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INDIAN CREEK HATCHERY IS RUN BY CURRY ANADROMOUS FISHERMEN, AN ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

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Next GENERAL MEETING Thursday March 11, 2010 – 10:00 AM EVENT CENTER (Docia Sweet Hall) Gold Beach, Oregon

(Come join us at 9:00 AM for breakfast, and then an interesting and informative meeting with occasional speakers)

Next BOARD MEETING Thursday, March 4, 2010 – 10:00 AM ODFW BUILDING

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Upcoming Events

MARCH

Feeding, DO & Temp Readings

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Presidents Corner

Tom Tostenson

This will be the first year that the Hatchery will be without a paid consultant. This will give us a savings of \$7,200.00 a year. Our volunteers have stepped up to the plate and all is going great. I want to also thank our ODFW biologist John Weber with all the advice and help we need for a smooth running hatchery. Sometimes we take things for granted, such as receiving our Riffle each month. Well there are two people behind the scene that makes it all happen. They are Mary Kurz and John Lento. Mary keeps the membership list and makes sure we all get the Riffle. John makes sure that all of us get our reports in on time. He then edits, sets the format and gets it to the printer, then takes them to the Post Office for mailing. Anyone that would like to help these two it would be very much appreciated. If you happen see Mary Kurz, John Lento or John Weber a thank you would be nice. We are setting up what we will call the Hatchery Advisory Council. They are people who can give us advice in various areas needing to run the operation. We still have some spots to fill. Just remember Rome wasn't built in one day, but then our volunteers weren't on that job. Sure makes my job easy with this great group of people.

Hatchery Advisory Council
Sue Kopec, Financial
Art & Mary Kurz, Membership
John Lento, Riffle
Chris Underhill Volunteer, Coordinater
Becky Sophusson, Fund Raising
Kate DeBord, Raffle

Annual General Meeting

February 11, 2010

Tom Tostenson, president, called the meeting to order at 10am. The minutes of December's meeting were approved as printed in THE RIFFLE. Tom explained his idea to form a Hatchery Advisory Council consisting of various member groups (membership, newsletter, fundraising...) that would strengthen the board's effectiveness. Tom announced that, at the board meeting on Feb. 4th, Art Kurz resigned from the board to help his wife (Mary) with membership duties. Art has been on the board for 6 years (2yrs. as president) and has been extremely beneficial to the success of CAF. The board unanimously elected David Sophusson to serve on the board for the remainder of 2010. Also at the board meeting, the board unanimously elected the following officers for 2010:

President- Tom Tostenson Vice President- Bo Gemeinhardt Treasurer- Hassie Taylor Secretary- Glenn Kral

Hassie Taylor handed out the treasurer's report, which showed a loss for Dec. '09 of \$708 and a year end bank balance of \$16,465. The loss for Jan. was \$619 and the bank balance at the end of Jan. was \$15,905. Sue Kopec discussed the proposed budget for budget for 2010, which shows an unbalanced budget when the unknown donations and fundraisers are omitted. After discussions with the board and members, Sue will present a balanced budget to the board at the March meeting.

The requested oxygenation system grant from the R&E Board was returned for more input. Tom Tostenson, John Epps and Jim Freedman have supplied the requested information. John Epps will attend the Feb. 19th meeting of the R&E Board in Salem and, hopefully, explain our request well enough for the grant to be approved. CAF is following our approved propagation plan and has not spent any advance monies on the oxygenation system.

There was a poor response (14) to the volunteer questionnaire handed out at the Dec. meeting. There were a number of people that offered to be involved with fundraiser planning. Becky

Sophusson has generously offered to chair the fundraising committee and will contact the questionnaire respondents. Sue Kopec discussed the lack of renewals of some of our sponsors and has requested that members who are more familiar with some of them personally approach them. Sponsor dues have paid for the publishing and mailing costs of *The Riffle* for a number of years. The sponsors are very important to CAF and they have been extremely generous with raffle items for our fundraisers. A discussion ensued about the possibility of emailing copies of *The Riffle*.

Tom Tostenson was asked by The Friends of the Fairgrounds if CAF would be interested in having the monthly general meeting at the Showcase Building. If a minimum of 15 members had breakfast (\$8.00) there at 9am, the use of the facility would be free. Several members of the board polled the membership to find out the level of interest. There is adequate interest and Tom will talk with Joan Cooper about the approval. John Lento will place the announcement in the next newsletter.

Chris Underhill reported that unfed fry have been placed in the spring boxes on Cedar Creek and the system will be monitored by cub scouts and volunteers. John Weber took that opening to refresh everyone's memory of the requirements and regulations for the Indian Creek Hatchery propagation plan which expires in 2012.

