



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2017

The February 2017 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of the Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CPC) was held at Sangre de Cristo Electric Association meeting room, Buena Vista, CO on February 8, 2017. Keith Krebs opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Officers: Keith Krebs, Blake Fanning, Jerry Wright, Tom Arnot

Board Members: Eric Heltzel, Fred Rasmussen, Gene Milus, Mike Perry, Bill Dvorak (Bill left the meeting after item 2a below)

The minimum number of board members was in attendance to constitute a quorum.

Other attendees: Pam Simpson, Norm Lastovica, Dick Isenberger, Jim Impara, Barbara Plake

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes from the December 14, 2016 BoD Meeting, January 14, 2017 Special BoD Meeting and January 14, 2017 Strategic Planning Meeting were emailed to the BoD by Tom Arnot for review prior to the meeting.
 - A brief discussion was held regarding the wording of the Chapter Mission and Vision Statements. No revisions were proposed.
 - Eric Heltzel motioned that the Meeting Minutes from all three meetings be approved. The motion was seconded by Blake Fanning and passed without dissent.
- b. The January 2017 Treasurer's Reports were emailed to the BoD by Jerry Wright for review prior to the meeting. Highlights include \$6,000 in scholarships awarded to 4 college students.
 - Jerry Wright noted that there is about \$16K in the Coldwater Fund that is available for projects. There is also about \$5,900 in the Funds For Grants" Account earmarked for specific projects, such as ELC.
 - Gene Milus motioned that the Treasurer's Reports be approved. The motion was seconded by Mike Perry and passed without dissent.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. Director Bill Dvorak requested to address the Board
 - Bill Dvorak offered the board his resignation due to recent legal concerns. During the following discussion, the board decided to wait until after the legal proceedings are completed before voting on whether to accept his resignation.
 - Keith Krebs will coordinate with Bill Dvorak to see if he will be available for Caddis Festival volunteer activities.
- b. Jason Willis status as BoD member
 - Jason Willis is a NTU Project Manager and his current workload precludes him from attending any meetings. Jason offered to resign from the Board. A motion was made and seconded to accept Jason's resignation with regret.

c. Potential funding sources for **ELC**

- CCC is the lead organization for the project. The team (CCC, GARNA, SCC and CPC-TU) has been applying for grants and CPC has also been applying for grants separately.
- CPC has discussed and agreed that the Coldwater Fund can be used to fund this project. We have a \$2,700 Embrace-a-Stream grant specifically for this project that must be used in 2017. Eric Heltzel noted that this is going to be our flagship project and we need to get it going.
- Design and in-stream work is done by HydroGeo from Buena Vista.
- The property owner across the river from the ELC site is a CPC member and has been very cooperative in granting access for the work and classes that have been held at the site. Dick Isenberger noted that we need to have a written agreement for access before funding is approved.
- Jim Impara noted that section of the river needs to be restored – there are access issues and restoration issues. Maybe we need to separate them.
- There is an easement on the north side of the river for public access. We need a perpetual use agreement with the land owner on the south side (Wicoff's).
- Decided to work on getting an agreement in place with the landowner and discuss at a future meeting.
- GOCO Grant – possible source for implementation funding
- Audubon Society Grant? They mostly deal with water quality issues.
- State Historic Fund Grant for Barn-to-Classroom
 - Keith Krebs met with Nicole Blaser, Regional Director of the SCC's Salida-Los Valles office. They are pursuing a potential grant to restore the existing barn building on the site.
- Cannabis Business Contribution(s)?
 - Keith Krebs asked if there was any objection to soliciting donations from the local cannabis businesses. No objections were raised.

3. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. February 27-28 – CPW has requested assistance for fin clipping at Mt. Ouray State Wildlife Area
- b. March 8th at Boathouse Cantina, Salida – Member Meeting with Tom Palka presentation.
- c. March 9th at Mile High Station, Denver – CTU River Stewardship Gala (9 attendees)
- d. April 12th at Mr. Shavano Manor, Salida – BoD Meeting
- e. April 21st-23rd at Keystone Resort – CTU Rendezvous
 - First time attendees can get a scholarship from CPC. Blake Fanning is planning to attend.
- f. April 28-29th in Scottsdale, Arizona – TU Western Regional Rendezvous
- g. May 6th (Sat.) at Chaffee County Fairgrounds – CPC Caddis Banquet

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Establish date for on-line forum of "Give Smart" fundraising system for 2017 Caddis Banquet
 - Give Smart representative is flexible on dates. System will work for silent auction – not sure about live auction. Pam Simpson does not want to do the live auction through Give Smart.
 - Dick Isenberger noted that we previously decided to table it for 2017 (December 14 BoD meeting) so why are we discussing it now?

