



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2017

The August 2017 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of the Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CPC) was held at Mt. Shavano Manor meeting room in Salida, CO on August 9, 2017. Blake Fanning opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Officers: Blake Fanning, Jerry Wright, Tom Arnot

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

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 July 12, 2017 BoD Meeting were emailed to the BoD by Tom Arnot for review prior to the meeting.
 - Norm Lastovica questioned what his title was – in the July minutes, he is referred to as the Finance Officer and he wasn't sure this was correct. Tom Arnot agreed to look into it and amend the minutes as appropriate. (Followup: per Bylaws, the official title is Finance Officer)
- b. The July 2017 Treasurer's Reports were emailed to the BoD by Jerry Wright for review prior to the meeting.
 - Highlights include \$36K in operating funds, \$16K in Coldwater Fund account, \$7K in savings CD, and \$6K in Grants Fund and \$3K in Raffle Fund.
 - Tom Arnot motioned that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended. The motion was seconded by Larry Payne and passed without dissent.
- c. Jerry Wright noted that the chapter has a one year term CD in the amount of \$7,100 coming up for renewal. A new 1 year CD pays 0.25% interest while a 5 year CD would get somewhere around 2% - 2.5%. If money is withdrawn before maturity, a penalty is paid. During discussion, it was noted that it would be unlikely that we would need to access these funds in the near term.
 - Larry Payne motioned that we renew the CD for a 5 year term. Fred Rasmussen seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- d. Fred Rasmussen mentioned that he wanted to incorporate a graph from the treasurer's report into the newsletter, but was having trouble copying it into the newsletter. Tom Arnot said he would coordinate with Fred to try to reformat the graph so it was more usable in the newsletter.

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- a. BoD to identify and recruit candidates for at least one Director and one Officer (president) before the October BoD Meeting – Candidate slate must be finalized at that meeting for distribution to members before the November Year-in-Review meeting.
 - Larry Payne noted that in the past, the board assumed the role of chapter president and shared the duties. It was noted that this did not work out too well. Fred Rasmussen noted that filling these positions is a national problem and that a dynamic president is very important for a successful chapter.

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- At the July BoD meeting Blake Fanning, Jerry Wright and Tom Arnot volunteered to continue in their officer positions for another year. Per Bylaws, a 2/3 majority vote of the BoD is required for Tom and Jerry to continue in their positions for another term.
 - Bill Dvorak motioned that Tom Arnot and Jerry Wright be approved by the board for another term as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Larry Payne seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 8-0. This exceeds the 2/3 majority vote required.
 - At the July BoD meeting it was noted that Fred Rasmussen is the only director whose term expires this year. Bylaws require a minimum of 6 directors in addition to the Officers. Since we are currently at the minimum, we need at least one new director. It is advantageous to have more than the minimum number of Directors – we had two resign this past year. IDEAS???
 - Fred Rasmussen noted that he will serve again, if no other candidates are identified.
 - Tom Arnot has contacted one potential candidate and will have an answer before the October BoD meeting.
 - A few other names were brought up; Pam Simpson, Steve Yugovich, Kim LeTourneau
- b. Comments from Gene Milus re: Veterans Programs
- Gene emailed an update to the BoD – a copy is attached to these minutes.
 - Larry Payne noted that these programs to assist veterans are a really big deal and a great thing for us to get involved with. We have participated with Cheyenne Mountain Chapter (CMC) at past events.
 - Jerry Wright noted that CMC was heavily represented at Crystal Lake event this past year. Our strategic plan for 2017 did call for an increase in involvement with veterans programs.
 - Rick Helmick noted that NTU has a lot of rules and insurance issues to be concerned with – he had some experience with this in Durango when they used the Durango and Silverton RR for a vet trip. Bill Dvorak confirmed that he has experienced this as well.
 - It was suggested to have Gene enquire with Project Healing Waters and Veteran's Expeditions about their liability policies.

3. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. August 26th: FlyGals River Helpers event – Contact Barbara Plake ASAP to volunteer. Need two more helpers
- b. August 28th: Fish stocking with CPW. Email blast to follow. 15 volunteers needed - Contact Keith Krebs to volunteer.
- c. September 2nd: Fishing Derby at BV Town Lake. – Contact Bob & Margie Gray to volunteer.
- d. September 4-8: Chapter Camping Trip to Dolores River. Contact Larry Payne to RSVP or for more info.
- e. September 8-9: Gunnison Angling Society SuperFly fundraiser. Email blast to follow.
 - Discussion ensued about fully or partially sponsoring a team or two for this event. Total entry fee is \$400 per team. Bill Dvorak motioned that CPC sponsor half the entry fee for up to two teams to participate in this event, up to \$400 total. Eric Heltzel seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- f. September 12-14: FlyGals camping trip to Lost Lake. Contact Barbara Plake for more info.
- g. September 16th: Big Member Meeting: "Friendraiser" at Steam Plant featuring Landon Mayer.
- h. September 23rd: Chapter Picnic at Tumble Creek Ranch (Ferris' ranch) See email blast for info.
 - Discussion was that one portable toilet would be required. Bill Dvorak will arrange for delivery.
- i. October 11: Next BoD meeting, Sangre de Cristo Electric Association meeting room, BV

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Scholarship Committee Recommendations
 - Fred Rasmussen presented the scholarship committee recommendations: The recommendation is to provide a \$2,000 scholarship to each of three students for the fall semester. All 3 students are renewals – CPC has provided scholarships to all three of these students previously. The students are:
 - Amy Harmon, senior at WSCU, continuing scholarship amount of \$2,000
 - Trent Peterson, senior at WSCU, continuing scholarship amount of \$2,000
 - Graham Bachmann, senior at CSU, continuing scholarship amount of \$2,000 (Chaffee County resident)
 - BoD has approved a total of \$12,000 for scholarships for the year.
 - Larry Payne motioned to accept the Scholarship Committee's recommendations. Blake Fanning seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- b. Pam Simpson has volunteered to continue as Caddis Festival Chairperson. Venue is reserved for May 6, 2018.
- c. Norm Lastovica mentioned that long-time CPC member Joe Dora had recently passed away. He wanted his fly fishing equipment (rods, books, flytying gear, etc.) donated to a veteran's organization. Fred Rasmussen also mentioned that he has boxes of gear to donate, too.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Membership Committee will assign two new member names to each Director for personal contact
 - Eric Heltzel sent first batch of names to BoD August 6. Make contact and encourage them to attend the September meeting.
 - Rick Helmick mentioned that it is a good idea to send out an email blast just before the meeting.
- b. Joint Event at Elevation Beer and CPC "Friendraiser", September 16th (Sat.)
 - Keith will contact Elevation 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 report and recommendation to the BoD at the October 11 Board meeting.
 - Dick Isenberger asked who was on the GiveSmart committee. The Committee is composed of Barbara Plake (chair), Jim Impara, Keith Krebs, Jerry Wright, Pam Simpson and Tom Arnot.
- d. 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)
 - Over the last 30 days: No new members, 17 renewals, 7 memberships expired, 1 transferred in and 1 transferred out. We currently have about 280 members. NTU does remind members whose membership is about to expire.
 - A complimentary business membership is available to ArkAnglers for their donations and discounts if it totals more than \$1,000. They provided discounted rods for a recent event.
- b. Volunteers Report by Ann Klaiman (not provided)
- c. Communications Report by Tom Palka (as emailed)

7. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

- a. Fred Rasmussen contacted Tom Palka about coordinating email blasts with newsletter so we don't repeat too much content.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by acclamation.

Update on Veterans Programs
Gene Milus
4 August 2017

I spoke with Charlie Adams and Pete Lofy from Project Healing Waters. Both were very helpful and encouraging. Some important points in no particular order are as follows:

All events are planned 4 to 6 weeks in advance. Nothing is left to chance. It is common to have a cook and photographer along.

The national organization has quite a few rules due to liability issues. Pete will be sending me some info. Any sort of boat trip needs to be with a licensed, bonded guide.

Individual chapter members could volunteer to be mentors for wading events. Mentors would need some training, especially in relation to PTSD issues. Charlie Adams could do the training. There are several levels of training.

A big step up is “trip leader” who would be in charge of an event. Charlie Adams is a trip leader who lives in Salida and has been a long-time TU member. I invited him to join our chapter.

Our chapter could volunteer to be a host for an event. Within the rules, all aspects of the event are negotiable. Hosting an event on private water is preferable to public water.

The Colorado Springs Healing Waters has had a long-term relationship with the Cheyenne Mountain TU chapter and has done events on private water on a ranch just upstream from Stonebridge, at Big Horn Campground in Coaldale, and near old Camp Hale.

The Colorado Springs Healing Waters would like a long-term relationship with our chapter. Pete believes there are new potential participants in the Salida area and that local trips for local participants would be a good place for us to start.

I also got an email from Nick Watson from Veterans Expeditions. He is busy with expeditions now and will contact me later. They do 50 expeditions per year. All planning is done October to December. All expeditions for the coming year are set by the end of the previous year.