

Cutthroat Chapter Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2008

7 p.m. at The Shack – 151 West Mineral Ave. [303-795-7241]

Present: Jim Crawford, Ralph Absetz, Bill Richards, Jim Ives, Keith Lucas, John Aaron, Harry Hall, Rob Coley, Steve Bailey, Leon Solomon, Joe Snoy, Jim Rasmussen

7:00 Call to order – Jim Crawford

February board meeting minutes – Keith Lucas

- Change to Page 3; Leave “Harry – we have plenty of money available for the trail work at Cheesman.” Strike 2nd Sentence
- Minutes adopted

January treasury and transaction reports – Ralph Absetz

- Review of Account Balances
- SPEP discussion. Discussion of segregation of special funds ie SPEP or other conservation funds.
- Raffle account is being spent down to comply with State regs
- Report Accepted

2008 Strategic Plan adoption – Jim Crawford

Status Reports

- Jim C. - Review of status report
- **Upper Cheesman Trail completion – J. Rasmussen**
 - Review of handout CPR Events 2008 from Jim R.
 - 20 People needed for May 10th gill Trail work
 - Neil Sperandeo – Blue Sky Construction likely selection for the Upper Gill Trail work
 - John A. supplied 3 alternate contractors for consideration in the upper trail project
 - Harry – Jim R will need to take an active role in managing this project. We should encourage Denver Water to pursue alternate bids.
 - Jim R. – Alt Bids may delay the project.
 - Jim C – Question on CUSP bidding to work on upper trail? Jim R. – CUSP to charge actual expenses related to the work.
 - John A. – Alternate contractors can provide bids if we can get the design docs to them.
 - Jim R. – Prior bids were based upon a walking tour and some basic design document that he does not have.
 - Harry to get a copy of the design document to Jim R.

- **Cheesman Canyon Steward program – J. Rasmussen**
 - Jim R. – Still trying to recruit for the lead here.
- **Jim C. - River Watch, with Ken out who is managing?**
 - Jim R. – to coordinate dates and activities as he did last month
- **Gill Trail Maint**
 - Jim R – April 29th 6 people needed
- **Buffalo Peaks Ranch stream restoration – J. Aaron**
 - Heavy equipment to begin work in April
 - June/July weekends for volunteer work
 - Sept willow planting
 - Dates are tentative based upon weather and access through the snow pack
- **Trail Creek wildfire remediation – J. Rasmussen**
 - March 24th there will be a walk-thru
 - Work to commence in July
 - Alternate work date on Aug 23rd
- **West Creek wetland restoration – J. Rasmussen**
 - Date not set – Expects early June
 - John A. – Douglas County is working on moving the house
- **S. Platte macro invertebrates – 5-year study – J. Rasmussen**
 - Working with DOW on scope of project.
- **Kassler habitat development planning –J. Aaron**
 - In early stages of planning
 - Aug/Sept 2009 Construction possible
 - Chapter involvement needed possibly in Summer 2009
 - Wants 4-6 people to register in EIS (Reallocation of Chatfield)
 - 2 Denver TU members are already signed up to comment on EIS
 - Draft of EIS to released end of next month
 - Legislature has a bill w/Funding request for CWBC for mitigation
 - Jim C. – Can John identify resources needed from chapter for this project? Can talk off line.

Committee Reports

■ Education – (Gary Weihrauch)

Youth education pilot project – G. Weihrauch

- Recruiting volunteers
- Project starts on 3/22 Need volunteers for 3/29
- Highlands Ranch has 3 signups as of now. Late signups are expected and the HR Rec believes class will fill up
- Feedback is there is much interest in an Adult class
- Bill R. – Has acquired all the equipment from Blue Quill

CTU Youth Camp applications – J. Crawford

- Not getting many applications
- Encouraged the BOD to recruit

Cub Scouts

- Awaiting BSA reply to Jim C Letter
- Rob C. – to follow up with BSA

■ Member Services – (Keith Lucas)

Multi Day Trip – Jim C

- No leader has been identified
- Steve B – Not critical to get additional trip booked

Membership Engagement Events – Keith

- An outline of events and suggested topics to be presented to membership will put into the next newsletter and the membership will be solicited for input on the topics.
- Adult angling opportunities are available, CCTU will announce the upcoming events for the membership vs. designing a program
- July Picnic – Keith to coordinate
- Jim C. – Contact Bill S. to reserve the location

■ Business Practices – (Jim Crawford)

Guidelines for grants committee – J. Crawford

- Jim C. – Its been a number of years since we have undertaken a significant project other than Cheesman. As a result we are taking in more money than we are spending.
- We should begin to develop goals related to fundraising and possible larger projects
- Would like to develop a clear idea of the Big projects and monies needed for them between now and Nov.

Investment account management – Gary Weihrauch

- Recommendation presented to move money to a Money Mkt account to remove risk of losing principal
- Motion made and carried to make the investment change

Chapter publicity and promotion – J. Crawford

- Jim C – Review of role and requirements for the PR Role.
- Would like to have announcements and related info sent to the suburban daily newspapers
- Liaison would work with 5-6 key local fly shops to send monthly announcements etc.
- John A – to provide Jim with names of papers in the front range

Grants Committee recommendations – Gary Weihrauch

- Year to year review of residual resources proposed to be allocated to Grants
- Jim C – feels our grants this year are out of alignment with our mission. At 30% of our income these grants are not fulfilling the mission of the chapter.
- Any carry over funds after budget year should be out into a special project fund
- Steve B – We should keep some money set aside to protect against a snowed out auction.
- Harry – we should dissolve the SPEP account. It was a joint account with Denver West for CPR work on Cheesman
- Jim R – we have a restrictive gift coming for work related to Cheesman we should keep the funds separate
- Harry – a reserve account is used by businesses for tax purposes, as a chapter we don't get any tax benefits from restrictive accounts. Proposed that we setup specific accounts for specific projects.
- Jim C – Recommendation on how to advise Grants committee going forward.
 - Grants should be from residual funds
 - This year's grants are exceptional.
- Jim C – Recommendations from Committee need action from the BOD.
 - Need decision on the remaining \$3K to CTU for projects.
 - Discussion on should we endorse all project (Page 19) or earmark funds for specific projects?
 - Vote taken on decision to send the grant and allow CTU to use as they like.
 - Vote approved – 2 opposed (Bill/ Joe)
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- Harry – The budget numbers don't match his accounting for the auction. Numbers should make sense to us and not be tied to the NTU financial reporting.

- Leon – Would like to see a Balance Sheet with inventory or a formalized accounting and income statement.
- Jim C – Ralph and Gary (Finance committee) to review and make recommendations on new reporting (ie Balance Sheet Report)

8:50:

- Jim C – Moved to adopt the Strat Plan as reviewed and with changes made tonight.
- To be Reviewed on a bi-monthly basis

CTU dinner and auction March 14

- Jim C – we have 20 seats at the CTU Auction, list of attendees will be sent out in the following week.

CTU Spring Rendezvous in Redstone April 11-13

- Registration fees may be waived for new BOD members who want to attend the Rendezvous
- Rendezvous is a good way for new Members to see what is being done at the national level.

CPR – (Jim Rasmussen)

- Next meeting we will announce project dates

Program – (Joe Snoy)

- Next month's program will be on Czech Nymphing

Daytrips – (Leon Solomon)

- In April we will have flies available for sale
- Boxes will be \$32 ea with the flies recommended for the daytrip
- Rob – Are you going to be tying the flies you will be recommending?
 - Leon - Time restrictions won't allow

9:20 Adjournment