

TU Cutthroat Chapter Board of Directors June 6, 2007, Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm by Jim Crawford.

Present: Jim Crawford, Steve Bailey, Ken McClatchy, Bill Smith, Jim Rasmussen, Jerry Cole, Harry Hall, Ralph Absetz, Leon Solomon, Keith Lucas, Rick Webb, Ross Custer, Cathy Houser, Richard Pilatzke.

May board meeting minutes – Keith Lucas

The May Minutes were reviewed and two changes were requested:

- Grants were of \$70K were “requested”
- Ken McClatchy did not speak with Debbie regarding the BOD retreat.

Minutes were approved with the changes.

May Treasurer’s report - Ralph Absetz

A high level review of expenditures was provided and the report was reviewed and approved.

Committee Reports

CPR – (Jim Rasmussen)

Upper Cheesman Canyon trail project – Harry Hall

- Harry provided a review of the new trail project.
- 50% of the necessary work will be provided via volunteers while the remaining 50% will be done with a contractor. Denver water has a contractor that they would like to use for the project.
- Funds - \$10K is expected by Sept 1st with the possible addition of another \$40K (Embrace a Stream) in October if necessary.
- Harry shared his grant proposal with the group and provided a copy to Jim C.
- NOTE: There will be volunteer workdays in Sept/Oct for the first half of the trail. There is no rockwork expected in these sessions.

Strontia Dam section bag limit proposal– Jim Rasmussen

- At the DOW discussion regarding Strontia and the sedimentation the DOW Biologists disputed the claim that the sedimentation was having an effect on fish populations.
- Electro shock results showed approx 6K fish per mile with a common size of 8” each
- The Biologist noted the population was high. Competition for food sources is stunting the growth of the fish population.
- As a result the DOW Biologist is suggesting that the Bag Limit be changed to 2 fish (still) with no size limits. Current limits are 2 fish over 16”.
- Denver Water checks sedimentation out of the dam and does not exceed the agreed upon limits with DOW/Denver Water .

- There is a project on the boards to clean out the granite gravel next year
- This fall a macro/micro invertebrate census study will be conducted this may be a precursor to the bag limit change
- Discussion on the need to engage the other metro TU chapters for endorsement. Consensus was we needed to garner support for the change.
- Motion submitted by Jim to support the bag limit change as proposed by the DOW.
- Motion to support the bag limit change was approved.

Sugar Creek meeting – Jim Rasmussen

- Denny Bohan and Sharon met with Jim to discuss a possible future project for removing sedimentation from Sugar Creek
- Creek is downstream of Deckers
- More info to come...

Support for HR 2337 – Jim Crawford

- Jim was contacted by a rep from the Wyo TU
- This Bill is called the Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007
- It will repeal the EPA act of 2005
- Jim wrote a letter on behalf of the chapter in support of the Bill
- Motion to ratify the letter was passed

Business Practices – (Cathy Houser)

(Added Agenda Item) – Improving Publicity (Strat Plan Item)

- Discussion on ways of increasing communication to Fly Shops etc.
- Cathy passed a flyer she created around for review. (Keith to send her a logo for the document)
- After some review Harry raised a concern that we may offend other TU Chapters if we post these at Fly Shops in their territories. Decision was made to remove the sentence “Invites you to join us” from the flyer.
- Leon brought up point of discussion regarding increasing the perception of the fly shops that we are supporting them by adding Fly Shop Web links to the CCTU web site.
- This brought up the technical solution of a providing a map with “push pins” at each shop location. May be a link to an external source such as Google Maps or other sources.
- Jim suggested that we setup personal communications with the Fly Shop Owners to show them how we are supporting them.
- Leon volunteered to help Cathy manage these relationships.
- Motion was made and approved to check the feasibility of setting up maps and links to the shops.
- Cathy to provide a program report at the August BOD meeting.
- Bill Richards has a family member that works at Sports Authority he is willing to contact them.

