



The December 2017 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of the Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CPC) was held at Mt. Shavano Manor meeting room, Salida, on December 13, 2017. Vice President Blake Fanning opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Officers: Blake Fanning, Tom Arnot, Jerry Wright

Board Members: Fred Rasmussen, Mike Perry, Larry Payne, Gene Milus, Jim Impara, Bill Dvorak, Keith Krebs

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

Other attendees: Pam Simpson, Dick Isenberger

Andrew Mackie and Drew Peternell from CCC were present for Pre-meeting presentation. (See New Business, Item 4c.)

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Oct 11, 2017 BoD Meeting Minutes and Nov 11, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes; Tom Arnot (as emailed)
- b. October and November Treasurer’s Reports; Jerry Wright (as emailed). Jerry noted some minor changes that would be sent out following the meeting – no changes to totals, only to category allocations.

Jim Impara motioned that the consent agenda be approved as modified. Larry Payne seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

2. REMARKS (delivered by Vice President)

- a. 2018 Candidate Slate elected at November 11, 2017 Year-in-Review meeting:

Officers:

President: **(VACANT)**
Vice-President: Blake Fanning
Treasurer: Jerry Wright
Secretary: Tom Arnot

Board of Directors (expiration):

Eric Heltzel (2018)
Larry Payne (2018)
Bill Dvorak (2019)
Gene Milus (2019)
Mike Perry (2019)
Fred Rasmussen (2020)
Jim Impara (2020)
Rick Helmick (2020)
Keith Krebs (ex-officio)

- b. Approved 2018 Budget – copy attached
- c. President’s position is vacant. This will present a significant challenge for our chapter this year.
- d. Committee positions for 2018 – copy attached of current status.
 - A Projects Chairperson is needed

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- A Programs Chairperson is urgently needed - THERE ARE NO MEMBER MEETING PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR 2018

Discussion: Bill Dvorak volunteered to present a program on Gunnison River Gorge for the January 11 meeting. He also volunteered to contact CPW and see if the new local biologist could make a presentation in March.

- A Finance Committee member is needed. Usually consists of President, Treasurer and a Board Member. Blake Fanning just volunteered to be on this committee so we currently have Jerry Wright, Blake Fanning and Norm Lastovica. Norm should probably not be on this committee since he is the Finance Officer and his duties are to assist/oversee the Chapter Finance Committee.
 - A Newsletter Editor is needed
- e. Proposed meeting schedule attached – First member meeting is traditionally in January.
- Discussion: Group agreed with meeting schedule through May 5 Caddis Festival. Programs determined for January and march member meetings. Meetings after that will be finalized at Strategic Planning Meeting.
- f. BoD Meeting locations – BoD meetings alternate between Mt Shavano Manor in Salida and Sangre de Cristo meeting room in BV. A suggestion has been made to schedule these meetings one half hour earlier; Social time at 6:00, Call to Order at 6:30. COMMENTS?
- Discussion: Group agreed to start BoD meetings at 6:00 social time, 6:30 meeting time.
- g. Member meeting location – Boathouse remodel made that space unworkable for our needs. Other ideas?
- Discussion: still desire to have member meetings at a venue that serves food and drink. List of options is very limited. Continue to have member meetings and BoD meetings at Mt. Shavano Manor in Salida and Sangre de Cristo meeting room in BV until a better option is identified.
- h. Projects for 2018 – need a projects chairperson
- Dill Lease – ongoing work
 - Gene Milus cleans out monofilament tubes in Salida at Franz Lake and Sands Lake.
 - Jerry Wright cleans out monofilament tubes at northern lakes.

3. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. January 4, 2018 (Thu) - Caddis Festival Banquet Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida
- b. January 10, 2018 (Wed) – Member meeting, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida, 6:30 pm. Bill Dvorak presentation on Gunnison River Gorge float trip.
- c. January 13, 2018 (Sat): Strategic Planning Meeting, Mt Shavano Manor, Salida
- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, lunch provided. Pizza lunch provided by chapter, pick up by Jerry Wright
 - Venue is reserved but there will not be a PowerPoint show...
- d. January 23, 2018 (Tue) - Banquet Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, BV Public Library
- e. February 13, 2018 (Tue) - Banquet Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida
- f. February 21 (Wed) - BoD Meeting, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida. 6:30 social hour, 7:00 meeting. Originally scheduled for Feb 14 - Move to Feb 21 to avoid back-to-back meetings and Valentine's Day?
- Discussion: Group decided to have BoD meeting on Feb 21.
- g. February 27, 2018 (Tue) – Banquet Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon, Sangre de Cristo meeting room, BV

