

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CCTU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm, via Zoom

Board of Directors present: Scott Tampa (President); John Egan (Vice President); Allen Adinoff (Secretary); Ray Nagashima; Ron Taniwaki; Harlan Husmann; Mark Davis;

Absent: Meg Renton (Treasurer) and Mike Myers (excused); ; Barry Wiebe (leave of absence)

Special Invited Guests: Ali Sutphin, Austin Stark, Lawrence Heim (not able to call in)

A quorum of 7 was established

Agenda:

Approval of the October meeting minutes was attained.

Calendar Review

- November 4 – Orvis “Down the Hatch” event – Park Meadows store 12:00 – 3:30pm. There was a very good turnout. Raffle ticket proceeds of \$480. Many thanks to Harlan, John E, Meg
- November 7 – CCTU BOD Meeting
- November 21 – Chapter Meeting - Tyler Banker (or his boss) from Minturn Anglers – “*Horseback fishing in the Flat Tops*” (Tyler does not guide and will find a replacement); fly tier John Vevurka
- December 5 – CCTU BOD Meeting
- December 12 - Holiday Party/Potluck/White Elephant - secured from Lone Tree Brewing Co. **Note that this is the 2nd (not third) Tuesday of the month.**
- January 2 – CCTU BOD Meeting
- January 16 – Membership Meeting – Katrina Hettinger, TU Front Range AML Project Manager – Grizzly Mine Restoration Project 2024.
- January 19, 20 & 21 - Denver Fly Fishing Show Gaylord Rockies Resort
- February ? – CCTU BOD Annual Planning Meeting
 - All Board members need to send to Scott, their availability for Saturdays in February, 2024
 - Plan to present funding requests for your areas of responsibility
 - John E will work on securing a venue
- March and beyond: need to begin work on speakers

President’s Report

- CCTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 - Current BOD make-up - 10 Board Members, 7 Emeritus Board Members - majority 6 required for quorum.
 - New BOD members are needed for 2024 as current members wish to relinquish some of their current duties.
 - Allen announced that, due to an unavoidable conflict on the first Tuesday of the month, he will not be able to attend Board meetings. He requested Emeritus status, which was approved. He will continue with other prior projects. The Board expressed their gratitude for Allen’s many years of service as an active Board member. A new Secretary will need to be appointed.
 - Ali Sutphin: she expressed interest in becoming a Board member. She would like to be involved as Youth Education Director, and has already had conversations with Natalie at CTU. The Board unanimously accepted her membership, pending formal approval by the Chapter Membership at the annual business meeting in March 2024.

- **Austin Stark:** he also expressed interest in becoming a Board member, and would like to serve as AV director. . The Board unanimously accepted his membership, pending formal approval by the Chapter Membership at the annual business meeting in March 2024.
- **Ray Nagashima** wishes to drop the title of Youth Education Director but will continue leading the Membership activities. **Need someone to take on Youth Education Director responsibilities.** Ali would like to assume this position, based on her work schedule availability.
- **Fundraising – Need volunteer(s) to take on 2024 fundraising effort**
 - So far, Meg, Mike, and Allen have agreed to help. We need a leader for the Committee.
- **CTU Rendezvous:** John E attended and provided this report:
 - CTU President, Greg Hardy was not able to attend due to illness
 - CTU is willing to run our on line raffle ticket sales
 - Emily Olson is the new CTU VP for the SW region.
 - Nancy Johnson-Bramlett (Conservation Projects Coordinator in CTU) is willing to support CCTU in grant writing efforts
 - Becky Mitchell will work on water allocation for the Colorado River
 - A new VP for the SE region (ours) is needed. CCTU has been asked to nominate an individual from our Chapter for this position. John will send out the job description
 - Awards from the meeting will be posted
 - Minutes of the meeting will be distributed when available
- **Project Healing Waters –** Richard has advised that he will not be leading this effort any longer. Is there someone in the Chapter that can take on this responsibility. The fishing event this year is June 29 and is run by Project Healing Waters. It might be that CCTU only needs a contact person in order to recruit volunteers. **Richard provided PHW contact information.**
- **October Membership Meeting – How did it go?**
 - **Guest speaker presented via Zoom.** Should we consider doing this again? Consensus is that doing a Zoom presentation from a speaker not in our geographic area is acceptable and can be considered for future meetings.
 - **We moved the speaker to the middle of the room to help alleviate noise from the bar.** Did this help or should we consider other noise mitigation efforts (additional PA speaker?).
 - There was discussion as to how to increase the sound quality of the presentations. Ron suggested that a battery powered speaker on a stand would greatly improve the volume of sound in the room. A 1000 watt speaker and stand would cost approximately \$350. This was approved by the Board.
- **CCTU Website -** All Board members were encouraged to review the current website and provide comments to Mike for updates. **Mike updated the link for joining Trout Unlimited to the information created by TU.** This link now automatically puts the person into the Chapter from the link the user joined (no longer uses zip codes).
- **Colorado Gives Day is December 5.** Unfortunately, October 23 was the last day to register as an organization for this event. We need to make it a point to be part of this event next year (Fundraising Chair responsibility)

