



BOARD of DIRECTORS – MEETING MINUTES

The June 2019 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 on June 12, 2019. Secretary Tom Arnot opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Officers: Jerry Wright, Tom Arnot

Board Members:

Jim Impara, Gene Milus, Keith Krebs, Bill Dvorak, Rick Helmick, Eric Heltzel

The minimum number of board members was in attendance to constitute a quorum. In addition, enough members were in attendance, either in person or by proxy to constitute a 2/3 majority of the entire Board, if needed.

Other attendees: Pam Simpson, Barbara Plake, Jim McGannon

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. April and May, 2019 Treasurer's Reports; Jerry Wright (as emailed)

Jim Impara motioned that the consent agenda be approved. Bill Dvorak seconded the motion and it passed without dissent.

2. REMARKS

- a. Need newspaper articles – send to Keith Krebs. Articles needed for July through December.
 - Jerry has one ready and Gene will submit one about the Veteran's Fishing even
- b. Newsletter content to Tom Palka by 23rd of the month.
 - Gene will submit article about Veteran's event, Jim McGannon will do one on fish spawning at Leadville hatchery.
- c. CTU Conservation Camp – June 9-15, Silent Spring Resort, Almont, CO
 - Two applicants sponsored.
 - FY2019 Budget included \$1,000. Cost for two attendees \$900. Has been invoiced and paid.
- d. Congratulations to Larry Payne who was accepted as AHRA Citizen Task Force Member. Braden Baker from ArkAnglers is the second angler representative.

3. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- a. June 25, 9 am – 4 pm, Project Healing Waters fishing event, Hayden Meadows Reservoir. There will be a pre-fish on June 21.
- b. July 4, 9 am, Salida Fishing Derby, Franz Lake
- c. July 10, Wednesday - Member Meeting, Sangre de Cristo, BV. Program: Tom Parkes, High Lake Fishing.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Salida Stream Explorers re-scheduled for June 30-31 and August 1-2, 2019
 - Only two kids signed up for the original dates. \$40 fee was new this year and not known to us ahead of time. Fee and class length were discussed and evaluated beforehand with Keith, Emily and Darci.
 - There were problems with Salida Rec. Dept., extended time length of sessions and new fee. All have been eliminated for re-scheduled classes in August as well as recently completed BV Classes. 9 attendees in BV. Salida Rec didn't work out very well.

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- b. ELC funding from Coldwater Resource Fund (Keith Krebs)
 - Keith Krebs would like to spend \$3,950 from the Coldwater Resource Fund (CRF) for the ELC. (This represents the balance of our \$8,000 commitment less ELC earmarked amount in checking of \$4,050)
 - In July of 2017, we voted to spend up to \$15K from the CRF for the ELC project. The fund had a balance of about \$16K at that time.
 - At the December 2017 BoD meeting, prior to spending any CRF money on the ELC, we voted to spend a total of \$15K from the CRF for the Arkansas River Preserve (\$5K) and Maverick Ranch (\$10K). This vote preempted the ELC vote because these were higher priority funding needs at the time. However, since the Maverick Ranch purchase fell through, we only ended up spending the \$5K for Arkansas River Preserve.
 - We did not vote to spend any additional funds from the CRF account until the April 2019 BoD meeting when we voted to spend \$1,500 on Jason Willis' Monarch Pass project. The CRF balance is about \$11.5K right now, but the money for Jason's project has not yet been paid, so about \$10K usable. Plus, we should have \$20K coming into the CRF sometime this year.
 - Probably don't need to vote on this expenditure – this is an update to the Board.
 - Money is for design phase of the South Arkansas restoration project. CCC is working on entire length of ELC site to confluence with Arkansas River.
 - Andrew Mackie is leaving CCC – date unknown
- c. Project Opportunity with BLM/USFS (Rick Helmick - recap)
 - David Gilbert of BLM made a presentation at May 8 member meeting – several members in attendance.
 - Project opportunity – recap included in June newsletter.
 - Comments: Scope is vague, would require heavy machinery. They are looking for a non-government entity or club to lead the rehab of a road near Leadville. It is messy and has lots of erosion and runoff, but minimal impact on river. Would be a half-time job for someone to manage. Daunting task, given our recent ability to attract volunteers. Outside our main skill set, marginally in line with our mission. They need project managers. Rick Helmick will contact them and see if they may have another project to work on.
- d. Fundraising ideas
 - Keith met with Dan Omasta and Shannon Kindle of CTU to discuss new fundraising ideas to replace Banquet income:
 - Limited Big Ticket items (12 items) raffle (2020?). Would need a different type of raffle license.
 - "Iron Fly" competition? We have discussed this before and eliminated it due to amount of work required and similarity to the Superfly competition held in Gunnison every year.
 - 1% for Rivers Fund (Keith and Dan are following-up).
 - "After Hours" event with:
 - Next Eddy - Keith will contact
 - Elevation Beer – Keith and Shannon will contact (Salida)
 - Eddyline (BV)
- e. South Arkansas Stream Rehabilitation work update
 - Keith and Buffy Lenth of CCC are meeting with property owners flanking the South Arkansas River from ELC site to confluence to get input prior to releasing Request for Proposals for stream rehabilitation design work. Strategize meeting June 13 on process plan.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. September 11, 2019 Member Meeting program
 - Connor Murphy scheduled for this date. Poncha Town Hall reserved by Bill Dvorak. \$60 +/- . Will need to coordinate the A/V needs. Bill Dvorak will research details of rental.
 - Alcohol is not permitted for any public events at this facility without a special event permit through the Town and state liquor enforcement agency. We are not currently planning to have alcohol at this event.
 - Also need to provide lodging for Connor. Volunteers or purchase a room?
 - Jim Impara canceled Granzella Hall. Tom Arnot will cancel Mt. Shavano Manor reservation.
- b. Fred Rasmussen memorial fund update - Barbara Plake
 - Scholarship committee has approved the creation of one Fred Rasmussen Memorial Scholarship. Criteria will include a preference for Biology or Ecology majors. Jon Rasmussen is planning a Celebration of Life for Fred in the area this summer. Will see if we can solicit donations at that event.
 - Received a \$50 memorial contribution for Norm Lastovica.
- c. Update on possibility of hosting a running/fishing event (Reed Dils, Karen Dils, Larry Payne, Keith Krebs)
 - At the last BoD meeting, we were still looking into finding a turnkey event host. There was little interest in hosting this type of event if we had to organize it ourselves. It is expected that would require more effort than the Caddis Festival.
 - Keith and Larry met with Andrew Todd of Fly-a-thon on March 17, 2019. Their program does not fund outside requests but only supports greenback recovery.
 - Any additional information or is this a dead end?
 - Consensus was this option was not going to work for us.
- d. Update on FlyGals T-Shirt e-commerce marketing option (Barbara Plake)
 - Karen and Barbara have talked to others that have tried this and no one has made money selling t-shirts.
 - The person who was going to print and sell the shirts online has suddenly decided not to do it.
 - Consensus was that this option was not going to be a good source of income. No further action will be taken.
- e. Colorado Gives Day – Pam Simpson
 - Application process is open, due August 30. Need \$50K revenue annually or \$25K in assets. Also need a “physical office”, which may be problematic. Pam is following up to see if we can qualify
- f. Direct request for money from members/businesses/big dollar donors? Draft solicitation letters for review? (Keith Krebs, Pam Simpson, Rick Helmick)
 - We received \$2,500 from Nestle Waters, \$2,500 from Walmart and \$1,000 from Two Rivers Development using the “Case Study” document. This document should be put on the website.
 - Go to regular sponsors and ask for money at same sponsorship level.
 - Send direct request to members. Rick Helmick will look at Karen’s draft letter and get it ready to send out.
 - Keith was presented a \$1,500 Gomolchak Grant award from CTU at this year’s Rendezvous.
 - All BoD members plus any solicitors from previous years should commence soliciting now. Ask for cash donations using the Case Study booklet as a guide for discussion. Booklet can be left with the company or representative if they desire. Usually takes two visits minimum.