September 23 BOD retreat – Ken McClatchy

- Ken still working on BOD retreat.

IRS filing/new CPA – Ralph Absetz

- Contacted Tax Attorney several times to get last year's return
- Ralph received the return in the mail and filed it via mail.
- Elbert Bivins (CPA) was contacted and will now be our new Tax preparer.
- In Oct. Elbert will need copies of the last 3 yrs of data.

Annual conservation auction – Harry Hall

- The Nov 13th date is booked.
- Our cash bar has been a break-even prospect, Terrace Gardens has indicated that they are willing to run the bar this year.
- Harry to investigate the costs, etc. related to having Terrace Gardens run the bar.
- Harry spoke with the African Safari trip winner; she suggested that we do more promotion.
- Cathy suggested writing up a review of the trips taken by winners etc.
- Bill Smith suggested using a Blog to keep a history of these write-ups.

Membership – Rick Webb

- Members at 1270, down 72. Possibly due to expirations.
- 675 members have provided email addresses for the newsletter
- Would like a volunteer to take over membership given the fact that he is out of town a great deal.
- Bill Richards to speak with Rick about the position

Board vacancies/nominations – Jim Crawford

- Two immediate vacancies, Secretary and Education Chair
- We have the capacity for an additional 4-5 board members
- We need to have succession planning
- A nominations committee was formed to begin recruiting over the next 2-3 months.
- Harry, Ralph, Ken M, Jim R. and Jim C. to comprise the committee.
- Discussion was then turned to adding Leon to the BOD.
- Leon was nominated and approved as a new board member at large.

Inventory of chapter assets – Keith Lucas

- Discussion of collecting a list of assets
- BOD was solicited to send Keith a list of any Chapter items the possess.

Gallo wine proposal – Rick Webb

- Gallo Wines Rocky Mtn Regional Mktg Rep; trying to partner with TU and other organizations to promote a new wine, Redwood Creek.
- CCTU cannot be a provider of alcohol at any of our functions.
- Decision was to let Gallo know that we cannot provide wine but we would be willing to have a donation for our Auction.

Member Services – (Keith Lucas)

Newsletter – Rick Webb

- Nothing new.

June, July day trips – Leon Solomon

- June Trip will be the Colorado River
- July - TBD

June membership program

- Jim raised a concern that was voiced by one of the greeters at the last meeting.
- The greeter felt our approach was dishonest and forced new members and visitors into something they were not interested in doing.
- The group discussed this and with input from some of our new members this approach was not felt to be intrusive or dishonest.

July picnic – Jim Crawford

- Bob and Anne Hilton will continue with the setup of the picnic. Mike McClatchy will head up a crew for the clean up.
- Discussion on having a casting contest with hats and t-shirts for prizes.
- Cathy will put together the casting contest.
- Cathy to sent info to Rick by EOM for publicity.
- Leon suggested that a box of flies and or the long sleeve shirts would be better prizes.

Bighorn River trip – Jim Crawford

- Trip was a success with 11 people in attendance.

Education – Jim Crawford

Highlands Ranch H.S. project

- We are lacking an Education chair
- Currently no program is in place.
- Need a committee to setup a HS Ed Program for the Fall.
- Possible chairperson could be

Cub Scout trailblazer day

- No fish caught at the event
- Denny's exhibit was great.
- Jim C. to send a letter to the Cub Scouts regarding proper stocking of fish and the clearing of additional space around the lake.

CTU Youth Conservation Camp

- We are sending 2 14 yr old boys from Castle Rock to this year's camp.
- Suggestion was made to invite them to the picnic.

Other/New Business

- Question raised on the date of the river cleanup.
- The river cleanup date may conflict with the Fly Tackle Dealer Show.
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- Elbert Bivins is working on a project to create a fishable stretch of river from Chatfield to Denver.
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- Finally Dave Adams and Bill Richards provided the group with a brief intro to each of them.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.