



Board of Directors Meeting

1 December 2015

Location: The Shack

Present: John Aaron, Allen Adinoff, Cam Chandler, George Franklin, Mac Ishii, Ken James, Mike Myers, Brian Young

Absent: Jim Klug, Susan Grims, Sharon Lance

Member Guest:

7:03 pm –Allen called the meeting to order.

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

Calendar review –

- 12/17: Member meeting
- 2/6/16: Date for Annual Planning meeting – we can use Cam’s office 9am-1pm
- 9/23-25/16: Ouray Ranch booked with management but 8/19 -21 or 8/26-28 are possible and on hold. Jim K will talk to Brian after the first of the year.

President’s Report – Allen

Officer and Directors: –

Board members were elected at the October membership/business meeting:

- Vice President: **we still need someone**
- Gary Weihrauch: Gary communicated to Allen that he was resigning from the Board after many years of service, including his role as Treasurer. Gary was recognized for his contributions; he will be sorely missed. He also has access information to our accounts.
- George Franklin: Jim K and Allen had lunch with George who has agreed to join the Board, be mentored by Jim on conversation projects, and take on a couple of his own.
- Brian Young: Allen met with Brian, who has agreed to join the Board.
- Both will require membership approval
- Jerry Shin: John was going to speak with him about a Board position
- Buzz Board: he has shown interest. There was consensus that he would make a valuable addition.

ACTION:

- Election of George and Brian will be presented at December membership meeting.
- John will talk to Jerry.
- Buzz Soard: Allen will speak with him.
- Allen will communicate with Gary about access to our different accounts (e.g. passwords)

Monthly Membership Meetings – John

December Annual Holiday party

ACTION: John will send the meeting announcement to Matt/Mike

Volunteer recognition – Jim K organized and MC’d the recognition awards at the November membership meeting. All were very appreciative. Allen recognized Jim K as “Volunteer of the Year”.

Pine Creek Culvert and Middle Fork projects – Jim R discussed the culvert project progress. Moving along, but still years from completion. Jim also the CPW fish tagging with transmitters. CPW will be reallocating their donations from equipment to man-hours.

Conservation: CUSP- Jim K

Jim and George have had conversations with Lisa Patton at CUSP regarding CCTU donations. CUSP is participating in Colorado Gives Day (CGD) December 8. Any dollars raised will be amplified by a portion of the \$1M Incentive Fund. In addition, CGD funds will be eligible for matching funds available through the Department of Natural Resources. In prior years we have given \$2K to CUSP. They have particular needs for funds for their aging truck fleet via the “Keep CUSP Rolling” truck fund.

ACTION: Increase our donation to \$4K toward truck fund. Jim K knows how to make the donations the CGD happen.

CCTU Website: A conference call with Matt, Mike, and Allen was held on November 11th. Minutes of that meeting were distributed. Some of the inconsistencies in content seem to relate to a less than complete development of the recent website upgrade. Mike felt that he would be able to complete these projects.

ACTION:

- Mike updated the BOD list.
- Mike added a link to the CCTU Newsletter (About Us > Newsletters)
- The “Fly Box” tab will be replaced with a “How to Help” tab. This will direct users to information on the King Soopers Gift Cards and Amazon Prime.
- Mike and Matt will post any articles submitted to them on the website and in the newsletter. This will eliminate the need for anyone else to learn how to do it.
- Mike will continue with his work on consistencies within the web site.

Financial – Ken

Ken submitted our Annual Financial Review to TU and filed form 990-N with the IRS. Thank you Ken! He is working on year-end reporting requirements to TU, CO State, and IRS, as well as a budget for the current fiscal year.

ACTION: Budget will be presented at the Annual Planning meeting, February 6, 2016.

Orvis: Brian Young – Board members have signed up for gift wrapping shifts on 12/5 and 12/6 at Orvis Park Meadows.

Fundraising –

- **End of the year donation letter:** Sharon. Mark and Sharon spent about 5 hours building a donor solicitation letter including photos for our end-of-year fundraising. The donation form was approved by Ken. Last year we mailed about 200 letters and made around \$3,000. 130 life members received letters. Ken gave Sharon a list of about 55 people who donated last year – many were from Steve Bailey’s funeral. Allen provided a current membership list and sorted by life members and donators and try to ensure letters sent to members living in Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills, Parker, and Castle Pines. Colorado Gives day is December 8 and many people will go through Colorado Gives Day but CTU/CCTU is not a listed charity this year. Cam’s assistant, June, helped in printing all the letters and made address labels. Sharon sent her a bouquet of flowers from the chapter. Sharon and Mark worked (and worked) on stuffing letters in envelopes with first class stamps with handwritten names and notes when possible. Hopefully people will at least open the letters. Mac did offer to help me on this but Mark and Sharon were up at Keystone during a blizzard and were able to get a lot of it done then. Approximately **360 letters went out**. Sharon did not know which board members are already giving us a donation. So far, Sharon has received \$200.

ACTION:

- Sharon will be reporting back on the success of this project.
- Allen will send out hand written thankyou cards and documentation of IRS deduction.
- 2016 fundraising will be on the agenda for our planning meeting in February 2016.
- Sharon would like to be able to recruit another Board member to take this over next year.

King Soopers Cards: Allen sold 1 more card at the November meeting. Allen will speak about this fundraiser at each meeting. No distribution from KS was made in November.

ACTION: Mike working on adding an icon to our website home page (see Website).

Amazon Prime: (see Website)

Other fundraising suggestions -

Mac suggested a fly auction – an event in the spring - possibly at the Breckenridge Brewery - and try to make some money on donated flies. This is not a money maker considering the time involved in tying flies.

Possibly a mini auction – West Denver does this and makes about \$8,000 from the event.

The Steamboat Chapter makes about \$70,000 on a golf/fishing event.

John would like to have a contact for Patagonia and/or Simms – someone that would sell us fishing shirts at a reasonable price and we could sell at the meetings. Members would buy if it's a good quality shirt.

ACTION:

- John will work on the fishing shirts and report at future meetings.
- Other fundraising suggestions will be discussed further at the annual planning meeting.

Hats and t-shirts – Mac (aka Chapter fashion designer) will manage inventory. Mac received Cam's entire inventory. \$200 in sales thus far. 15 hats/10 T-shirts to Jim K for conservation prizes.

ACTION: Mac will continue to inventory. Also will sell at the Orvis gift wrapping project.

Library Books: Duane VandeVentner – began selling these at the last meeting and will continue until they're gone or given away.

Other Chapter Business

Annual Planning meeting: please submit thoughts and ideas to Allen. Preliminary ideas:

- Fund Raising
- Where do want our \$\$ to go: Allen will forward a copy of last year's planning meeting.
- Membership
 - Recruiting new members
 - Actively engaging current members.

Local Fly Fishing trips: David Coward continues to show interest.

ACTION: George will reach out to him.

Adjourned 8:10PM