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- Letter to select list of major and regular donors/sponsors recommended by Dan and Shannon. Should formally announce no 2019 Banquet and request consideration of cash donation. Also opportunity to announce Big Ticket raffle?
- g. Cottonwood Creek/Hayden Pass Fire Coalition update (Eric Heltzel)
 - At last meeting, BoD voted to join the Coalition and we are members.
 - There has not been a follow up meeting yet
 - Eric Heltzel is on the notification list so he will hear of any developments.
- h. River Watch water sampling update – (Eric Heltzel)
 - Unsure if training will occur this year or not. Conversations pending.
- i. Follow up on contacting lapsed members to encourage them to re-join.
 - Rick Helmick sent out about 100 letters to lapsed members. THANK YOU!
 - Has resulted in 13 renewals of lapsed members – Awesome response
- j. Veteran Service Partnership fishing events
 - Gene Milus is working with PHWFF to coordinate effort for soliciting local vets – they will need to join PHWFF COS Chapter to be eligible for future events. Flyers have been distributed to businesses in BV, Libraries, Veterans office, VFW, American Legion, 3 local fly shops.
 - June 25 PHWFF Vet event at Hayden Meadows Reservoir - 6 mentors, 8 vets, 4 kitchen helpers.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Membership Report by Tom Arnot/Rae Pedersen

Changes in 60+ day period ending 6/10/19:

- 12 new members
- 1 member transferred in
- 2 members transferred out
- 15 individual/family member renewals
- 1 Business member renewals
- 49 expired memberships (expired members stay on roster for 6 months)
- 15 memberships lapsed (after 6 months of staying on the roster in expired status, members are "lapsed", i.e. taken off active roster)
- 80 Lapsed members (remain on lapsed list for 3 years and are then purged).

Total Memberships as of 6/10/19:

- 303 total individual/family memberships (includes 49 expired memberships.)
- 4 Business memberships (includes 2 expired/lapsed business memberships – Dvorak Expeditions & ArkAnglers) ArkAnglers just provided ten new Redington Rod Outfits to Stream Explorers at a 50% discount or about \$1,000. This qualifies them for the business membership by way of donation. Keith Krebs contacted Shannon Kindle to get ArkAnglers membership restored.
- If you know a member that is not receiving CPC email blasts, contact Tom Arnot. Roster and Email list reconciliation is continuous.

- b. Volunteer hours report - Karen Dils (will be emailed after mid-June).
- c. Communications Report by Tom Palka (as emailed)

7. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND VISITORS

- a. Bill Dvorak: Headwaters Guide Training Institute recently held, 120 attendees, Eric Heltzel taught Stream Ecology sessions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. A motioned to adjourn was made by Jim, seconded by Keith and unanimously passed at 8:35 pm.