

MEETING MINUTES
Enchanted Circle Chapter Trout Unlimited
February 9, 2016
Gorge Bar and Grill

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Adkison.

Members in attendance: Kelly Ruppert and guest Brandon Ruppert, Bart Hazleton, Tom Harper, Jim Herman, Roy and Blake Dunlap, Ken Harrold, Doug Palmer, Bill Owen, Marc Harrell, Eric Patterson, David Gilroy, and our guest speaker Noah Parker.

Several announcements were made:

- Western Regional Meeting of TU in Eugene, OR on 4-1&2-16
- Gila Trout Spawning effort at Mora Hatchery in March
- Hondo Tribs Project-NMDOT has approved maintenance and culvert liners for Yerba and Italianos Creeks. WNTI pays \$20k and ECTU \$4k for liners. Final price tag pending review by USFS
- Report on Board Retreat-members are referred to www.ec-tu.org for highlights of the day long planning event
- RGCT stocking on the Rio Grande Tuesday, March 22 at La Junta Trailhead
- Call for volunteers to help with the annual banquet on May 20, 2016
- Winter Social on February 13 with guest speaker Duane Redford

David Gilroy presented a review of recent activities with the Tiger Salamanders. A lively discussion ensued on the involvement of the students with the chapter and the planned presentation of research data at the annual banquet. Program planning will be done by Bill Owen and David Gilroy.

Noah Parker of Land of Enchantment Fly Fishing gave a wonderful talk on his efforts to create catch and release designation below the dams on the Chama River. Noah shared many insights learned over his two and a half year project that will be useful to ECTU as we continue to work toward similar designation for the lower Red River. Noah and the group agreed to support each other as needed with letters and attendance at future public meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m. Next meeting/event will be on April 16 in the afternoon with guest speaker Van Beacham of Solitary Anglers.