Membership Meetings -

- **Calendar:**
 - **November 21 - Chapter membership meeting; Fly tyer is John Vevurka; Speaker – Tyler Banker from Minturn Anglers – Horseback fishing in the Flat Tops**
 - **December 12 – Holiday Party/Potluck/White Elephant - secured from Lone Tree Brewing Co. Note that this is the 2nd (not third) Tuesday of the month.**
 - **January 16 - Katrina Hettinger, TU Front Range AML Project Manager – Grizzly Mine Restoration Project 2024.**
 - **February – Gill Trail Restoration Project update**
 - **March –**
 - **April**
 - **May**

- June

Conservation Programs (John E)

- South Platte River Corridor/Cheesman Canyon – John E
 - CUSP Signage - \$1250 to be paid in FY23/FY24. A total of 10 signs will be produced, currently in the design process via CUSP. For simplicity, all the signs will be identical, thus CCTU's name and logo will appear on all ten signs. To be installed in TBD. Artwork is under development, CUSP has CCTU artwork for incorporation on the signs. CUSP and Denver Water have apparently reconciled their differences. CCTU will make its contribution towards the signs once they are installed. The \$150 of restricted funds will be used for this effort. Expect installation Spring 2023. **Nothing new to report other than the rough decisions are done. The new sign should be ready by the end of the month.(Allen – this sign is different than the CUSP signs**
 - Lower Gill Trail: USFS has acknowledged that the Gill Trail needs restoration work performed to lessen the amount of erosion happening due to natural events and greater usage. Denver Water has agreed to partner with the USFS for their portion of the trail improvements. CCTU will be in the loop as this project develops. CCTU has submitted this stretch of river as our “Priority Waters” to CTU This remains a continuing effort.
 - This is moving forward. Contract has been executed between Denver Water and the professional trail design firms (Tapis Assoc Inc & ERO Resources Corp) to map and assess the existing Gill Trail conditions, and to provide recommendations for trail design improvements. They want to open discussions with trail users and collect data. Effort should start sometime between September and October Not much for us to do right now. CCTU/ERO Resources contract has been executed for the project Phase 2 work. The scope of this contract provides:
 - Gill Trail Pilot Project Area – July 31
 - Improvements and Management Strategy – Sept 30
 - Implementation Recommendations – Sept 30
 - Final Report – December 31
 - The sign has been ordered. Total cost is \$850. CCTU had budgeted \$500, so that's what they'll receive . **The USFS wanted to redo the sign at the trailhead near the parking lot for the Cheesman Canyon. CCTU paid \$500 to get the sign made but when it showed up, the USFS noticed that there were errors. Therefore a new sign is being made by the vendor and should be sent to the USFS by the end of the month.)**
 - - The USFS, CCTU and members from the Colorado Mountain Biking Association (COMBA) performed a site review of the Gill Trail on Friday, September 8 per a request from the USFS. The Forest Service was concerned that the trail was in such a degraded state that warranted immediate remediation. Following the walkdown, COMBA sent repair recommendations to the USFS who then received approval to authorize immediate action to fix sections of the main Gill Trail. COMBA was asked to lead the repair teams who would be comprised of COMBA personnel and members from the CCTU compiled list of volunteers. A request was sent to this list of 364 volunteers to help repair the trail for the dates of September 20 and 21. Led by our own John Egan and Mark Davis, these teams of volunteers were able to repair the Gill Trail from the lower Gill Trail parking lot to the USFS boundary with Denver Water. The repairs to the trail from the boundary to the top of the trail near Cheesman Dam will be performed by Denver Water personnel and CUSP by contract
 - The Draft copy of the *Gill Trail Assessment Pilot Project Summary* was received on 9/29/23. This Pilot Project summary describes the pilot project including construction notes of what needs to be done at each specific stretch of the trail or specific point, design methodology, and next steps. Look to a 2024 project. **A contract Milestone payment of \$9000 was made to ERO Resources from our SPEB Grants funds (from our \$40K restricted monies).**

