



Board of Directors Meeting

6 October 2015

Location: The Shack

Present: John Aaron, Susan Grim, Allen Adinoff, Ken James, Jim Long, Cam Chandler, Mac Ishii, Jim Klug,

Absent: [Excused] Gary Weihrauch, Mike Meyers, and Matt Moskal [Absent] Sharon Lance,

Member Guests: Tyler Baskfield, Glen Edwards and Buzz Soard

7:05 pm –Allen called the meeting to order.

A Motion was made to approve the September 1, 2015 Board meeting minutes, which motion was seconded and the minutes approved.

Calendar review –

- 10/17 & 17: CTU Fall meeting in Steamboat Springs
- 10/20: Monthly membership meeting
- 2/6/16: Possible date for Annual Planning meeting
- 9/23-25/16: Ouray Ranch booked with management but 8/19 -21 or 8/26-28 are possible and on hold

CTU Metro Regional VP: Glen Edwards

Glen is working to improve the relationship between CTU and the local TU chapters. He will continue the statewide watershed conservation work, and wants to convey to all his local chapter contacts across Colorado a better understanding of the CTU and NTU state-wide involvement. Glen handed out information on Chapter Essentials and on the Chapter Leadership Training 2015 in Steamboat Springs next weekend, October 17 & 18. They need people due to turnover. Look at the handout and ask how they can do a better job. Contact Glen with any suggestions. Buzz and John said they may attend. Dave Nickum will contact Cam regarding a possible presentation about strategic planning. They will focus on training with discussions about best practices among the chapters such as fundraising. Glen will host a lunch with members attending from the chapters he supports. They also plan a quick field trip to a project in Yampa with some fishing time. CTU website has the schedule for the meeting. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be in a leadership capacity to attend.

Utilizing volunteers from other chapters can be cumbersome from the website. If we have an event to post for volunteers it should be channeled to all chapters. There is no longer a professional link at each chapter to get to the state website.

TU Sportsman Representative: Tyler Baskfield

Just came to National TU in September and is still getting to know the chapters. He will look out for sportsmen's interests in public lands. Working in the Thompson Divide area above the Crystal River regarding oil and gas interests. Also some concerns with oil and gas interests in the South Park area. He is looking at long term objectives with organizing and support. His focus is on state and federal public land. States can buy federal land and there is a threat to sensitive wildlife areas – not only wilderness land. Their objective is to protect any areas critical to sportsman and they are actively receiving landowner input. South park landowners are telling John that nobody is listening. National and Colorado wildlife federation is working on it. Tyler plans on keeping chapter presidents in loop and he wants to get more people involved. On the political side, he is working with Senator Bennet and staff regarding oil and gas lease trades.

Tyler grew up in Minnesota and came to Colorado for college at CU Boulder. Worked for a Dot.com business that eventually closed. He worked for the Craig Daily Press for a while and then worked for the Division of Wildlife in public affairs dealing with oil and gas industries for 10 years. He started his own company and has a patent on a duck decoy. His wife encouraged him to go back to work and got the opportunity with TU. Tyler has 2 boys and his wife works for Children's Hospital. They live in Washington Park area and Tyler has a little farm by Platteville Colorado. He would like to get people up for some duck hunting.

We discussed the possibility of having Tyler give a presentation at a chapter meeting once he is fully on board.

President's Report – Allen

Ouray Ranch Board retreat 2016 was discussed. Brian Young told Jim K. that there may be stream restoration work next September so we have 8/19 -21 and 8/26-28 dates on hold.

ACTION: Jim K will talk to Brian after the first of the year.

Monthly Membership Meetings – John

Duane Redford will present in October. John has not confirmed a presenter for November yet. We will also present the election of the Board officers including a treasurer's report. It was agreed to hold off on volunteer recognition until the November meeting.

ACTION: John will communicate to Matt/Mike for posting the October meeting presenter on the website and in the newsletter.

King Soopers Cards: Allen sold 6 more cards at the September meeting. Allen will speak about this fundraiser at each meeting. No distribution received from card use for September.

ACTION: Allen will remind Mike about adding an icon to our website home page.

Officer and Directors: –

Pending approval of the membership, Allen will take over as President as Cam is now Vice President of CTU.

Jim L is stepping down and hoping for an October transition. He will try to recruit at the October meeting and will stay until a replacement is found.

Jim K and Allen have talked to George Franklin to be the conservation chair but George is reluctant. George seemed comfortable taking on 1 or 2 projects to get a feel for the position and possibly take the board position in 2016.