- h. March 14, 2018 (Wed) – Member meeting. Sangre de Cristo meeting room, BV, 6:30 pm (Bill Dvorak to contact CPW biologist to arrange a presentation)
- i. March 15, 2018 (Thu) - Banquet Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. We received a \$500 donation for the ELC through our website. Who will write a thank you note? How do we keep track of this? (At July BoD Meeting, we voted to spend up to \$15,000 from the Coldwater Conservation Fund for the ELC. Donation money could go here and be used for ELC).
 - Keith Krebs will write a thank you note to the donor.
 - Jerry Wright will earmark the money for the ELC.
- b. Mt. Shavano Manor wants to buy a popcorn machine. They have asked if we would be willing to donate \$300, about half the cost. They do not charge us for the use of their meeting room.
 - Discussion: We will be relying on them heavily this year for both BoD and Member meetings. A proposal was made to donate the full cost, \$600. Larry Payne motioned that we donate \$500 to Mt. Shavano Manor for the purchase of a popcorn machine. Bill Dvorak seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- c. Vote on possible donations to CCC projects

Andrew Mackie and Drew Peternell made a presentation on three projects in need of funding or sponsorship support.

- Maverick Ranch, Wellsville, CO: A 204 acre ranch property for sale immediately downstream of the Wellsville bridge. Property has about a mile of Arkansas River frontage and 34 acres of wetlands. ArkAnglers currently has a lease to fish on this property. This acquisition would cost approximately \$2.6 Million. There are several large donors, both public and private. It would be a partnership between the Trust for Public Lands, San Isabel Land Protection Trust, Central Colorado Conservancy and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. In order for CCC to take title to the land, they need to have a management fund of \$25K available. They are looking for about \$10K from CPC towards this fund. Property would remain undeveloped and provide public access for fishing and a small boat ramp.
 - Discussion: This represents an excellent conservation project on our home waters. We had previously voted to spend up to 15,000 from the Coldwater Resource Fund for ELC, but that project is moving slowly. Andrew Mackie indicated the Maverick Ranch was a higher priority project.
 - Bill Dvorak motioned that we contribute \$5,000 now and make a pledge to provide another \$5,000 later in 2018 with the stipulation that if the project does not go through, our money is returned. Larry Payne seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.
- Arkansas River Preserve, Granite, CO: There are 8 parcels totaling about 90 acres for sale by a single owner in southern Lake County near Granite, CO. Parcels are on the Arkansas River and two of the parcels about a 12 acre lot currently owned by CCC. Owner would like it to be purchased for conservation use, but will need to sell soon, so this is a one-time opportunity to preserve these parcels. Total price is about \$1 million. Several grants have been submitted and there is also interest from other public and private donors. CCC is looking to show broad support for the project by having other conservation-oriented organizations contribute to the purchase and is asking for about \$5K from CPC. Property would remain undeveloped and available for public fishing access.
 - Discussion: This also represents an excellent conservation project on our home waters.
 - Bill Dvorak motioned that we contribute \$2,500 now and make a pledge to provide another \$2,500 later in 2018 with the stipulation that if the project does not go through, our money is returned. Larry Payne seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

- Badger Creek Watershed Partnership Project: Badger Creek flows from South Park into the Arkansas River just downstream of Rincon river access point. Our chapter has done some work on this creek in the past. CCC is looking for CPC-TU to be a partner in this group to support conservation of this watershed. No financial commitment is required at this time. Sponsor organizations will be able to send a representative to meetings, provide volunteers for projects, etc.
 - Discussion: Jerry Wright motioned that we be partners with this project. Bill Dvorak seconded and the motion passed without dissent.
 - Jim Impara volunteered to be the CPC representative. Larry Payne volunteered to be the Alternate.
- d. Should we donate to Stream Explorers in order to purchase/obtain kid size waders to replace the rubber boots that are too short to keep the participants feet dry. (Keith Krebs)
 - Discussion: How many pairs do we need? What sizes? Hip Boots or waders? Cost? Can ArkAnglers help out?
 - Keith Krebs will gather more information and report back at a future BoD meeting.
- e. Someone responded to our blast requesting Banquet volunteers and asked if there would be a table at the CTU Gala, March 8 in Denver. Person is not listed as a member (Jim McGannon) but may have attended before. Member Michael Poisson has purchased a table for 10 for our Chapter.
 - Keith Krebs mentioned that Mr. Poisson has done this in the past and those wishing to go pay the Chapter about half the ticket cost. Keith will follow up on this and arrange to send out an email blast.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Potential "Fly Tying" class at Salida High School – Info sent to Larry Payne and Dick Isenberger in October. Status update?
 - Keith Krebs mentioned that this was held in December and went really well. Keith, Mike Perry, Jerry Wright, Larry Payne and Dick Isenberger all helped out.
- b. Fred Rasmussen noted that a property owner has built a new fence along the river at the Dill Lease obstructing access to a perpetual fishing lease. CPW is reluctant to push the property owner to honor the requirements of this perpetual easement. Fred feels that CPC needs to push CPW to enforce the easement requirements.
 - Keith Krebs has been in contact with CPW on this issue just a couple of days ago. He is expecting a response soon.
 - Bill Dvorak suggested we talk with Ed Prinzlow, Colorado Springs Regional Manager for CPW, if we do not get the local group to enforce the easement.
 - Fred Rasmussen suggested that we start a public campaign if no satisfaction reached with CPW.
- c. Membership Committee assigns two new member names to BoD for personal contact. Eric Heltzel sent first batch of names to BoD on August 6. Any followup?
- d. Reconciliation of mailing lists – Eric Heltzel, Tom Palka & Tom Arnot
 - Several members have indicated they were not receiving CPC emails
 - Multiple lists are maintained
 - Tom Palka maintains an email list with for members and others that want to be informed. This is the list used for all CPC email blasts.
 - Chapter Roster is maintained locally by Eric Heltzel. He receives updates from NTU twice monthly.

