



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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June 2, 2020

Location: Via Zoom video conferencing

Present – Allen Adinoff (President), Brian Young (Vice-President), Todd Johnston (Treasurer), , John Aaron, David Coward, Richard Pilatzke (emeritus), Peter King, Buzz Soard, Jim Klug (emeritus), , George Franklin, Scott Tampa, Jim Rasmussen (emeritus), Patrick O’Reilly, John Cristantiello; Mike Myers (emeritus)

Absent: Ray Nagashima

Guests: Grant Compton BSA, Barbara Luneau CTU

Emeritus: Cam Chandler, Ken James, Sharon Lance, Matt Moskal,

7:00 PM – Allen called the meeting to order. A quorum of 15 was established.
Meeting was held by Zoom video conferencing kindly arranged by George Franklin

A motion was made to approve the May meeting minutes, seconded and the minutes were approved.

CALENDAR REVIEW: Key Events: [see calendar](#)

CALENDAR REVIEW / MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Date	Event	Topic	CCTU BOD Coordinator	Presenter Contact Info
5/3	Lake Lehow	CANCELLED	David C/Bruce Foss	
5/5/20	CCTU Board Meeting	via Zoom		
5/11-5/16/20	Bighorn River Chapter Trip	CANCELLED	Rich Hus	
5/19/20	Membership Meeting <i>via Zoom</i>	David Nickum CEO CTI Conservation: Ty Churchill	Allen	
6/2/20	CCTU Board Meeting	via Zoom		
6/16/20	Membership Meeting	So far, no speaker		
6/17 and 6/18	Lake Lehow	Local Fishing Trip 5-8pm	David C/Bruce Foss	
6/19	Ladies FOF	Classroom session 6-9pm Eastridge Rec Center, HR <i>cancelled</i>	Cyndy Scholz	
6/19	Lake Lehow	Ladies FOF 8:30am – 2pm <i>CANCELLED</i>	Cyndy Scholz	
6/30/20	Crystal Lake Fishing	Project Healing Waters <i>CANCELLED</i>	Richard Pilatzke	
7/2/20	CCTU Board Meeting	The Shack		

7/19	Lake Lehow	Local Fishing Trip 9am – 12pm	David C/Bruce Foss	
7/21/20	Membership Meeting	Dick Shinton, Laughing Grizzly Fly Shop – <i>Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park</i>		
7/31/20	Alma River walk Project	River restoration/FF 101/Colorado Youth Corps	Brian/George	
8/4/20	CCTU Board Meeting	The Shack		
8/18/20	CCTU Annual picnic Fundraising Raffle	Reynold’s Landing	Peter	
8/21	Lake Lehow	Local Fishing Trip 5-8pm	David C/Bruce Foss	
8/21-23	CCTU BOD Retreat	Ouray Ranch	Allen	
9/1/20	CCTU Board meeting			
Week of 9/14	CPW Electrofishing	Paul Winkle CPW	George	
9/15/20	Membership Meeting	David Nickum CEO CTU moved to May Ron Belak - <i>Fly Fishing the Backcountry of Argentina, Alaska and Colorado without Busting Your Butt Plan on line presentation</i>	Allen	
9/19/20	Clear Creek Cleanup	Conservation project	Jim Klug Ray Karney	
9/20	Lake Lehow	Local Fishing Trip 9am – 12pm	D Coward/Bruce Foss	

9/25-9/26	Ladies Fishing on the Fly	Lake Lehow	Cyndy Scholz	
10/6/20	CCTU Board Meeting			
10/20/20	Membership Meeting	Robert Walters CPW Phil Tereyla: South Park fishing	Peter	
10/21	Lake Lehow	Local Fishing Trip 3-5pm	D Coward/Bruce Foss	
10/24-10/29/20	San Juan River Chapter Trip		Jerry Shin	
11/3/20	CCTU Board Meeting	? change date due to election		
11/17/20	Membership Meeting	Kirk Deeter: Little Black Book	Peter King	
12/1/20	CCTU Board meeting	The Shack		
12/16/20	CCTU Annual Holiday Party	Riverwalk Clubhouse 2751 W Riverwalk Circle Littleton 80123 (deposit locked in)	John C	

