

TU Cutthroat Chapter Board of Directors January 2, 2007, Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Jim Crawford, Steve Bailey, Ken McClatchy, Jim Ericson, Kent Higgins, Keith Lucas, Ray Carney, Jim Rasmussen, Jerry Cole, Cathy Houser, Harry Hall, Ralph Absetz, Joe Snoy, Richard Pilatzke, Bob Hilton.

Minutes of the December 2006 meeting were approved.

The treasurer's report was presented by Keith Lucas and accepted (copy attached). \$5,000 has been moved from the investment account to the operating account. There is an additional \$12,000 not included in the report that will come in from credit card purchases at the auction, and approximately \$12,000 is expected from the national organization in the next month or two.

2006 CEI report: There was a brief discussion of the Chapter Effectiveness Index (CEI). It is a numeric value of what we have done as a chapter and is submitted to the national organization. The intent is to help chapters focus their activities and to provide data to TU. Cathy Houser will send out a draft of the report, and a final report will be available for the next Board Meeting.

Bylaw amendments were presented and approved as amended. The main change is moving the total authorized Board membership to 13 to 15. There was a defect in the notice (12 – 13 instead of 13 – 15). Legal counsel has advised that we need to explain the defect at the general meeting and ask the general membership to ratify the Board's action. A second resolution was approved to provide the notification and have the general membership ratify the action at the January meeting.

The slate of candidates for Officers and Directors was adopted as presented. Ken McClatchy will present the slate to the general membership at the January meeting and will ask for nominations from the floor. The Board should have 13 to 15 Directors; we only have twelve. Rick Webb will contact Chris Crosby to see if he's interested in serving. The Board complimented Jim for his recruiting efforts.

The 2007 Cutthroat Chapter Strategic Planning Meeting will be held at The Shack on February 17th, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Kent Higgins will lead. A draft strategic plan will be available prior to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Conservation, Preservation and Restoration:

- A chairperson is needed for this committee.
- Ken McClatchy is the new chair of River Watch for CTU. He is encouraging CTU to fund additional 3 to 4 chapters. CCTU is starting our second year of our commitment. Ken will have a more detailed report at our next meeting.

Business and Finance:

- An ad hoc Finance Committee has been formed; members are Cathy Houser, Keith Lucas, Ralph Absetz and Jim Crawford.

- The 2007 budget will be drafted in February and will be approved at the February Board Meeting. Committee chairs are requesting budgeted amounts and some amount will be uncommitted for projects that come up at the Strategic Planning Meeting or throughout the year. A contingency fund will also be set aside as a safety net.
- An extension has been filed with the IRS.
- Jim Rasmussen is leading the effort for the hot dog sale at Bass Pro Shop February 23, 24 and 25 for their Fly fishing Weekend. He will be coordinating volunteers (minimum of 24 needed) and food donations. In addition, Richard Pilatzke will be coordinating fly tying demonstrations for the event. He is recruiting volunteers to fill 27 hours of fly tying. Both will ask for volunteers at the general membership meeting in January. The goals of this event include: education, fundraising, PR/awareness, slight membership potential and goodwill with BassPro Shop.

Membership/volunteers:

- It was decided that the chapter will establish a Volunteer of the Year award. The form of this individual award has not yet been decided. In addition, volunteers will be publicly recognized each month at the general meetings. Businesses that have substantially donated to the auction will receive plaques. and individual awards are yet to be determined.
- It was suggested that Board have a retreat once a year – a one or two day fishing trip – as a thank you for their service. Ken McClatchy is looking for a place.
- Jim Crawford is compiling a volunteer spreadsheet. A volunteer development chairperson will be recruited. It was suggested that we develop new and interesting CPR projects to generate more volunteer participation. Projects will be an agenda item for the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Education:

- Sara Dixon (a CCTI sponsored Youth Camp attendee) would like to start a TU youth chapter and is looking for support. Ken McClatchy will determine the type of support CTTU can/should provide. If it is decided to provide support, an advisor from our chapter will need to be identified.
- The other two young people that CTTU sponsored this past year were also to do a project and provide a presentation at a meeting. Cathy will follow-up with the participants.
- River Watch will be educating and certifying our volunteers in January. A discussion ensued concerning the equipment used by our River Watch team. More investigation needs to be done before we consider updating the antiquated equipment.

Communication:

- The chapter has 1297 members. This is down from last year due to “free” TU memberships given a year ago that are now expiring and not being renewed. The e-mail list is very current with only 13 returns from the last distribution. The website continues to slowly increase its hits.
- It was suggested that we start pushing our “fishing fellowship” more. Suggestions included:
 - Re-establish the monthly day trips
 - Fishing tip of the month
 - Fly of the month
 - Fishing stories
 - Favorite flies article
- Jim Crawford complimented Joe Snoy and Rick Webb on their work.

New Business

- Cigar Pond, upstream from Chatfield Reservoir, is infested with Eurasian Milfoil. We are being asked whether this should be a priority for CTU. Kent suggested that we respond as follows: CTU should
 - Apply pressure on the Corp of Engineers and the State Parks to address the issue.
 - Identify who is responsible for what actions.
 - Identify what is needed to contain the issue.
- The Board was not inclined to provide money. The Board endorsed Kent's comments and proposed correspondence.
- Board members were reminded to report volunteer hours for projects.
 - There have been offers of flies and books for use at the auction. \$134.50 was approved for this purchase.
 - It was determined that we will publish significant events of other TU chapters on our website if the information is provided in a timely fashion. E-mails will not be sent to our e-mail list.
 - The Board approved the purchase of two gold tables at the state CTU auction by the chapter for use by Board members and friends/chapter volunteers.
 - There was a question regarding feasibility of a rod raffle. Cathy is working on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Hilton, Chapter Secretary

Treasurer's report as of 12/31/2006

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

Operating – 955-0167317	5,604.06
Raffle – 783-4926551	2,392.04
SPEP – 783-4349487	<u>1,383.98</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	9,380.08

Investments

Wells Advantage – Strong Account	<u>16,305.22</u>
TOTAL Investments	<u>16,305.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	25,685.30

LIABILITIES **0.00**

OVERALL TOTAL **25,685.30**