

## CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CCTU)

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm, via Zoom

**Board of Directors:** Scott Tampa (President); John Egan (Vice President); Meg Renton (Treasurer); Allen Adinoff (Secretary); Ray Nagashima;; Harlan Hussmann; Mark Davis; Mike Myers;

Absent: Ron Taniwaki; Barry Wiebe; Cory Neumiller

A quorum was established.

#### Agenda:

The September BOD meeting was not held as most of the Leadership Team was away.

#### Calendar Review

- October 3 – CCTU BOD Meeting
- October 17 – Chapter Meeting via Zoom - Mike Geary – Healing Waters Lodge, Twin Bridges MT – *“The State of the Fisheries in SW Montana” via Zoom*; fly tier Harlan Hussmann
- November 7 – CCTU BOD Meeting
- November 21 – Chapter Meeting - Tyler Banker 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 2<sup>nd</sup> (not third) Tuesday of the month.**

#### President’s Report

- CCTU BOARD OF DIRECTORS
  - Current BOD make-up - 11 Board Members, 7 Emeritus Board Members - majority 6 required for quorum.
  - Current make-up has 2 board members who no longer participate in the activities of the Chapter.
    - A vote is needed to see if they should be retained or dropped from the BOD.
    - It was a unanimous that Cory Neumiller has not met the requirements to remain a Board member and will be removed from the Board. Scott will notify him.
    - Barry Wiebe will be placed on administrative leave, to be revisited in January 2024.
  - New BOD members are needed for 2024 as current members are leaving and/or wish to relinquish some of their current duties.
    - Mark Davis wanted to leave the BOD but fortunately changed his mind and will stay on. He will continue leading the mid-week Moving Waters efforts as well as grant writing.
    - Ray Nagashima wishes to drop the title of Youth Education Director, in part because of relentless emails, but duties will continue leading the Membership activities.
    - Need someone to take on Audio Visual / Zoom efforts at the Chapter Meetings which also includes uploading the meeting video to YouTube. Austin Stark will assume this role
    - Fundraising – If no leader, then no raffle, then all activities which require funding will be authorized on a case-by-case basis as the remaining funds can support. **Without levels of fund raising we have enjoyed in the past, it is likely that CCTU will need to greatly modify the scope of projects we support.**

- 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. Scott will contact Richard to outline his duties with PHW.
- Youth Education Coordinator – potential replacement has reached out to CCTU. but will not be able to take on this role as a good portion of it would be during the weekdays (school hours) and she has a full-time job. We will look for other roles within the BOD that could be a better fit. This is the person mentioned as the Youth Education Coordinator. Ali has a fulltime job and cannot take on this role. (see note above).
- Ali Sutphin expressed interest in Board activities, such as youth education. We should encourage her involvement.
- Christie Yearsley has expressed interest in the Board, and is well known by Meg.
- September Membership Meeting – How did it go?
  - Understanding noise from bar is still an issue. Should the Chapter purchase another loud speaker (\$300) and place it in the back of the room? First approach will be to place our current speaker in a different location, closer to the back of the room. May need to purchase an additional speaker.
  - The meeting went well and was well attended. There were many questions for the speaker.
- CCTU Website - All Board members were encouraged to review the current website and provide comments to Mike for updates. Richard Pilatzke's name not listed as an Emeritus Director
- Damage to Cheesman Canyon: Great job performed by John Egan and Mark Davis leading the team of volunteers working to repair the Gill Trail on September 20 & 21.

#### Membership Meetings -

- Calendar:
  - October 17 - Chapter membership meeting (Zoom); Tyler - ?; Mike Geary – Healing Waters Lodge, Twin Bridges MT This will be a Zoom presentation. Topic TBD
  - November 21 - Chapter membership meeting; Tyler ?; Speaker – Tyler Banker from Minturn Anglers – Horseback fishing in the Flat Tops; fly tier John Vevurka
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#### 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
  - 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, 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.
- Cheesman Canyon Grant: Mark – Looking at other sources of Grant funding for the project (GOCO, etc.). Allen received a notice from South Platte Enhancement Board offering grants. He forwarded that information to Mark who will pursue an RFP. Mark reached out to ERO Resources (Bill Mangle) who will provide insight into the recommendations coming out of their Final Report such that Mark can use that data to create new Grant requests. They will have their first meeting on Monday July 31. Mark was uncomfortable submitting the grant request to CPW "Non-Motorized Trail" as he did not have enough information to submit a compliant proposal. This will prevent CCTU from putting any funds into the Canyon work unless other (outside) funding sources are found.
- Waterton Canyon: will start working with Tyler's replacement. This was a miscommunication; we never perform work on Waterton Canyon
- Remaining projects for 2023:
  - Much of our efforts will focus on Cheesman Canyon as a result of recent damage there. This will require a significant fundraising campaign.
  - Tree planting in Hayman fire area 9/23 in collaboration with USFS: **consensus was to pursue.** Project was cancelled by CUSP
  - An unplanned request was made for volunteers to help with trout stocking above Urad Lake, but as it coincided with the Gill Trail Restoration volunteer work, we were unable to support.
    - It is important to get these types of requests identified early enough so that planning and advertising can be performed, and volunteer support can be requested in time to support the event.
  - Fish shocking will not likely happen. A replacement for Paul Winkel has yet to be announced.

