



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Location: Via Zoom video conferencing

Present – Allen Adinoff (President) Brian Young (Vice-President), Peter King, George Franklin, Scott Tampa, John Crisantiello ; Ray Nagashima, Richard Pilatzke, Todd Johnston, Buzz Soard, John Aaron, David Coward, Cam Chandler

Absent: Jim Klug (Excused), Jim Rasmussen (Excused)

Guests: John Eagan representing CTU Bull Moose Committee john.j.egan@icloud.com , Aaron Gardner

Emeritus: Cam Chandler, Ken James, Sharon Lance, Matt Moskal, Mike Myers, Jim Klug, Jim Rasmussen, Richard Pilatzke,

7:00 PM – Allen called the meeting to order in. A quorum of 13 was established.
Meeting was held by Zoom video conferencing kindly arranged by George Franklin

A motion was made to approve the October 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
9/15/20	Membership Meeting	Ron Belak - <i>Fly Fishing the Backcountry of Argentina, Alaska and Colorado without Busting Your Butt Plan on line presentation</i>		
9/19/20	Clear Creek Cleanup	Conservation project CANCELLED	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 CANCELLED	Cyndy Scholz	
10/6/20	CCTU Board Meeting	Via Zoom		
10/20/20	Membership Meeting	Phil Tereyla: South Park fishing: Robert Walters CPW: invasive species	Peter Brian	
10/21	Lake Lehow	Local Fishing Trip 3-5pm	D Coward/Bruce Foss	
10/12-22	CTU Virtual Rendezvous	To be held evenings M-T and ½ day Saturday		
10/24	CTU Board Meeting	9am – 1pm via Zoom		
10/24-10/29/20	San Juan River Chapter Trip	CANCELLED	Jerry Shin	
11/10/20	CCTU Board Meeting	date changed due to election November 3		

11/17/20	Membership Meeting	Kirk Deeter: Little Red Book and general fly fishing topics	Peter King	
12/1/20	CCTU Board meeting	via Zoom		
12/16/20	CCTU Annual Holiday Party	CANCELLED	John C	

President's Report:

- **East Troublesome fire: Reports – Brian Young stated that the fires came within 1000 yards of the Ouray Ranch with no damage being reported**
- **CTU Fall Rendezvous** The Virtual Rendezvous Any reports? Ray Nagashima reported that he was able to listen in to the final session. An idea discussed regarding Chapter meetings and whether it was possible to “piggy-back” guest speaker presentations to multiple chapters at the same time rather than having the speaker present to different chapters at different times. It was also noted that the yearly Gala event would be held on March 11, 2021 (Virtual)
- **CCTU President:** Allen will be completing 6 years as CCTU President in February 2021, having initially agreed to a 2 year term. He announced his intent to remain on the Board, but to step down as President beginning January 1, 2021. A new replacement will need to be found. Cam Chandler has identified a potential replacement. Further discussions are pending.
- **Special guest Aaron Gardner (by invitation from Cam Chandler) attended the BOD meeting.** He stated that he was a native Coloradan born and raised in the South Denver area. He has a desire to help on projects related to fly fishing and helping TU in general. He was invited to listen into the board discussion to see how and where he could be most beneficial to the organization

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

- Note today is birthday of the Marine Corps, founded in 1775.
- **Holiday Party 12/16:** Cancelled John C. stated that he was able to get full deposit returned upon cancellation.
- It was decided that there would be no membership meeting in December but during the November membership meeting Richard Pilatzke asked if this could be readdressed at the December BOD meeting

Membership Meetings:

- **Cresthill Middle school.**

Stephanie Young reported back to Allen that the rental rates for non-profits will remain essentially the same as last year (in the range of \$500/yr). Starting in November, Cresthill will start renting the facility. Is there interest in resuming live membership meetings? The Board members in attendance voted that resuming live membership meetings was not something that should be started up due to COVID-19 concerns. Brian Young is going to check to see if there is any chance the Chapter would lose our reservation of the room if we do not use it for the foreseeable future. If there is a chance of losing this spot, the Board will decide if paying for the rental in advance can be made an option. **Brain reported that we are reserved through June, 2021 and does not foresee us losing our ability to continue using this facility in the future**

- **Committee was formed: Brian, George, John A, John C, Jim R**
- **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)**
- **Ashley Rust from CTU: 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”**

- Brian suggested that the Committee “regroup” in looking at speakers. Brian said that he will look at this in the near future

Conservation Programs/other events: George

- **Cheesman Canyon: John Egan**
 - There has been lots of discussion about how to best protect and preserve the Canyon. John Egan suggested an approach in an email November 2

The Board reviewed 4 options listed below:

