



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2017

The July 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 in Buena Vista, CO on July 12, 2017. Keith Krebs opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Officers: Keith Krebs, Blake Fanning, Tom Arnot

Board Members: Eric Heltzel, Fred Rasmussen, Bill Dvorak, Mike Perry

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

Other attendees: Norm Lastovica, Rick Helmick, Dick Isenberger

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes from the April 12, 2017 BoD Meeting were emailed to the BoD by Tom Arnot for review prior to the meeting.
- b. The April, May and June 2017 Treasurer's Reports were emailed to the BoD by Jerry Wright for review prior to the meeting. Norm Lastovica indicated that he reviews the financial records at least once a month in his position as Finance Officer.
 - Fred Rasmussen motioned that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded by Eric Heltzel and passed without dissent.

2. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. BoD to start identifying and recruiting candidates for (3) Directors and (4) Officers
 - Vice President Blake Fanning, Treasurer Jerry Wright and Secretary Tom Arnot are all willing to stay on in their current positions for another year. A two thirds majority vote of the BoD is required for Tom and Jerry to serve a third term.
 - Tom Arnot noted that the Chapter website only shows Fred Rasmussen's BoD term expiring this year. Keith Krebs to review documents and clarify. Subsequent to the meeting, Keith confirmed that Fred is the only director whose term expires this year, so a minimum of one new director is required for 2018. Fred Rasmussen indicated he would be willing to serve another term if no one else steps up.
 - Tom Arnot noted that the Chapter website still shows Jason Willis and Bill Perrill as Directors. Tom will contact Tom Palka to make corrections.
- b. BV Stream Explorers was recently completed and went well with 11 kids participating for 4 straight days of hands on learning. This was the second annual BV event and concluded with fishing at Kelly's ponds. Everyone caught fish. GARNA is coordinating the stream sciences portion of the program with CPC coordinating the fly-tying and fishing day.
- c. Comments from Gene Milus re: Veterans Programs
 - Gene recently contacted Pete Lofy, Program Lead for Project Healing Waters in Colorado Springs regarding our chapter becoming more involved with their organization, bringing vets to the Salida area. There is a training requirement for anyone volunteering to guide the vets. Pete gave Gene the name of one of their active volunteers in the Salida area, Charlie Adams.
 - Gene has also contacted Nick Watson from Veterans Expeditions in Salida, but has not received a response yet.

3. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. July 18th-19th Conservation project: Big Bend to Dil Lease
 - Project consists of fence gate construction, fence repair and relocation – Volunteers Needed, see Keith Krebs. So far, Keith Krebs, Jim Impara, Lee Honeycutt, Richard Frey, Mike Perry have volunteered.
 - Fred Rasmussen stated that CPW has a perpetual walk-in fishing easement on these properties, 30' from the high water mark. The landowners are building fences down to the water, obstructing access. He noted that CPC has had to push CPW to enforce the easement access and we will need to continue to do this to make sure that any future landowners also adhere to the terms of the easement. If we do not push CPW, they will not actively enforce the easement.
 - Keith Krebs stated that we are currently entering into a more collaborative arrangement with the landowners. With CPW, we have arranged to move one fence and provide V-gate openings (preferred) or stiles located about 30' above the high water mark through the existing fences to provide access. Keith would like to continue with this arrangement in the hopes that we can develop a good relationship with the landowners.
 - Dick Isenberger noted that the law is established and we should let CPW enforce it. Eric Heltzel agreed that we are not the enforcement agency – we want to work with the landowners to help them comply with the easement requirements.
- b. July 26th Member meeting
 - Jason Willis will present a program; "What Happened to our River"
 - Sam Frykholm, CTU Conservation Camp attendee who was sponsored by CPC will give a brief recap of his experiences at the camp.
- c. August 9th BoD meeting – Shavano Manor meeting room, Salida
- d. August 26th FlyGals river fishing with Helpers – Contact Barbara Plake
- e. September 2nd Fishing Derby in BV Town Lake.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Membership Committee will assign two new member names to each Director for personal contact
 - Eric Heltzel to send names out to BoD.
- b. Joint Event at Elevation Beer and CPC "Fundraiser", September 16th (Sat.)
 - Is this OK with NTU? – Tom Arnot brought a few copies of the TU Alcohol policy for review. If we are to receive any direct or indirect proceeds from the sales of alcohol, we must contact the NTU volunteer operations staff to coordinate details to make sure we comply with NTU insurance policies.
 - Keith Krebs stated that his goal for this event is only to capture an audience and not to raise money from alcohol sales. We will try to arrange a pre-function event at Elevation the afternoon of the September 16 "Big Meeting" at the Steam Plant. We could have our ELC promotional materials there and extend an invitation for people to come to the Steam Plant meeting.
 - ACTION PLAN? Karen Dils was solicitor for Elevation. Keith will contact her about coordinating event.
- c. GiveSmart Committee met on July 6th (Caddis Festival online event management)
 - Committee members are researching aspects of implementing a web-based event management system for the 2018 Caddis Festival. The system would be able to manage several functions at the Festival to possibly include ticketing, reservations, silent auction management, online auction, etc. Cost to implement is probably around \$1,500 for the first year, depending on product.
 - Committee will meet again on August 31 and is expected to make a recommendation to the BoD at the October 11 Board meeting.