#### FINANCIALS – Meg

- Current financials through Sept 30, 2023, = \$69,641 (See Treasurer's report [\$40K is a restricted grant fund]); down \$4,701 from last month. So available funds are \$29,500.
  - Income of \$ 549
    - Additions: Sept Meeting Raffle (\$235); Donations \$314
  - Expenditures of \$0 (\$5,250 check to CSU cleared during the month)
  - It was felt that we need to reassess our approach for the Raffle in 2024. See Raffle/fundraising section.

#### FUNDRAISING:

- 2023 Fundraising Raffle – All prizes have been distributed except four (4) items. All parties have been contacted and just working out timing to provide the items.
  - 2024 Fundraising

- A committee with new leadership will need to be established. Meg, Mike, and Allen volunteered to be part of the committee. Perhaps Christie might be interested in leading the committee.
- Having a silent auction instead of a raffle was discussed, especially given the logistical hassles of ticket sales.
- Meg compiled a final report of the 2023 raffle. 2024 Raffle committee needs to review and make recommendations on how to proceed.
- CTU regional VP offered to help with online ticket sales, or we can have CTU collect the on-line sales and mail/phone copy the tickets to each purchaser. We will still have paper tickets like 2023

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Chapter Webpage – Raffle Winning Ticket Announcement has been posted on the Website. Thanks to Meg and Mike for getting this announcement and content created.
- Updates needed in the following areas:
  - Emeritus Members – please add Richard Pilatzke to the list.
  - Adjust BOD membership as decided by the BOD at this meeting.
- Newsletter – ***Needs to be sent out no later than one week following BOD meeting***
  - October Items
    - Sept membership meeting recap with pics – John
    - Stream Girls –September event – story and pics
    - Gill Trail Restoration efforts - John
    - Lake Lehow recap from Sept 22 – David Coward
    - Clear Creek fishing trips – recap. Let's keep up the interest in these trips!
    - September meeting: John will send a recap to Harlan
- 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. Ray stated that CTU retains ownership of the tanks and equipment that the schools currently have. Ray will need help with egg deliveries, which occur in a single day. He will send an announcement of the date.
- There are **12** schools in our Chapter's geographic area that wish to participate in TIC for the 2023/2024 school year.
  - **Egg delivery is scheduled for Monday October 23. Scott will require support helping delivering these eggs 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 yearb
  - 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 –David has established new dates for 2023. Most will be on Saturdays. Dates have been posted to the Newsletter, FB and IG
  - 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:

- Will there be events in October??? → cancelled for Thursday 10/5
- Harlan will lead a trip to the Arkansas 10/14

#### **MEMBERSHIP – RAY**

- Orvis (Park Meadows & Cherry Creek) are starting up their Fly-Fishing Classes again. They provide a free TU membership to each student. New fishing manager at the Park Meadows store.
- Current membership is about 1750. Probably got around 350 from Cherry Creek Angler

#### **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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- Qualified Charitable Contributions: Allen
  - Despite an earlier presentation, there is a lack of understanding by the membership on the mechanics of making this work
  - This seems to be an opportunity to gain contributions to the Chapter.
  - Further presentations to the membership may be helpful
- Allen will check with TU National to get information on their approach: pending

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm

## **CCTU ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES - 2024**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
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	Allen Adinoff
Zoom Meeting Manager – BOD Meetings, Chapter Meetings	Scott Tampa
Meeting Planning – Speakers (Needs new members)	John Egan
Fundraising – Raffle Program 2024	Position Open
Conservation Projects	John Egan (Lead) Jim Rasmussen – River Watch
Membership	Ray Nagashima Jerry Wilson
Website – Ongoing Management	Mike Myers (Lead)
Newsletter	Harlan Husmann
Social Media – Facebook Page, Instagram YouTube	Meg (Lead) Scott will perform YouTube
Grants	Open Position
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 3/2026) Allen Adinoff (exp 5/2026) Meg Renton (exp
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	Open Position  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)**

Allen Adinoff  
 Mark Davis  
 John Egan  
 Mike Myers  
 Ray Nagashima  
 Cory Neumiller  
 Meg Renton  
 Scott Tampa  
 Ron Taniwaki  
 Barry Wiebe  
 Harlan Husmann

##### **Emeritus Board Members (7)**

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