ODFW- John Weber announced that we will pond fish in raceways 1 & 2 next week. Richard Thompson will, again, be responsible for the initial daily hand feeding of all fish. Richard's dedication last year provided better growth and provided John with some valuable insight about our feeding techniques. John reviewed how critical the feeding schedule is and asked that CAF conduct annual training of all volunteers. If the feeding is not done properly, we are wasting money and we are not providing the quality fish that we need for success.

Kate DeBord will take over the meeting raffle. Let's be nice to Kate for a few meetings! The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary

Hatchery Happenings

Hello All!!

It's Spring, and the babies are in the raceways now. We will be having a training meeting for all Daily Feeders, I'll call when we get the date and Right now, all feeders should be time. taking DO's at the end of each Rwy and the thermometer is floating at the end of Rwy #1 for the Temp. The log book has a tab for each raceway with a sheet to enter the DO & Temp. Oh yeah, don't forget to log and pull out any dead fish. Please use the little net-on-a-stick, and don't forget to dip nets & brushes in the argentine bucket between uses in different raceways. The feeder's will be put out once the fish are eating good, at this point myself and Richard Thompson are hand feeding each day and they are coming along pretty good, but extremely shy and skittish, but they'll learn. We are still working on the vacuum system, we are having problems getting the pump primed on Rwy #1, but it's being fixed, cause that time is coming real soon too. We will have 29,000 fry in Rwy #1, 27,000 in Rwy #2 and 26,000 in Rwy #3 for our 2010 season. JOB WELL DONE TO **EVERYONE WHO'S HELPED!!**

We've had some new members getting their feet wet and helping out. It was good timing, with Randy Waters & Bob Derby who were available on very short notice to pond fish into Rwy #2 and Jack Barnes with daughter Sasha who showed up and helped with the hand feeding. Then we have the Dickson Family and the Stagner Family who all lend a hand at the hatchery, plus are Cub Scout Leaders. The Dickson's & 5 cub scouts helped release 13,000 unfed fry into Libby Pond on the 12th of Feb. and the Stagner's and their 5 cub scouts started back in January with 11,701 eyed eggs at Cedar Forks Creek Hatchboxes and they netted and released the buttoned-up fry on Feb 21st.

New faces, familiar faces and old faces they're all great to see and greatly appreciated!! Were off to a super start so everyone keep up the Good Work and we'll be seeing you around the hatchery!!!

Chris Underhill 541-247-0396

Treasurer's Corner

By Hassie Taylor, Treasurer

Treasurers Report Dec Jan

Operating Capital \$16,524 \$15,904

Jan. Income \$ 500 Jan. Expenses \$ 1,120

2009 Budget Summary Starting Capital \$19,420 Income \$27,276 Expenses \$30,172 2010 Starting Capital \$16,524

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Our March 11th meeting will be at the Event Center in the Docia Sweet Hall at the Fair Grounds. There will be a breakfast starting at 9AM, the cost will be \$8. You are not required to buy breakfast to attend the meeting. For those who want to eat should call Tom at 541-247-7356 or Sue at 541-247-0369, as we need a headcount so the Fair people know how much to cook. The menu is hot cakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast / jam. Coffee, tea, milk, juice, water. The tables are really set up nice, so come and enjoy.

This month we will have a guest speaker, the mayor of Gold Beach, Mr. Jim Werniche and his wife.

HATCHERY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Fundraiser Committee is looking for new ideas and committee members for this year's fundraisers. Email your ideas or if you would like to be on the committee to Becky Sophusson at bdsoph@hughes.net or call 541-425-1950.

Volunteer Report

By: Vacant

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Meeting Raffle Kate DeBord
Riffle Editor John Lento

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Call Dianne McKenzie --- Volunteer Coordinator --- 247-0278

Seining for broodstock	October	Weekdays/Weekends
Spawning	Nov/Dec	Weekdays
 Cleaning buckets, hatchtrays 		
 Fish collection, egg fertilization 		
Supply Sargent (paper products, etc)	On going	
Egg sorting and counting	Dec/Jan	Weekdays
Hatchtrays monitory (D.O, Temp. Water flow)	Dec - Feb	Daily *
Fry release into tributaries and raceways	February	Weekdays
Fish feeding and raceway monitoring	Feb-Jul	Daily *
Vacuum raceways	Feb-Jul	Three times a week *
Net fry for tagging process	June	Weekdays - 3 days
Release smolt into Rogue River	Jul/Aug	Weekdays
General work parties – maintenance and repairs	As required	
 Buildings, raceway, water lines 		
 Dam, vault, grounds 		
 Feeders, aerators, vacuum pumps 		
Tours	As requested	
Raffles / Fundraisers	On going	
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