

Cutthroat Chapter Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2007  
6:30 P.M. – Dinner | 7:00 P.M. – Meeting  
at The Shack – 151 West Mineral Ave. [303-795-7241]

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jim Crawford.

**Present:** Jim Crawford, Steve Bailey, Ken McClatchy, Bill Smith, Jim Rasmussen, Jerry Cole, Ray Carney, Ralph Absetz, Dave Adams, Keith Lucas, Bill Richards, Cathy Houser, Richard Pilatzke.

**June board meeting minutes** – Keith Lucas

- Meeting minutes were accepted as-is.

**June & July Treasurer's reports** - Ralph Absetz

- Report presented by Ralph and accepted.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter budget-to-actuals report** – Ralph Absetz

- Discussion of budget items took place. We appear to be under budget in many areas.
- General questions were answered and the report was approved.

**Committee Reports**

■ **CPR** – (Jim Rasmussen)

- Upper Cheesman Canyon trail project – Harry Hall
  - 70 volunteers (18-24 yrs) from “Up with People” that participated in cutting approx 800 ft of trail on the upper trail.
  - Sept/Oct looking for another workday on the trail.
  - Looks like the Salmon Foundation may contribute a \$4K Grant (application pending)
- Sept. 15 Stream cleanup day – Ray Carney
  - Day will be spent on cleaning Clear Creek
  - Joint effort with Cherry Creek and Denver West Chapters
  - Denver West will supply food for the volunteers and we will split the costs as usual
  - Dennis Cook and Ray will be meeting with the city and hwy people to coordinate cleanup efforts
  - We need to get the word out to volunteers, short time frame
  - Looking for close to 50+ volunteers
  - Question on Rafting companies to solicit help. Ray has had a mixed response from the rafting companies. One of the two is supportive.
- Sugar Creek project – Jim Rasmussen

- Jim attended a meeting to discuss sediment cleanup, etc.
    - The area in question is not part of the Hayman Fire area
    - Volunteers may be needed
    - There appears to be interest in cleaning up the drainage
  - Pine beetle/watersheds inquiry – Leon Solomon
    - Leon (via Jim) is asking for authority to investigate the impact of the beetles on Colorado watersheds
    - Group agreed to have Leon investigate on behalf of the Chapter
  - Public policy advocacy – Jim Crawford
    - Jim asking for people to join an action list
    - Steve suggested we solicit participation via the newsletter
    - Richard – Post legislative info and links to other information on the CCTU Website
    - Jim R. – We need to educate our legislators on our cause, there seems to be a lack of general understanding among our reps
  - National Fishing Championship – Oct. 1-6 (Added Item)
    - Contest is requesting volunteers
    - Jim – reviewed the BOD’s decision last year not to participate
    - Asked: Should we endorse? Should we notify membership and provide information?
    - Richard – Reminded BOD that the reason we objected last year was the approach of CTU in mandating our participation
    - Steve – presented motion to remain neutral on a position and provide information to membership via newsletter and Website
    - Decision to make info available was made
- **Business Practices** – (Cathy Houser)
  - Annual conservation auction – Harry Hall
    - Harry not present.
    - Jim – Auction support is needed
    - Terrace Gardens to provide the Bar
    - Harry to negotiate a way to keep the per drink costs lower
    - Suggestion was that the chapter would provide a subsidy to get the drinks in the \$3 ea range
    - Cathy is working on donations for the Auction, If you have suggestions for prizes etc let her know
  - Raffle
    - Jerry reviewed issues with that State and our Raffle License
    - Q1/Q2 reports have not been submitted due to concerns with not having a license
    - Funds from raffles can only be spent for the goals and objectives of the chapter

- There is a question on ability to have the raffle at the next meeting if we do not get license
  - Jerry confident we will have the license in the next week or so
- FY 2008 budget – Ralph Absetz
  - We are targeting having the next budget completed by the Oct meeting
  - BOD member should submit requests for funds to Ralph by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Budget committee to meet and review the budget during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Sept.
- Membership – Bill Richards
  - No membership count available since Bill has just taken over this role
  - Bill has modified new member welcome letter in an attempt to get more people involved in what is going on.
  - In addition to the letter, Bill is following up with new member on interests etc.
  - Bill to provide Jim with member names and interests so the lists Jim is keeping can be updated
- BOD retreat – Ken McClatchy
  - The BOD retreat has been canceled for this year due to the lack of a response from the locations host
- Ken McClatchy – Additional items
  - Grandby meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> Roan Plateau and Buff Peak, CTU going to let people know about the conservation efforts in these areas
  - Mon Aug 27<sup>th</sup> is the next River watch
  - Last Week of Oct is the San Juan trip
- Board vacancies and nominations – Jim Crawford
  - The Nomination committee is comprised of 4-5 BOD members: Jim, Harry, Ralph, Keith, Jim R., Ken
- Volunteer hours reporting – Keith Lucas
  - Review of need to track time
  - Sheets will be resent in the next week or so to members
- Volunteer recognition event – Jim Crawford
  - Cathy recommended we recognize very active members by sponsoring a raffle among the members for an entry into the Carp Grand Slam being held in Denver on Sept 8th
  - Entry of \$175 will go to help support Denver TU Chapter
  - Expense was approved
- **Member Services – (Keith Lucas)**
  - Fly shop web links project – Bill Richards

- First draft of web page completed
  - Map contains flag for each shop that can be clicked to display shop details and a link to the shop's website
  - Discussion of possible side bar listing since density of the push pins is a concern
  - Bill to work with his programmer to address concerns
- Newsletter – Rick Webb
  - No report
- Day trips – Leon Solomon
  - There is a change in the format of these trips
  - Leon would like to select a destination and communicate it to interested parties a day or two before each date
- Delany Buttes trip 8/25-26 – Richard Pilatzke
  - Trip is scheduled
  - Interested parties should contact Richard
- August membership program – Joe Snoy
  - Chris Conway will present on RMNP
  - George Burns will present on his youth camp experience
- **Education** – Jim Crawford/Dave Adams
  - Project investigation
    - Dave Adams is investigating a youth education opportunity at the Lone Tree Elementary School where his son attends
    - Feels the school is a good fit since it is a magnet school with somewhat flexible education curriculum
    - If this works the program could be expanded to other schools
    - Modeling this after a program (Acres Green) presented in the paper
    - Looking for a Vice Chair in the chapter to help Dave
    - The commitment of CCTU member for the education portion of the program is anticipated to be 1 hr per week for up to 6 weeks
    - This is in the early phases more information to come...

#### **Other/New Business**

- January fly fishing show and AFTA conflict
  - BOD made aware of a conflict of dates for both shows, presents a problem for shops and others that participate in both events

#### **Adjournment**

- Meeting ended at 9:10