

## CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CCTU)

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 5, 7 pm, via Zoom

**Board Members In Attendance:** Scott Tampa (President); John Egan (Vice President); Meg Renton (Treasurer); Kristy Yearsley (Secretary); Ray Nagashima; Mark Davis; Mike Myers; Ali Sutphin, Austin Stark, Harlan Husmann

Quorum established - 10 of 11 present. Started at 7:04pm.

**Additional Attendance:** David Nickum (Colorado TU Exec Director)

**Absent:** Ron Taniwaki

### Agenda

Approval of the January Planning meeting minutes - Budget and minutes approved

### Calendar Review

- March 19 - Membership Meeting – Pat Dorsey with Richard Pilatzke as fly tier
- April 01 – SPEB Grant application packages are available.
- April 02 – BOD Meeting (Zoom)
- April 16 – Membership Meeting – Ron Belak
- April 20 – Earth Day project with the City of Lakewood
- May 06 – SPEB Grant “letter of intent” is due
- May 07 – BOD Meeting (Zoom)
- May 21 – Membership Meeting – Taylor Slack (CSU Scholarship recipient) & Michael Stickley
- June 12 – SPEB Grant application “deadline to submit.”

### President’s Report

- Project Healing Waters – Scott will take on the responsibility for reaching out to the volunteers for the event which will take place on July 1 (Monday) at [Crystal Lake](#). Richard has advised that he will tie the flies for the event.
- February Membership Meeting –
  - The event was well attended. Having Nik White (SPEB) make a presentation fit in well with the main topic of Gill Trail Restoration (Update)
- March meeting with Pat Dorsey – John has coordinated the extra chairs. We need volunteers to help transport to and from Lone Tree Brewing Company
- CCTU Website - All Board members were encouraged to review the current website and provide comments to Mike for updates.
  - Website Update – Mike updated the Vision Banner as agreed by the BOD during the Planning meeting

### Membership Meetings

- Calendar:
  - March 19 – CCTU BOD elections by the Membership; Pat Dorsey, subject “Tips to catch more Trout”; Fly Tyer – Richard Pilatzke
  - April 16 – Ron Belak, subject “Fishing Alpine Lakes”
  - April 20 – Earth Day Tree Planting with City of Lakewood

- May 21 – Taylor Stack (CSU Student), subject “Genetic Diversity in Trout” with Michael Stickley
- June 18 – Rick Takahashi – subject “Midge Fly Fishing”; Fly Tyer – Rick Takahashi
- July 1 – Project Healing Waters at Crystal Lake (Monday Event)
- July 16 – CPW Biologist Kyle Battige – subject “Greenback Cutthroat Trout Restoration”
- July 27 - South Platte river cleanup
- August 17 – Urad Lake with Ron Belak “Alpine Lake Seminar”, fishing and Lake Cleanup
- August 20 – Membership Picnic, Reynold’s Landing (silent auction)
- September 17 – Michele White, subject “Fly Fishing the reservoirs of South Park
- October 15 – Fly Tying Night / Bucket Raffle
  - Possibly replace with a membership meeting and an offsite fly tying day at Orvis (Scott will work with Brian Young on the details and contact Orvis to see if they are interested)
- November 19 – Scott Tampa, subject “State of the Chapter” and Raffle drawing/winners announcement
- December 10 or 17 – Chapter Holiday Party/Potluck/White Elephant