President's Report:

- 2020 Retreat: Ouray Ranch
 - August 21-23 has been secured: there are 8 rooms that usually accommodate 12 people. However, we will limit occupancy to 1 person/room (except spouses). Brian may have additional rooms available.
 - John Vevurka working on Edgewater
 - Allen contacted Kirk Klanke: we can fish on his Ranch Creek property (stream and stocked pond) Friday 8/21; 2 in am, 2 in pm
 - Jim Klug arranged Pietz property was moved to Saturday Aug 22. 2 fishers in the am, 2 in pm Pietz has terminal cancer.
 - Brian will take a group into RMNP Saturday 8/22
 - Will be requiring deposits to cover anticipated costs: \$200/person; send checks to Allen. Priority for fishing beats will be determined based on the order deposits are received.
 - Granby Trails: Jim K was able to arrange: 8/21, 8/22, and 8/23
 - Will also invite Ray Carney, Rudy Schreider, and Tom Corr. Depending on availability, these will be sent out 7/1. Allen has invited Kirk and Scott Lynn to Saturday dinner

Calendar Reminders: see above. Multiple cancellations due to COVID 9 pandemic

Membership Meetings:

- Currently Cresthill is closed at least through June, 2020
 - Stephanie contacted Allen; she will renew our lease with Cresthill for another year. Lease has been renewed
- Right now, we don't know when in person meetings can resume. We should be planning for online meeting. Need to keep the membership engaged.
- What are the best options for on line presentations:
 - Zoom:
 - George will continue his current Zoom account, but the Chapter will need to reimburse him
 - Should we expand capacity beyond 100 participants: Eddy Wittry had 130+ but had invited many of his clients.
- Communications with members until COVID clears:
 - May meeting:
 - Dave Nickum and Ty Churchill presented. Only about 25 participants. CTU had paid to expand their current participant list beyond 100.
 - June meeting: no speaker so far. Brian and John to explore their contacts; will likely need to cancel
 - July Meeting: Dick Shinton, Laughing Grizzly Fly Shop – *Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park*
- Fishing speakers and Conservation:
 - Committee was formed: Brian, George, John A, John C, Jim R
 - Summer picnic/raffle: Brian contacted Peter Stitcher who will not be able to make the presentation. Buzz will contact Johnathan Walters re casting demonstration

-John A working on Western River Conservancy speaker: out of Washington DC; pending
? Mike Gotlieb; Lake City area: John A to preview his presentation before making a decision

- Brian will reach out to Chip Swanson (Winter Fly Fishing) Barbara Rust from TU: John A to contact
- John A will reach out to Barbara Rick, School of Mines, re possible presentation on effects of climate change on high altitude fishing. Also reach out to "The Bug Guy"

Conservation Programs/other events: George

- **Now that we are in Fiscal Year 2021, it's time to start distributing these grants as is appropriate and financially feasible. We had a long discussion that funding of projects was assuming little or no raffle income for 2020 (although this is not likely)**

Cheeseman Canyon: lots of email discussion about the overuse and poor condition of the Canyon. Many potential parties are interested in addressing this, e.g. USFS, SPEB, CTU, CCTU, and Blue Quill. What can CCTU's role be? Peter presented and overview: lots of overuse and abuse. We discussed CCTU's participation e.g. signage, trail maintenance, cleanup. A committee was formed Peter (head), Brian, Scott, John C, John A, Allen. David Nickum will be taking the leadership role. Gill Trail sign is something the Board wants to pursue. Pat Dorsey want to (and should) provide input. USFS must approve plans for this. Scott offered to be more involved, maybe lead some new projects at Cheesman. Jim K. told the Board that they're using "sandwich board" signs to remind people of rules for hiking trail use in Highlands Ranch - suggested we do this for Cheesman Canyon. Peter followed up with Pat Dorsey and Nathan Berry, USFS and both agreed it was a good idea. Ray Nagashima has agreed to create the signs, will try to make them weatherproof. After we get approval on wording, etc. Scott will take on placement of the signs.