- Implementation of the Pilot Project will be the focus in 2024. Cost estimate of this Pilot Project is being developed by the ERO/Tapis team. USFS has stated that they may have up to \$100k in funds to put into this project.
- CPW: CCTU is not recommending a donation for FY 2024 as there does not seem to be a need.
- Lakewood Tree Planting: we need a budgetary commitment from them

FINANCIALS – Scott (in Meg’s absence)

- Current financials through Oct 31, 2023, = \$61,192 (See Treasurer’s report [\$31K is a restricted grant fund]); down \$8,449 from last month. So available non-restricted funds are \$30,192.
 - Income of \$ 1,054
 - Additions: King Sooper (\$494) Sept Meeting Raffle (\$420); Donations (\$140)
 - Expenditures of \$9,504
 - Debits: ERO Resources (\$9,000); Come Fish w/Us (\$236); State Fees (\$75); Zoom & Domain (\$177); Shipping Charges for Raffle Prize (\$16)

FUNDRAISING:

- 2023 Fundraising Raffle – All prizes have been distributed except one (1) item. This item will be placed into the fundraising effort during the Holiday Party
 - 2024 Fundraising
 - A committee with new leadership will need to be established. Meg, Mike, and Allen volunteered to be part of the committee. **Any other BOD members interested in joining/leading the committee are welcome.**
 - Having a silent auction instead of a raffle was discussed, especially given the logistical hassles of ticket sales. **Discussions with CTU on using their on-line sales approach were held during the CTU Rendezvous. (CTU collect the on-line sales, CCTU will mail/phone copy the tickets to each purchaser. We will still have paper tickets like 2023).**
 - Meg compiled a final report of the 2023 raffle. 2024 Raffle committee needs to review and make recommendations on how to proceed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Chapter Webpage – Updates Needed??
- Newsletter – **Needs to be sent out no later than one week following BOD meeting**
 - November Items
 - November meeting speaker/fly tyer
 - December Holiday Party/White Elephant/Potluck/ Silent Auction event Announcement
 - October membership meeting recap with pics – John
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 - Lake Lehow recap from Oct event – David Coward. David has not provided information on these events in the past.
 - Denver Fly Fishing Show: include an announcement
 - Orvis Park Meadows: include a thank you for their contributions to CCTU
 - Arkansas trip report (Harlan will make a writeup of the event)
- 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 Cory, Mike and Meg so the message can be integrated across our different communication methods.

Youth Programs

- Trout in the Classroom: **We need a new leader for this effort.** 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.
 - **Egg delivery to the schools was performed on Monday October 23. Scott, Ray and Noah Reinhardt (AvidMax) delivered these eggs/food to the participating schools**

- 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 spring 2024. Allen has been in contact with him.
- **Other programs**
 - Come Fish With Us
 - Lake Lehow – **There will not be any more events for the remainder of this year.**
 - Stream Girls – We had a successful Stream Girls 1.0 and 2.0 outing on Sept 9 & 10. This 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:
 - **Harlan will lead a trip to the Arkansas 10/14. Report? Harlan will put his report in the November Newsletter**

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 CCTU to start fostering our relationship together.**
- 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

OTHER BUSINESS

- Bull Moose Committee – John
 - Good Samaritan legislation is moving forward through the US Senate. Colorado’s two Senators are co-sponsors.
- **BOD Retreat – What is the consensus of the BOD? Would enough members want to take a long weekend (after the Annual Raffle in August) to take a trip together? Would anyone be interested in horse packing into the Flat Tops and living in tents and eating guide food for a weekend? Another trip to a destination (i.e. like our Gunnison trip this year)? Consensus was to do it again. John will pursue options ASAP as places book up early**
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm

CCTU ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES - 2024

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	Position is open
Meeting Manager (Zoom) – BOD Meetings, Chapter Meetings	(Austin Stark)

Meeting Planning – Speakers (Needs new members)	John Egan Positions Open
Fundraising – Raffle Program 2024	Position Open
Conservation Projects	John Egan (Lead) Jim Rasmussen – River Watch Positions Open
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 if there is an annual raffle	
Holiday Party	
BOD Retreat Planning & Food	
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)
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
Mike Myers

Ray Nagashima
Meg Renton
Austin Stark
Ali Sutphin
Scott Tampa
Ron Taniwaki
Barry Wiebe (on leave – revisit in 2024)
Harlan Husmann

Emeritus Board Members (8)

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