 - 1 - Work with the Forest Service on extending the River Ranger program for 2021
 - 2 - Work with the Forest Service and CPW to help them push forward a collaborative agreement like AHRA (Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area) (John Egan stated that Pat Dorsey would like to be involved in these discussions)
 - 3 - Work with CPW to nominate Cheesman as a state park.
 - 4 - Do nothing

The Board decided to move forward with options 1 and 2. After researching what CPW is looking for in a park, It was agreed that a State park may not be the best for the canyon. And, the canyon does not really meet all the requirements to be a strong candidate for a State park. The only recreation is fishing and hiking, unless they open it for mountain biking and kayaking and we suspect it will not be financially viable. Even though we see a lot of anglers and the parking lot is full, compared to small parks like Castlewood Canyon, Cheesman is smaller and likely would not produce enough revenue to make sense. Finally, the fishing community will push back since they will now have pay park entrance fees.

Running option 1 and 2 concurrently will work in the short term and may in the long term. Option 1 could roll out this spring with CCTU supporting the FS River Ranger program with funding, education and volunteers. Option 2 begins with the December conversation with CPW and hopefully grows from there. I do not have any idea how long it will take, years I suspect.

Scott Tampa, Peter King, George Franklin with the assistance of John Egan will continue to work this project and will formulate a written document that puts boundaries on the effort CCTU will provide so the lead Board Member has guidance when speaking to CPW or the FS . These boundaries could include (but not limited to) not wanting to fund rangers down stream of the confluence with the North Fork, Nothing below mile 67.2 (near Scraggy View) where the river is no longer special regulations? Just Cheesman upstream from the Wigwam “iron curtain”, If CCTU volunteers are provided, what will they do and will there area be limited to Cheesman Canyon?

It was agreed that reengaging with the USFS and SPEB would take place after the first of the year

- **Sign Replacement:** the existing Gill Tail/Cheesman Canyon map/sign was recently vandalized. Scott Status of replacement? . Contact to the USFS was initiated regarding artwork.
 - Reply received on 8 October that USFS was already in work on getting new sign reproduced. They requested CCTU’s support in providing suggested updates to the sign (received from Pat Dorsey) new TU/CCTU logo’s, pictures of people fishing in the canyon, pictures of fish caught (and released) in the canyon and some pictures of the canyons itself. This requested information was provided to the USFS and the new sign is being created by their Center of Design and Interpretation. A status meeting between Lisa Heagley (USFS) and the person leading the CDI was to take place on 10 November but was deferred due to conflicting meetings. Status from the USFS will be provided when available.

- Spearfishing initiative: John Egan sent his final summary from the Bull Moose committee. There was mention of CCTU writing a letter to CPW. **Status report – John stated that this item is now dead; no further action is required**
- Colorado River Headwaters Chapter:
 - Presentation by Kirk Klancke was made to the Board in October describing the Headwaters Chapter shortfalls/needs
 - Following the presentation, the Board decided by a vote of 9 to 2, to provide \$5,000.00 to the Chapter earmarked for the following activities **Allen has had further discussions with Kirk clarifying these contributions**
 - \$1,000.00 for Stream Monitoring: **a check should have issued (verified by Todd that it was issued)**
 - \$4,000.00 for their “Learning by doing” project (\$1K Stream biologist and \$3K attorney): **Kirk has clarified with TU National how to best facilitate this as the project is technically funded by TU. Kirk noted that TU National is delighted with the notion that local Chapters are supporting each other.**
 - **A \$4,000 check needs to be sent to:**
 - **Trout Unlimited / Attn: Accounting Dept / P.O. Box 101630 /Arlington, VA 22210-4630**
 - **The check will need to be coded WSWC01 to get into the headwaters of the Colorado River account.**
 - **Todd should send the check to Allen who will forward it to TU with an accompanying letter.**
 - **These funds will be reallocated from the funds earmarked for the TU legal fund- Clean Water Act**
- South Platte Enhancement Board: Call for grant proposals. Nickum said (9/22 email) a grant could help support River Rangers. He suggested CCTU working with CPW District Manager, Brian Banks. Peter reached out to Mikele Painter, who said Brian Banks and Lisa Heagley are working on budget for this. Mikele will help set up a mtg with CCTU. **Report - A meeting (zoom) was held on October 16, 2020. Attending was Mikele Painter, and Brian Banks representing the USFS; David Nickum representing the SPEB and CTU; John Egan representing the Bull Moose Committee/CCTU; Peter King, George Franklin and Scott Tampa representing CCTU.**
 - Summary of discussion:
 - **USFS thought that the River Ranger Patrol program was very successful**
 - **Education outreach (fire restrictions, fishing regulations, directions, parking; pick up litter; minor maintenance**
 - **Two seasonal (8 week duration) River Ranger positions funded by SPEB grant (\$12,500)**
 - **The USFS would like to continue this project in 2021 with two GS-5 Seasonal employees working for 6 months at a projected cost of \$40,000. They currently do not have the funding for these positions but have included the cost in their 2021 budget request. The difference between the \$40,000 requirement and what government funding is provided is what will be required from outside agencies to make this program viable.**
 - **How can CTU/CCTU help?**
 - **Cash/Donations**
 - **Volunteers**
 - **Lobbying**
- Alma Foundation: **George**
- CUSP: requested grant for blocking social trails and planting willows on main stem of S Platte: **\$2000 approved: No new info from CUSP. George to reengage CUSP on status.**