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- **Alma Foundation: George**
 - o A 2020 donation of \$8,000 was approved: ON HOLD AS YOUTH PROJECTS MAY NOT MATERIALIZE
- CUSP: requested grant for blocking social trails and planting willows on main stem of S Platte: \$2000 approved: ON HOLD AS WE HAVE YET TO HEAR BACK FROM THEM
- **Bear Creek Earth Day Project:** \$1,600 was approved at the planning meeting: ON HOLD PENDING RESCHEDULING OF THE EVENT
- **Clear Creek cleanup event: Still a go**
- **Conservation T-shirts:** \$1400 was approved at the planning meeting
- o **J Klug: T-shirts came in under budget at \$1258. Jim Klug has them at his home.** Will give some to volunteers on the conservation projects. Also offer to sell them for \$20, although no plan yet on how to sell them.
- **Forest Service: adopt a stream** Jim R: **Being pulled together now by USFS: pending**
 - **River Watch – Jim R**
 - o **\$300 approved for 2020 equipment: funded**
 - **South Platte Catch & Release.** John A to talk to CPW and find out next steps required. Unofficial word is that there is no objection. Per Jim R, still just a concept
- **CPW – Electrofishing equipment donation of \$1600 approved at Planning Meeting: Funded**
- Youth Education/Education: **All**

- CTU Headwaters youth education (per Barbara Luneau) \$2,000 budgeted: check needs to be sent to CTU as restricted funds: Funded
- CTU youth camp scholarships (Orvis providing 4) Todd to check with Stephanie as to the certainty of that commitment. \$1800 included in the budget for now, although that Orvis grant remains uncertain: CAMP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

- See email from B Luneau 5/9/20: “ It probably comes as no surprise to you that we cancelled the Colorado Trout Unlimited River Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp this summer. It proved too risky and nearly impossible to plan enough social distancing mitigations to make it safe for everyone. The good news for applicants is that they are accepted to the 2021 camp. Cutthroat had 3 applicants, 1 of which was requesting a scholarship. Hopefully these teens will be able to attend next year.

Our volunteer staff were not quite ready to let the 2020 camp go, so instead of the onsite camp, we are planning a set of virtual outreaches to engage teens and hopefully connect them to local TU chapters. We need a small amount of financial support to host this program and cover basic expenses for printing, software, and incentive prizes. We are asking chapters that have been consistent friends of this camp, and would have sponsored campers to consider making a donation to the 2020 virtual camp which we have named Colorado TU Teens Live. Would Cutthroat Chapter consider a donation in the range of \$200 to \$500 to support piloting this program?”

A motion was made to fund this project with \$300. There was concern about the substance of the effort and need for funding. The motion did not carry: Yes 3, No 9, and Abstain 2

- Grant Compton, Senior at Thunder Ridge HS and Scout at Troup 873 is working on his Eagle Scout certificate, and needs one final project. This would require him to assume a leadership role in developing, organizing, and implementing it. He is interested in projects with CCTU. We discussed possibilities (e.g. Gill trail cleanup, arranging food for Clear Creek cleanup) involving CCTU members and members of Grant’s troop. Scott volunteered (with Peter’s help) to guide Grant.
 - Grant also asked if hi Troop might partner with CCTU. They have 60 members, 2-3 Eagle Scouts. We agreed this was a good idea.
- **TU National legal defense funds:** Allen has been in contact with Jeffery Yates who provided instructions on how to make the donations which were approved at the Planning Meeting: Checks will be sent out after the end of Fiscal Year 2019 (March 31, 2020)
 - We need to send two separate checks made out to “Trout Unlimited: and use the following codes in the memo line so they are deposited correctly:
 - Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine \$5,000: Bristol Bay – BBAYUN: Funded
 - Waters of the United States \$10,000: Clean Water Act – PISCES: **WILL PUT ON HOLD FOR NOW**
 - **Checks are to be sent to:** Trout Unlimited
Attn: Kate Miller, Government Affairs
1777 North Kent Street
Suite 100
Arlington, VA 22209

Local Fishing trips: David

- David brought a plan which was discussed at the Planning meeting \$200 was funded
 - David's trip to Alaska unfortunately was cancelled
 - David has been fishing Chatfield with float tubes and will organize a trip there
 - Lake Lehow will open May 11. David organized 2 recent trips there, May 22 and 23
 - David is working on a float trip at Crystal Lake
 - Brian will advertise these in Newsletter and Facebook