- Tom Palka has written a computer program to compare and cross-referenci the lists to ensure that the list used for all future blasts is up to date.
- Eric Heltzel will send a monthly membership update with the current roster to the BoD plus Tom Palka and other regular BoD attendees.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Membership Report by Eric Heltzel
 - 6 new members
 - 21 member renewals
 - 5 expired members
 - 3 business memberships
 - 274 total members
- b. Communications Report by Tom Palka (as emailed)
 - Further discussion at Strategic Planning Meeting.
- c. GiveSmart Implementation Committee report – Pam Simpson
 - An email blast has been sent out to solicit volunteers, but personal contact will help. Please contact anyone you know who might be willing to help or give his or her names to Pam Simpson.
 - Give Smart contract complete and check sent for payment
 - Setup Complete for our Card Connect account (will confirm w/Jerry and Dana Smith)
 - Working on our custom fund raising site.
 - Working on the template for donor items
 - Working on the Venue Assessment
 - 1st call with our Customer Success Manager
 - How to Self-Register for a Fake Auction on Your Smartphone:
Text the word "example" to the number 24700
Reply with your first and last name
Click the hyperlink in the text message you receive from 24700
Pledge, bid, and have fun! (This demo is fake money - have at it!)

7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

- a. Jim Impara is the CPC rep for Citizen's Task Force on planned use of the Arkansas River.
- b. Larry Payne attended the Fall CTU Rendezvous in Estes Park. Of particular note, there was talk finding a more central location in Colorado for their annual Fall Rendezvous to try to increase attendance. CTU Executive Director David Nikum and CTU President Cam Chandler mentioned Salida as the most centrally located chapter. Larry Payne suggested that if a meeting were held in Salida, our members might be willing to volunteer spare bedrooms for a Friday and/or Saturday night stay for visiting members. Larry offered to take a poll of our membership to see who would be willing to accommodate. Granzella Hall might work for the meeting, or we can research local hotels to see if there is a suitable meeting room. Perhaps we can get a block of rooms as well. Will discuss further at the January Strategic Planning Meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm by acclamation.

2018 COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Projects: NEED CHAIRPERSON

Responsibilities: Schedule and coordinate planning of stream/habitat restoration projects, maintenance activities, and respond to all agency or other requests for assistance on projects. Coordinates with Veterans Services Partnership Committee.

Special Project - Ecosystems Learning Center (ELC): (C) Keith Krebs, Tom Arnot

Responsibilities: On going fundraising and coordination with other stakeholders (CCC, SCC, GARNA, SPOT, etc.) Future scheduling and coordination of volunteers to assist with stream/habitat restoration portion of project.

Volunteer Coordination: (C) Karen Dils

Responsibilities: Maintains volunteer person-hour statistics from all resource related activities. Prepares monthly and year-end reports.

Membership: (C) Eric Heltzel

Responsibilities: Recruitment and nurturing of new members, updating and distribution of membership packets, assignment of mentors to all new members keeping current rosters, Annual distribution & creation of membership lists for members.

Programs: (C) NEED CHAIRPERSON

Responsibilities: Reserve general and board meeting rooms and arrange for entry, e.g. key. Procure interesting and provocative programs for each monthly meeting; set up audio/visual for speakers; provide for refreshments and hospitality at meeting social hour; schedule interesting demonstrations for the social hour whenever possible. Notify the newsletter and local media, in a timely manner, of the next month's programs and where the meeting will take place.