- Bear Creek Earth Day Project: \$1,600 was approved at the planning meeting: ON HOLD PENDING RESCHEDULING OF THE EVENT
- **Forest Service: adopt a stream** Jim R: **Being pulled together now by USFS: pending**
- **River Watch – Jim R** Jim provided the following status and requested the Board for permission to restart the River Watch program following Covid-19 guidelines. **The Board approved the restart**
 - We stopped our monthly CCTU River Watch activities in the spring when the virus shut down the state.
 - I have and a couple of others have continued the River Watch program under CPW, volunteer program, COVID-19 guidelines. We social distance. Where masks when in the building at 6060 Broadway and drive vehicles separately to the lab at 6060 Broadway.
 - Getting CCTU back in the program we would follow the same guidelines (social distancing, wearing masks, driving vehicles separately).
 - The October water sampling event is special as it includes a bug hunt which takes more time at the river (about an hour).
 - There are now 5 or 6 people on the River Watch volunteer list (up from 1 and ½ a couple of years ago).
- Youth Education/Education: **All**
 - Eagle Scout Project per CTU: Scott
 - Scott stated that he is willing to support future Eagle Scout projects if/when they are identified. Expect this will occur after social distancing is no longer an issue.
- **TU National legal defense funds:**
 - CCTU had budgeted \$15,000 to TU National to support lobbying efforts and legal fees. 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: **Was on hold pending outcome of fundraising. Would this be needed with a Presidential Administration change? The value of this line item has been reduced to \$5,000.00 due to reallocation to the Colorado River Headwaters Chapter**
 - **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

- **See Lake Lehow on calendar**
 - **Wednesday 10/21 – 3-5pm**

David stated that he was approached by an individual (Ron Konawaki) who stated that he would be interested in helping out with activities at Lake Lehow, and possibly a Board position.

Financials –Todd Johnston /

- Presentation of Financial reports through **10/31/2020**
 - **Current cash is \$35,309**
 - **Volunteer hours are needed:** There is a new form Patrick sent it out for Board members to complete. **Was this sent out? Yes, all BOD Directors received this notice during the BOD meeting on November**

10,2020. Results need to be provided by the end of March, 2021, so Todd requires input no later than the end of February

- o Todd is having difficulties accessing US Bank. Allen sent him the contact info of our banker there. ? resolved – Todd stated he was still using Patrick’s login information. Will work on resolving issue in the near future.

Fund Raising/Giving:

Radowear: We have a new corporate sponsor: Radowear.com They make fishing clothes, etc. with Colorado logo. John A to interface

- **Annual Fundraiser 2020: Peter**

- o Thank you letters: these letters need to be sent to our current donors
 - o Regular monthly: Allen. This will be done at the end of the year and will also serve as notification of their charitable donation.
- Considerations for 2021
 - o Need to identify a committee Chair – Allen stated that he will take on this position. This acceptance is conditional on negotiations on the terms of the job description.
 - o Need to work on on-line sales

Partnerships with Industry: Peter King

- Ongoing discussions with Boeing re: funding for CTU youth education programs. Plan to submit grant request, March 2021
- Excel Energy: Peter reached out. Funds are no longer available.

MEMBERSHIP – RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT: Ray

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

Newsletter/Website/Communications:

- **Website –**
- **Constant Contact:** This is currently up and running. Brian stated that we will need to renew this contract for next year. **Constant Contact contract will run \$580/year: BOD Approved**
- **Meet Up:** Todd is posting our meetings on this social media

Other Business:

- Brian announced that Orvis Give Back Days had raised \$1,700 for CCTU. Allen went to Orvis for the check presentation ceremony. Has the check been received? Not yet, Brian stated that “the check is in the mail”
- Geoff Elliot CTU Youth Education coordinator will join the December Board meeting

Meeting was adjourned at _8:16pm_