Financials – Todd Johnston / Patrick O'Reilly

- Presentation of Financial reports through 4/30/2020
 - Current cash is \$37,193
 - Patrick and Todd are working on the Annual Report to TU
 - Volunteer hours are needed: Patrick will send out the form for Board members to complete

Fund Raising/Giving:

- Radowear: We have a new corporate sponsor: Radowear.com They make fishing clothes, etc. with Colorado logo. John A to interface
- River Traditions (Highland, MI): owner David Humphries contacted Allen about donation and sale of his products. This could be a (small) source of additional income to the Chapter. Board agreed to purchase 10 fly boxes and 20 keychain-s, all etched with CCTU and TU logo. ? something to continue

• **Annual Fundraiser 2020: Peter**

- Peter King is leading the 2020 Fundraising effort: committee to include Allen, Ray, John A, George, Richard, and Ken Ray.
- In the event the scheduled August 18 cannot occur, what are alternative options: could make it part of the December Holiday party. Peter cannot attend, so someone else would need to take over raffle drawing.

Peter has gotten South Suburban permit, has gotten insurance certificate for the City of Littleton permit: Applicant is Marty Camino, a friend of John C. Peter will wait a bit longer to see if the picnic will actually happen. We talked about getting a permit for beer and wine at the summer picnic but the consensus was that it would be too much hassle and not worth it. Peter has not yet gotten the permit from the City of Littleton for the picnic, waiting to see if it will happen. Peter will reach out to them to talk to them about this. John A. noted that we can get a small group together to do the raffle drawing even if we can't hold the picnic.

- Peter Sticher is unable to attend. ? alternative, e.g. Johnathan Walters: Buzz to pursue
- Promotion of ticket sales:
 - So far, have sold 93 tickets (63% of goal)
 - Offers to purchase tickets have been sent to past purchasers: still following up on those
 - Commitment of all Board members to make a contribution to the Chapter: does a raffle ticket "count"?
 - CCTU's web site could enhance the appeal of the raffle:
 - Emphasize the winning odds of 1:4 is unprecedented in raffles like this
 - Emphasize the monetary value of the prizes
 - Having pictures of selected prizes/trips
 - Brian has set up online ticket sales using Stripe. Peter mentioned that we need to get approval from the SOS for online raffle sales. This seems to be working very well

- Peter with contact Allyn Kratz (Pikes Peak Chapter) to get more detail on how they handle ticket tracking, getting tix to the buyers, etc.
- CTU's help with ticket sales: Peter, George, John A, and Allen had a phone conference with Nickum and Annie to see if they can promote our raffle:
 - The answer is "yes". Right now they are promoting CTU's next boat raffle and could start ours mid-June
 - CTU used "Facebook Ads" in addition to their web site
 - Nominal fee (\$100-200)
 - CTU sold 2200 tickets for their recent Gunnison trip raffle
 - 75% of sales were via mobile phones
 - Brian has also set up Facebook Ads himself where 11 tickets were sold. 5441 hits with 130 likes. Will repeat in a month.
 - WILL NOT PURSUE HELP FROM CTU ON THIS
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- John A will contact Denver TU and West Denver TU chapters to see if they'll let us advertise our raffle in their newsletters.
- How do we better promote the visibility of our commercial donors and sponsors?
 - Angler's All event 4/18: canceled
 - Promote online

Partnerships with Industry: Peter King

MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT: Ray

- Rainbow Falls raffle prize for new meeting attendees: on hold for now
 - Need list of hosts: do we have this?
 - Link winners with specific hosts. 30 day limit to make contact and arrange date
 - Offer April - October

Newsletter/Website/Communications:

- Website – Mike updating Conservation Section, will be done shortly. . Board Minutes have not been posted on web site since 6/19. Need to update and take off 2018.
- Constant Contact: This is currently up and running. Board members have sent pictures for the website – need to add Todd Johnston back to the website with a picture as well. Also need to add Scott and Patrick to CCTU web site. Allen has added Scott and Patrick to TU National site, and listed Todd as Treasurer. **Take Stephanie off web site.**
- Meet Up: Todd is posting our meetings on this social media

Other

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm