

Board of Directors Meeting-Cutthroat Chapter TU
March 7, 2006 Minutes

President Cathy Houser presided over the meeting that commenced at 7 p.m. Those in attending included: Harry Hall, Jim Crawford, Steve Bailey, Kent Higgins, Richard Pilatzke, Jon Farinholt, Bill Smith, Jeff Baclawski, Tom Corr, Ken McClatchy, Lyle Pitcher, Loni Peralta, Bob Schimpf, Van Bliss, Bob Churchill, and Dorothy Churchill.

1. The board approved the February Meeting Minutes, with the following correction. The board held a discussion regarding the transfer of \$8,000 from the Operating account to the SPEP fund. However, no decision has been made regarding the transfer or transfer amount. Further accounting is necessary to determine the correct funding level of the SPEP account.
2. Treasurer's Report:
Net assets total \$37,235.48 as of 03/07/06. The following sub-accounts balances include: SPEP, \$2,569.37; Raffle, \$3,246.87; Operating, \$8018.55; and Strong, \$23,400.69. Outstanding checks total \$2,903.78. IRS update, \$592 is due for the 2005 tax year filing and the '03 & '04 tax years have been filed and are pending IRS review.
3. Colorado Trout Unlimited Fund Raising Auction - March 16th. The chapter will purchase a Gold Table for board members and guests to attend.
4. Cheesman Canyon/Gill Trail Project: Harry Hall provided a summary of his meeting with Denny Bohon of the Forest Service and several members of the CCTU Board of Directors. (1) CCTU will partner with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP), who will be responsible establishing the upper trail. Once complete, the upper trail will provide trail access from the reservoir parking lot to the canyon. (2) CCTU will exercise responsibility for maintenance and signage along the Gill Trail, through the entire canyon. In addition to signage, maintenance will include the closing of social trails and upkeep of the Wigwam parking lot. (3) Creation of the Canyon Stewart Program. To provide on-going maintenance of the Gill Trail, the chapter will recruit key individuals who will provide leadership and oversight for future trail work as deemed necessary.
5. New Zealand Mud Snail Epidemic. Cathy Houser summarized a CTU initiative that is seeking volunteer leadership to sample river sites for evidence of the NZ Mud Snail. The collection of data, a cooperative effort with the DOW will be conducted in a similar manner as the current River Watch Program. The board suggested, in order to organize participation, that additional information be gathered regarding volunteer training and ongoing chapter commitment, timeframe/scope of the project.

6. Ken McClatchy provided the board with the CCTU-Education Mission Statement. Education is a core function of the Cutthroat Chapter. Ken will Chair and Bob Schimpf will Co Chair.
7. Keith Lucas, Chairperson of Communications Committee provided the board with a comparison of electronic service providers. In support of the chapter's decision to convert from a paper newsletter to an electronic newsletter, the board is reviewing several options. ConstantContact was identified as an ideal provider due to its minimal set up costs, ease of integration, ability to track respondents, and reasonable yearly subscription costs. The board approved the use of ConstantContact as the chapter's email distribution provider.
8. CCTU Release of Liability form. As discussed at the February board meeting, Jim Crawford proposed that the chapter draft and adopt a waiver form to protect the chapter and its board members from liability arising from all sponsored fishing trips. The board approved the adoption of the following document (***ATTACHED AS LAST PAGE OF MINUTES***):
9. Master Fly Event (Sept 22 & 23). Bob Churchill gave the board an update on the requirements and work necessary to host the event.
10. National Fly Fishing Championship. Boulder Fly Casters is seeking volunteer assistance from Front Range TU Chapters. Jeff Baclawski provided the board with an opportunity to support the event by hosting a fishing venue on the So Platte River near Deckers. In light of the Chapter's current projects and volunteer opportunities, the board decided not to host a venue, but to provide volunteer support from its membership.
11. New Business: Brookside Flies, Bob Churchill provided the board an opportunity to purchase flies at a large discount for chapter fund raising events. The board approved the purchase of \$300 worth of flies. Kent Higgins passed out a sample logo to update CCTU's branding message for all chapter communications. Multiple comments were shared about the logo and suggestions for improvement. Kent and Keith agreed to table the discussion and report back to the board with a final recommendation.
12. Meeting Adjourned at 08:20 PM.

Cutthroat Chapter-Trout Unlimited

Release of liability

IN CONSIDERATION of my inclusion, or the inclusion of my minor child(ren), to participate in a fishing event arranged by the Cutthroat Chapter-Trout Unlimited for:

_____ at: _____,
[write dates here] [write destination here]

I ACKNOWLEDGE that an angling trip to fish on foot or from boats entails certain risks, including, but not limited to, motor vehicle accidents, loss of footing on land or in water, accidents while fishing or boating, animal bites, lightning or drowning. I recognize and accept that there is an inherent risk of personal injury or even death during this event, and acknowledge that I and/or my minor child(ren) participate in the event at my/their own risk.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that neither the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited, nor its individual officers, directors and members, nor its affiliated state and national organizations, their employees or volunteers make any warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the condition or safety of the angling venue in question, nor of any vehicles, boats or other equipment to be used during the event, and that neither the Cutthroat Chapter, nor its individual officers, directors and members, nor its affiliate organizations, nor their individual officers, directors, employees or volunteers, will have any liability for any defect or dangerous condition pertaining to the event.

I AGREE that I, or my minor child(ren), will exercise caution and due regard for the personal safety of all event participants, and will abide by any safety instructions. I hereby covenant and agree for myself, my successors and assigns that I will not make any claim or institute any suit or action on behalf of myself or my minor child(ren) against the Cutthroat Chapter, its individual officers, directors and members, its affiliate organizations, or their individual officers, directors, employees or volunteers, and shall indemnify all these named organizations and individuals and hold them harmless against any loss or damage which they may suffer by reason of any claim which they may hereafter acquire relating to any accident, incident or occurrence arising out of or in connection with my participation in the expedition identified above.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
PRINT NAME _____ STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
NAME(S) OF PARTICIPATING MINOR CHILD(REN) _____