### **Conservation Projects (John E)**

- South Platte River Corridor/Cheesman Canyon
  - CUSP Signage - \$1250 to be paid in ~~FY25~~ FY24. The signs will likely be complete and ready to install this year. They would like us to help with the removal/replacement of the signs.
  - Gill Trail Restoration Project:
    - Implementation of the Pilot Project will be the focus in 2024. Cost estimate for this Pilot Project has been developed by the ERO/Tapis/RMFI teams. CCTU will submit Grant proposals to secure these funds. The USFS has stated that they will fund and conduct the NEPA study which is required before work on the ground can start.
    - David Nickum will look into additional organizations that could help sponsor this project. He will also bring it up with the other TU orgs since this section of river is a high priority.
  - South Platte Cleanup: Order food (to do), county coordination (in work), prize sponsorship (complete), room reservation (in work), raffle license (to do)
- Earth Day Tree Planting: The City of Lakewood has confirmed the donation amount of \$3000 (same as last year). These funds will be provided at the beginning of the fiscal year (April 1). John will provide the address to Meg to mail the check to.
  - Anglers All has their clave event on April 20th as well = there may be some way to collaborate with them on your Earth Day volunteer project as well - Mike has reached out

### **Financials (Meg)**

- Current financials through Feb 28, 2023, = \$47,102 (See Treasurer’s report [\$13.3K is a restricted grant fund]); down \$9,000 from last month. So available non-restricted funds are \$33,731.
  - Income of \$ 947
    - Additions: Jan Meeting Raffle (\$342); Donations (\$120); King Sooper Community Award (\$485)
  - Expenditures of \$9,534
    - Debits: \$9,000 for ERO Contract milestone 3; \$420 to Simms for last year’s wader prize; \$41.50 for donuts at Planning Meeting; \$52.30 for Mixing Board

used at membership meetings; \$20 to Sec of State to add new Trade Name (needed for Colorado Give Days).

- Annual report will be completed May (includes financials and volunteer hours)
  - Meg will provide the form to people (directors and other event organizers) so we can fill out all of our volunteer hours for the annual report

### **Fundraising (Mark Davis)**

- 2024 Fundraising
  - The 2024 Fundraising Raffle will be led by Mark Davis.
  - CCTU will use the platform from CTU for on-line sales. All prize pictures, value and description will be provided to CTU and they will load them to the raffle site.
  - CCTU will secure approval from the Colorado Secretary of State for running the Raffle under their license.
  - No CCTU funds will be spent to secure new prizes, although some funds will be necessary to frame the artwork that will be included in the Raffle
  - Ticket prices will be \$50 each. No limitation on how many tickets will be sold. Goal is to sell a minimum of 160 tickets.
  - The winning tickets will be selected by a random number generator during the November membership meeting.
- Meg will look into the option where members can donate through Safeway. Scott looked into this and provided information to the BOD. Consensus was not to pursue Safeway since it required a purchase of cards by the Chapter and then selling them to the members.
- We will hold a silent auction at the Chapter picnic in August from “garage sale” items donated by the Chapter membership.

### **Communications**

- Chapter Webpage – Changes needed
  - Website Update – Mike updated the Vision Banner as agreed by the BOD during the Planning meeting
  - Remove Fundraising titles from Scott and Meg and add it to Mark Davis
  - Add title of Conservation Co-Director to Kristy's name
- Newsletter – ***Needs to be sent out no later than 1 week following BOD meeting***
  - March Items
    - Pat Dorsey/Richard Pilatzke March meeting announce
    - February membership meeting recap with pics – Scott/Meg
    - CPW Fishing license on sale (link)
    - Orvis Park Meadows: Fly Fishing 101 Classes in March (9, 16, 17, 23)
    - April membership meeting information
    - Changes regarding Saturday Moving Waters
    - Changes regarding Thursday Moving Waters
    - Come fish with us at Lake Lehow
      - Meg will make the flyer including dates for the whole year
- Integration of the web page, newsletter, and other social media
  - All stories and chapter highlights that we want to put into the Newsletter, Website and Social Media (Facebook/Instagram) should be sent to Harlan, Mike and Meg so the message can be integrated across our different communication methods.

