broadly consistent with the mission of Trout Unlimited.

Section 3. The Chapter may not acquire or hold any new interest in real property, including easements, except with prior written approval from Trout Unlimited.

Section 4. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, all assets of the Chapter shall revert to the State Council. These assets will be held and/or redistributed in consultation with Trout Unlimited.

The Guadalupe River Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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The following distinguished members of GRTU have been designated, some posthumously, as Honorary Life Members of the Chapter for their exceptional contributions to our work. This honor is reserved for commendatory recognition of individuals whose personal service contributions to the Chapter are deemed to have had outstanding impact in advancing Chapter and TU objectives.

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