

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CCTU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, January 27, 2024

In attendance: Scott Tampa (President); John Egan (Vice President); Meg Renton (Treasurer); Harlan Husmann; Mike Myers; Ali Sutphin; Mark Davis; Austin Stark; Ray Nagashima; Allen Adinoff (Emeritus)

Absent: Kristy Yearsley (excused); Ron Taniwaki

Quorum was established - 10 of 12 were present. The meeting started at 9:00am.

Minutes:

Meg Renton developed a talking points presentation for the Planning meeting. Those charts (as modified during this meeting) are attached and are to be considered part of the meeting minutes. Also provided was an FY25 Projected P/L spreadsheet showing what our current expenditures were for FY24, expected end of FY24 actuals will be and what the “draft” budget for FY25 looks like. The updated P&L file, as modified during this meeting, is also attached.

Objective of the Planning Meeting

- Validate/Update the Chapter Mission, Vision, Goals & Priorities
- Set CCTU near-term and long-term goals/objectives
- Check alignment with the TU Strategic Plan
- Align priorities to selected beneficiaries
- Assess resources required to enact/implement CCTU plan
- Prepare integrated plan with appropriate resources

Chapter Identity

CCTU Mission & Vision

- The Board agreed that the Mission Statement for the Chapter should stand as written
- The Chapter Vision Statement was modified as follows:
 - To ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within **Colorado** so that **future generations** can enjoy healthy fisheries.

CCTU Home/Priority Waters

- The Board recognized the membership geography has expanded with the inclusion of the Cherry Creek Chapter membership additions, but made no changes to the home/priority waters for the Chapter
 - The Chapter will continue to incorporate new opportunities for river and stream conservation efforts
 - South Platte River Basin (Priority Waters for CCTU)
 - Cheesman Canyon
 - Deckers Area
 - Bear Creek Greenbelt region

CCTU Goals, Priorities, Focus

- The Board agreed that the Chapter’s priorities should be:

1. Efforts to restore the Gill Trail in order to improve the Cheesman Canyon trout habitat and maintain the Gold Medal Water status in that stretch of water
 - Short-term: Support efforts to get the Pilot Project authorized and started in calendar year 2024
 - Long-term: Support multi-year efforts to complete restoration of the remaining portions of the trail system not covered by the Pilot Project
 - Long-term: Assist in trail maintenance with volunteer labor as required, with a minimum of once per year assessment.
2. Support other Conservation projects in the Chapter's geographic area
 - Short-term: Bear Creek Green Belt tree/shrub planting event on Earth Day
 - Short-term: South Platte River projects (river clean up, tree planting, etc)
 - Long-term: Continue with these South Platte River projects on an annual basis
3. Support Science Projects in the Chapter's geographic area
 - Short-term: South Platte River Watch Program
 - Short-term: Provide support to CPW for their Electroshocking events
 - Long-term: Continue to support these two efforts with volunteers and financial support (if available)
4. Continue Community Engagement to raise awareness of conservation needs, and support social betterment through fly fishing
 - Short-term: Continue holding monthly membership meetings with topics that engage the demographics
 - Encourage attendee feedback through a "suggestion box" at the meeting and review at each Board meeting for improvement
 - Short-term: Sponsor fly fishing opportunities for the community
 - "Come fish with us" events monthly at Lake Lehow
 - "Moving Waters" events each month to local (within 2-3 hr drive) waters
 - "Extended" fishing trips with an emphasis on inviting new members or first timers to the Chapter's Green River, San Juan River and Big Horn River trips
 - Short-term: Continue supporting Project Healing Waters with volunteers to help with their annual Crystal Lake Trip each summer
 - Short-term: Continue to provide the Steve Bailey Scholarship award to a CSU Grad student studying in a field benefiting our Chapter's Mission / Vision
5. Support Youth Education
 - Short-term: Hold a Stream Girls 1.0 & 2.0 event with volunteers from the Chapter
 - Short-term: Provide volunteer support to the schools in our Chapter's geographical area that are participating in Trout In the Classroom
 - Short-term: Continue to provide two (2) scholarships to the CTU Youth Camp (for our Chapter's members first, for others needing assistance when available)
 - Investigate Stream Explorer activities that the Chapter can perform
6. Form alliances with other Chapters and Partners
 - Short-term; Joint/join projects to increase footprint

Financials

Revenue

Annual Raffle – The Board decided that they wanted to continue holding the annual raffle at this time. It will be scaled back to prizes that we have in-hand or can be obtained without any expenditures authorized by the Board (except for framing costs for the prints we want to offer). A target of \$8000 will be raised and tickets will be sold at \$50 each, with no limit on the amount of tickets that can be sold. The Chapter (John Egan) will work with CTU to use their on-line system. If we can find a way to sell our raffle tickets on-line using CTU as the “owner” of the raffle, then we will continue in this approach. If this is not a viable option, then the Board will meet again to decide whether we wish to sell paper tickets once again. Mark Davis and Ray Nagashima volunteered to get all the prizes identified and will work getting them loaded into a format ready for the Secretary of State to approve. The Board decided we should hold the raffle drawing at a Chapter meeting after the Chapter picnic (Sept-Nov). No month was decided.

Chapter Picnic / Silent Auction – The chapter will hold a silent auction (garage sale) during the annual picnic in August (no longer during the annual holiday party) to raise funds for the Chapter.