- d. Possible future contribution to CCC for purchase of parcels near Twin Lakes
- Andrew Mackie of CCC contacted Keith Krebs to see if we would be interested in helping fund the purchase of several parcels along the Arkansas River in the Twin Lakes area of Lake County for conservation easements. Total funding requirement is estimated to be about \$200K.
 - Fred Rasmussen stated his strong support for this and mentioned that there won't be another chance to obtain these parcels.
 - BoD members were generally in support of this acquisition as being in line with our conservation goals and of benefit to our members and the general public. No vote to provide funding at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. CTU River Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp – CPC funded all four applicants from our area this year. One participant will give a short report at the next Member meeting – July 26th.
- b. Funding sources for Ecosystem Learning Center (ELC):
- More players are becoming involved in this project as it becomes more well-known. SPOT is now also involved (Salida-area Parks, Open-space and Trails).
 - GOCO Grant – **Included in "Inspire" grant GARNA Application; Expecting full funding**
 - State Historic Fund Grant for Barn-to-Classroom – **Keith and Nicole of SCC applying in October**
 - Cannabis Business Contribution(s)? – **Who? How? When? (not discussed at meeting)**
 - CCC Grant Funding – **Andrew Mackie (not discussed at meeting)**
 - Tom Arnot noted that the BoD had previously discussed spending money from the chapter Coldwater Conservation Fund for the ELC project, but that we had not yet voted to spend this money. At the time, there were some concerns about not having a working agreement with the landowner across the river. We now have a MOU in place with these landowners.
 - A brief discussion ensued about how the nature of the project is a good fit for our stated conservation and education goals. Blake Fanning asked about the purpose of the Coldwater Conservation Fund - Norm Lastovica said it is a general fund created by the BoD years ago as a place to save money for non-specified conservation projects.
 - Bill Dvorak motioned that we allot up to \$15,000 from the Coldwater Conservation Fund as needed to support the ELC project. Fred Rasmussen seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- c. Investigate new Conservation Project: Re-visit Kerber Creek
- Jason Willis to contact Carol Edrington – ACTION PLAN? Project may require heavy equipment.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Membership Report by Eric Heltzel (as emailed)
- Minimal activity over the last 30 days. 12 renewals were processed. We currently have 281 members.
- b. Volunteers Report by Ann Klaiman (not provided prior to meeting)
- Subsequent to the meeting, Ann sent out a report: From October 1, 2016 through May 31 2017, CPC has logged 1793 volunteer hours. This number is 146 hours less than last year at this time, but Stream Explorers and a couple of other activities had not yet been reported.
- c. Communications Report by Tom Palka (as emailed)

7. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- a. CTU Currents on-line newsletter issued today has a highlight on Blake Fanning.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by acclamation.