John and George are fishing together this week and John will ask him to our next board meeting. Jim K will mentor George in the coming year.

ACTION: The chapter members will elect and vote in the new Board at the October meeting and ask for volunteers for open Board positions. Jim K will speak with George F. about assuming a Board position.

Conservation/Restoration Programs

Boomer Mine Reclamation: 9/26 at Lake George – No report on project as Richard was absent.

South Platte project –Allen communicated with Dave Mellblom and the project is postponed until 2016

Project Healing Waters: Allen received the \$1,000 grant from Wells Fargo. He talked to Richard and they may use the money for new fly rods.

River Watch & Pine Creek Culvert – No report on project as Jim R was not present.

Volunteer recognition: Jim K has some nice gifts from Orvis – \$165 fly reel and a \$150 vest. We could use these gifts for the top 2 volunteers. We could also recognize 5 people instead of 2. We discussed the option of giving out a conservation award. Jim K has about 90 discount coupons from Orvis. The coupons could be distributed to all project volunteers.

Jerry Shin and George Franklin should be recognized. Possibly recognize Jerry as the volunteer of the year and George with a conservation award.

We decided to move the recognition of volunteers to the November chapter meeting since we have so much going on in October.

Still no descriptions of the conservation projects or links to Orvis on the CCTU website.

ACTION:

1. John Aaron will follow up with Dave next spring regarding the South Platte project
2. Jim K will prepare a spreadsheet with volunteer information for our November board meeting.
3. Follow-up report in November regarding River Watch & Pine Creek Culvert projects
4. Follow-up with Mike regarding upcoming meeting information input on website

Financial – Ken

Ended fiscal year on 9/30. We started 10/1/14 with unrestricted funds of \$46,436 and finished with \$45,925. We raised about \$15,000 in donations which replaced our annual auction. We spent down restricted funds from \$27,555 to \$8,361 by design. \$1,500 will carry over to new fiscal year. We still have \$206 for Clear Creek cleanup. \$1,000 from CTU grant will carry forward to next fiscal year. We are in solid fiscal health.

Pay pal donations have dropped off with the upgrade of the system and people have not re-entered their donations into the new PayPal system. Ken thinks we need the fundraising committee back as we need to push fundraising for tax year end. Sharon has asked for a list of last years' donors and Ken will put together a spreadsheet. We also need a summary of successes and achievements over the last year.

ACTION: Cam will e-mail Jim K for the summaries and get with Sharon.

Other Chapter Business

Education – Women's Fishing on the Fly. Jim L felt it was the best class they've had so far. The class worked really well with fewer volunteers. Highlands Ranch wants 2 more classes and Cindy wants to take over. The DOW did not stock the lake and, therefore, they did not catch many fish but the women had a great time.

Orvis – Allen learned that Brian Young spends summers guiding at Ouray ranch. Brian has an MBA and ran successful businesses. He is back at store now and pushing Jason to partner with us. Brian emailed Allen information on the Down the Hatch film and we will promote. They are working on a mechanism for reimbursement for projects. Orvis donated \$768 in prizes and food for Clear Creek Cleanup/Watershed Festival. Jim K will get receipts and the invoice for pizzas. Orvis will pay up to \$400 and will pay us as long as we have invoices for projects. Brian is our interface and he will present to Jason. TU had 2 booths this year. West Denver was shocked that CCTU had prizes and donations. We want to combine and have 1 TU booth next year including both chapters.

Orvis will ask for volunteers for their Fly Fishing classes and we need to support. Orvis Days are in October. Jim K has flyer and will get put on our website. The link to Orvis has disappeared from the website. We need to combine events and conservation projects to make it easier for members to find on the website.

Hats and t-shirts – Cam will manage inventory. Cam and Mac both have boxes of items. Since we are getting rid of the library, we will ask Duane to handle sales at the chapter meetings and possibly add items to the raffle. Speakers should be given a hat or t-shirt. Should we give to volunteers? We will lay them out at each meeting and make an announcement for sales. The t-shirts run small. Mac will look at the catalog for options with women's sizes.

ACTION:

1. Allen will get with Mike and Matt regarding website issues.
2. Further discussion regarding hats and t-shirts sales and distribution to volunteers at November meeting
3. Orvis event advertising on website

Cam asked if there were any objections to his letter to the town of Georgetown. No objections.

Adjourned 8:36