Expenses

Fundraising

Annual Raffle – No funds are authorized to purchase new prizes.

Membership Meetings (Raffle) – The Board authorized expenditure of funds to procure prizes for the raffle at the membership meetings. Yeti tumblers with the CCTU logo were favored (24 items to be purchased @\$25 each) and one nice prize with a purchase price of approximately \$120 was authorized for 10 meetings. A budget of \$1800 was authorized by the Board for the procurement of all prizes.

Conservation Projects

CUSP – Deckers Corridor Signs – The Board has been waiting to pay for this expense (\$1,250) for over two (2) years. It was discussed and decided that if CUSP cannot finish the job in FY25, CCTU will no longer provide these funds. John will advise CUSP of our decision.

South Platte River Projects – we will show a budget of \$150 for the river clean up event since we have funds restricted for that event.

Support to Conservation Events – the budget for this item will be for two (2) events not four (4), therefore the budget will be established at \$250

Education Projects

Come Fish with Us – we will plan to hold 5 BBQ events this year, so the budget will be \$375

CTU Headwaters Youth Program donation – The Board decided to continue with this donation but will restrict the funds to be used for schools needing financial help with Trout in the Classroom efforts.

General & Administrative

Scott Tampa will continue as President of the Chapter for calendar year 2024 and then will step down to lead the Cheesman Canyon/Gill Trail restoration effort for the Chapter. A succession planning committee needs to be set up to identify the next leaders for the Chapter.

Chapter meeting expenses – we will continue to pay for zoom (approx. \$157) for the year plus put in funds for one speaker requesting expenses to be covered at approx. \$350 (gas + room)

BOD expenses to TU/CTU Events – This was meant for first-time attendees. It is not expected we will be sending first-time attendees to these meetings this year. Ray and John stated that they may attend but will cover their own costs. Budget is now \$0

Holiday Party – We will not be holding a silent auction at the event, so no prizes need to be purchased. Budget is now \$0

AV Equipment – It was determined that Austin purchased a mixing board to help capture the sound better for the YouTube recordings. The Board decided that this equipment should belong to the Chapter and therefore will reimburse Austin for his expenditure. Since it will come out of FY24 funds, it is not required to be shown in the FY25 budget.

With those changes, the FY25 Net Income is shown as **(\$829)** instead of the first cut of **(\$8,214)**. The Board feels comfortable with those numbers, considering we are trying some new events and fundraising “ideas” in FY25

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

CCTU ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Responsibility
President Monthly BOD Meetings – Agenda, Run Mtg Monthly Chapter Meeting – run meeting Annual Strategic Planning Meeting Liaison/Point of Contact for CTU Questions/Follow-ups Attend CTU Quarterly Board Meetings	Scott Tampa
Vice President	John Egan
Treasurer Bookkeeping – Checks, Monthly Bank Recs, etc. Quarterly Filings, Raffle Filings	Meg Renton
Secretary	Kristy Yearsley
Meeting Coordinator – BOD Meetings, Chapter Meetings	Austin Stark
Meeting Planning – Speakers (Needs new members)	John Egan

	Positions Open
Fundraising – Raffle Program FY2025	Mark Davis, Ray Nagashima
Conservation Projects	John Egan (Lead) Jim Rasmussen – River Watch Kristy Yearsley
Membership	Ray Nagashima Jerry Wilson
Website – Ongoing Management	Mike Myers (Lead)
Newsletter	Harlan Husmann
Social Media – Facebook Page, Instagram YouTube	Meg (Lead) Austin Stark
Grants	Mark Davis
Monthly Meeting Raffle	Jerry Shin (Lead) Alex Speicher
Raffle Manager License	Jerry Shin (exp 1/15/2025) Scott Tampa (exp 1/14/2026) Alex Speicher (exp 2/2026) Allen Adinoff (exp 5/2026) Meg Renton (exp 5/2027)
Come Fish With Us Events	David Coward (Lead) Bruce Foss Ron Taniwaki (BBQ) Harlan Husmann – Moving Waters Mark Davis – Moving Waters
Summer Picnic Planning – Reserve location, permit, food, entertainment Will hold this event with a silent auction in FY25	Harlan Husmann - Permit
Holiday Party / White Elephant	N/A
BOD Retreat Planning & Food	N/A
Project Healing Waters Crystal Lake Trip	Open Position
Ladies Fishing on the Fly	Cyndy Scholz Steve Scholz
Youth Program Coordinator Develop Youth programs (Trout In the Classroom) Youth Camp Scholarships – identify 2 kids for scholarships annually Stream Girls	Ali Sutphin Cyndy Scholz
Coordination of Steve Bailey Memorial Scholarship at CSU	Allen Adinoff (Lead) Ali Sutphin
Green River Chapter Trip	Rich Hus
Bighorn River Chapter Trip	Rich Hus
San Juan River Trip	Jerry Shin

LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS

Current Board Members (11)

Mark Davis
John Egan
Harlan Husmann
Mike Myers
Ray Nagashima
Meg Renton
Austin Stark
Ali Sutphin
Scott Tampa
Ron Taniwaki
Kristy Yearsley

Emeritus Board Members (8)

Allen Adinoff	Peter King	Jim Klug
Cam Chandler	Sharon Lance	Richard Pilatzke
Ken James	Jim Rasmussen	