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- Barbara Plake noted even though it is too late to implement for this year, the training might help us decide for next year.
 - Pam Simpson feels that it may not be too late to implement for this year. We can learn more about it at the on-line forum and decide if it will work for the silent auction.
 - Jerry Wright noted that Give Smart charges a fee of \$2,000 and also charges a higher fee on credit card processing (3.5% versus 2.75% for Square).
 - Decided to set up on-line forum for Feb 21 at 1:00pm.
- b. February 11th at Boathouse Cantina - Retirement Party for Greg Policky
- CPC-TU would like to recognize Greg Policky's contributions to the chapter and to the Arkansas River by presenting him with a Joshua Bean painting, "Arkansas River near Hecla" at his retirement party. The cost is \$600 plus tax. Keith Krebs showed the framed painting to the meeting attendees.
 - Tom Arnot motioned that CPC-TU purchase the painting for Greg Policky. The motion was seconded by Jerry Wright and passed without dissent.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Investigate new Conservation Project: Re-visit Kerber Creek
- Jason Willis to contact Carol Edrington – may require heavy machinery.
- b. Badger Basin meeting with CPW, BLM, USFS was cancelled. May be rescheduled at a later date.
- c. Yale Lake (near BV) has been drained. May need volunteers for planting later in spring.
- d. Review latest Meeting Schedule for 2017

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Membership Report by Bill Perrill (as emailed)
- Since the January 2017 report we have 8 new members. No members transferred into or out of our chapter since the last report. There are 25 past members whose membership expired between 11/1/2016 and 1/31/2017. 4 members whose membership expired in November 2016 were dropped from the master roster. 9 past members will be dropped next month if their expired memberships are not renewed.
 - We currently have 259 memberships, which includes 3 businesses. 20 of those 259 memberships have expired and some will renew but most will have to be dropped when their expired membership is past 60 days.
 - Of the current memberships, 18 are family memberships.
- b. Volunteers Report by Ann Klaiman (not provided)
- c. Communications Report by Tom Palka (as emailed)
- (not discussed at meeting. Tom requested some input from the board regarding posting of email blasts on the website.)

7. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- a. Tom Arnot noted that we might need to appoint an additional Director in the next few months. With the loss of Jason Willis, potential loss of Bill Dvorak and Bill Perrill's scheduled resignation in May, we would be one board member short, per Chapter Bylaws. A couple of names were suggested as potential board members. To be discussed at a future meeting.
- b. Blake Fanning presented a potential sponsorship opportunity – CTU's 2017 River Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, June 11-16, 2017 at Bar N I Ranch near Weston, CO.
 - From the CTU website:
 - Camp classes include: principles of ecology, hydro-geology, aquatic vertebrate and invertebrate sampling, hydrology, trout behavior, trout stream entomology, the biology of pollution, acid deposition, and politics of conservation and human effects on the Rocky Mountains.
 - In addition, the camp will include hands-on classes such as fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, angling literature, streamside botany, wader safety and survival, and the evolution of an angler. Students will also participate in a watershed project to repair habitat in a nearby stream.
 - Cost is \$450 per student. Students are selected based on a written essay describing why they want to attend the camp. Submittal deadline to CTU is April 15th, 2017.
 - A Committee was formed to review applications by the middle of March to meet the CTU submittal deadline. Committee members; Keith Krebs, Blake Fanning, Gene Milus and Dick Isenberger. The committee will review all local applications and forward them to CTU. CPC has an opportunity to provide scholarships for students to attend this camp.
 - Keith Krebs motioned that CPC send up to 4 students to the 2017 CTU Youth Camp at \$450 each, for a maximum of \$1,800 (pending receipt of satisfactory applications). Eric Heltzel seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by acclamation.