### **Youth Programs (Ali)**

- Trout in the Classroom: Ali has stated that she will support this effort as part of her Youth Education Directorship although she will need help if something is required during the work days as she is fully employed

- There are 11 schools in our Chapter's geographic area that are participating in TIC for the 2023/2024 school year.
- CSU Scholarship — CCTU has raised the scholarship amount to \$5000.
  - Allen will continue to lead this activity for the 2023-2024 Academic year
  - The Scholarship was awarded to Taylor Stack, graduate student in trout conservation genetics. [His presentation will occur in May 2024.](#) Allen has been in contact with him.
- [Ali attended STEM night at Cherrelyn Elementary with Natalie Flowers from CTU. We promoted Trout in the Classroom \(TIC\) and showed kids aquatic macroinvertebrates.](#)
- [Deadline for applications for the CTU Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp is April 1.](#)
- [Ali has handouts available for the March meeting](#)
- [TIC releases will happen in the spring, Ali will let folks know when these are happening in case anyone wants to attend](#)
- [Meg mentioned getting good photos at these events](#)
- [Stream girls is set for July 20th and 21st 2024](#)
- **Other programs**
  - Come Fish With Us
    - [Lake Lehow – On hold until the Spring](#)
  - [Stream Girls – 2024 Stream Girls 1.0 and 2.0 outing on July 20 & 21.](#) Last event was led by Cyndy Scholz and had volunteers from CCTU, West Denver TU, Colorado Women Flyfishers, AvidMax and parents and troop leaders of the girls attending. See our Instagram and Facebook posts for more details.
  - Moving Waters:
    - [On hold until Spring. For 2024, the Saturday events will be on a “as requested” basis vs a planned event. Thursday events will still be planned every month](#)

### **Membership (Ray)**

- Orvis (Park Meadows & Cherry Creek) are starting up their Fly-Fishing Classes again. They provide a free TU membership to each student. The new store manager at the Park Meadows store is [Jakob Smith.](#) [He has reached out to see if there are any volunteers for the dates identified in March.](#)
- Current membership is about 1750. Probably got around 350 from Cherry Creek Angler
- People who use the CCTU web site to join TU will automatically be assigned to our Chapter.
  - [What happens when a new member signs up? Welcome letter? Info about the Chapter? They get a welcome email that points them to the website, newsletter, etc.](#)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Bull Moose Committee – John
  - Good Samaritan legislation is moving forward through the US Senate. Colorado's two Senators are co-sponsors.
- Ray Carney Volunteer of the Year selection – This selection can now be anyone that is not an Officer of the Chapter as agreed to by the BOD during the January Planning Meeting.
- [BOD Retreat – Will not be held in 2024.](#)
- [Colorado cares is set up for fund raising \(both general and Cheeseman project\) - Meg has sent the link to the board members](#)
- [Offsite fly tying day at Orvis sometime during the year \(Scott will work with Brian Young on the details and contact Orvis to see if they are interested\)](#)

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm

## CCTU ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
President Monthly BOD Meetings – Agenda, Run Mtg Monthly Chapter Meeting – run meetings 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 – Chapter Meetings	(Austin Stark)
Meeting Planning – Speakers	John Egan All other BOD to support
Fundraising – Raffle Program 2024	Mark Davis
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 • Garage Sale/Silent Auction	Harlan to reserve venue Scott to coordinate food
Holiday Party	
BOD Retreat Planning & Food	N/A

Project Healing Waters Crystal Lake Trip	Scott to coordinate in 2024
Ladies Fishing on the Fly	Cyndy Scholz Steve Scholz
Youth Program Coordinator Develop Youth programs ( <a href="#">Trout in the Classroom</a> ) Youth Camp Scholarships – identify 2 kids for scholarships annually Stream Girls	<a href="#">Ali Sutphin</a> <a href="#">Ali Sutphin</a>  Cyndy Scholz
Coordination of Steve Bailey Memorial Scholarship at CSU	Allen Adinoff (Lead) <a href="#">Ali Sutphin</a>
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  
Cam Chandler  
Ken James  
Jim Klug  
Peter King  
Sharon Lance  
Jim Rasmussen  
Richard Pilatzke