Finance: (C) Jerry Wright, Blake Fanning, Norm Lastovica

Responsibilities: Keep record of all chapter income and expenditures. Draft annual chapter budget for Board approval. Ensure that there is independent oversight of the chapter's financial condition every year. Administer Coldwater Resource Fund in accordance with Board policy and direction. (Treasurer, President, and one board member comprise this committee.)

Communications: Tom Palka, NEWSLETTER EDITOR VACANT

Responsibilities: Through Newsletter, Website, calendar coordinator, and Other Media subcommittees, publicize chapter activities in local, state, and national media on a continuing basis. Utilize e-mail to notify members of upcoming activities and information of interest.

Scholarship Committee: (C) Barbara Plake, Fred Rasmussen, Dick Isenberger, Les Stencel, Ellen Bauder, Kato Dee

Responsibilities: Refer to CPC-TU Policy Statements for Awarding Renewable Annual Scholarships

Education: (C) Keith Krebs, Eric Heltzel, Mike Perry

Responsibilities: Insure the success of all chapter activities that are undertaken primarily to interest or educate. Initiate contacts with schools, youth organizations, & town recreation departments to maximize the participation of young people in activities, which promote the development of interested and curious people.

Special Events: (C) Larry Payne

Responsibilities: Plan and/or coordinate continuing special events such as chapter trips, Movie Night, picnics, and other social activities approved by the Board and not otherwise included in any other committee.

Community Involvement : Jim Impara; Ann and Henry Klaiman (S); Bob and Marjie Gray (BV).

Responsibilities: Highway clean-ups, River clean-ups and Kids fishing derbies.

Advocacy: (C) Reed Dils

Responsibilities: Establish and coordinate liaison with CTU, NTU, state legislators, county commissioners, and other elected officials to further TU goals of protecting the cold-water resource and monitors various Water Conservancy Districts. Chairperson is the coordinator for non-project issues, which require action on the part of chapter members.

Caddis Festival Banquet: (C) Pam Simpson

Responsibilities: Plan and conduct the chapter's annual fundraising banquet (Caddis Festival Banquet). Committee is made up from all Board members and chapter volunteers. Chairperson appointed annually by Board.

FlyGals: (C) Barbara Plake; Linda Schuckert

Responsibilities: Plan and conduct the chapter's women's functions to encourage women to become members of TU and to participate in chapter resource projects and other events.

Veterans Services Partnership: (C) Gene Milus

Responsibilities: Collaborate and communicate with local veteran organizations. Schedule, coordinate and populate periodic veteran engagement activities including field work for riparian restoration, fishing outings and other activities.

Proposed 2018 BoD and Member Meetings Schedule

January 10 - Member meeting, Bill Dvorak Presentation, Mt Shavano Manor, Salida.
6:00 Social time, 7:00 call to order

January 13 (Sat.) – Strategic Planning meeting, Mt Shavano Manor, Salida
9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Lunch Provided

February 21st – BoD Meeting (do we want to meet on Valentines Day?)
Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida,
6:30 Social time, 7:00 call to order

March 14 – Member meeting, Sangre de Cristo meeting room, BV, CPW Biologist presentation.
6:00 Social time, 7:00 call to order

April 11 – BoD meeting, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida
6:30 Social time, 7:00 call to order

May 5 (Saturday) – Caddis Festival Banquet member meeting
Chaffee County Fairgrounds; 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
VENUE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR Friday set up and Saturday event

June 13 – Summer Member meeting (?) NO VENUE OR PROGRAM SCHEDULED
6:00 Social time, 7:00 call to order

June 20 – BoD Meeting, Sangre de Cristo Meeting Room, BV, VENUE NOT RESERVED
6:30 Social time, 7:00 call to order

July 11 – Member meeting, NO VENUE OR PROGRAM SCHEDULED
6:00 Social time, 7:00 call to order

August 8 – BoD meeting, Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida, VENUE NOT RESERVED
6:30 Social time, 7:00 call to order

September 12 – Member meeting, NO VENUE OR PROGRAM SCHEDULED
6:00 Social time, 7:00 call to order

October 10 – BoD meeting, Sangre de Cristo Meeting Room, BV, VENUE NOT RESERVED
6:30 Social time, 7:00 call to order

November 10 (Sat.) – Fly Tying Jamboree, Potluck Dinner, Year in Review Member meeting
Granzella Hall, Salida; 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm **VENUE NOT RESERVED**

December 12 – BoD meeting – Mt. Shavano Manor, Salida **VENUE NOT RESERVED**
6:30 Social time, 7:00 call to order

BoD and Member meetings are typically held the second Wednesday of the month. Member meeting social time starts at 6:00 pm. BoD Meeting social time starts at 6:30. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Food and beverage available for purchase at member meetings