

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CCTU)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, April 6, 7pm, via Zoom

Present: Scott Tampa (President); Brian Young (Vice President); Aaron Gardner (Treasurer); John Aaron; John Egan; George Franklin; Bob Getz; Ray Nagashima; Buzz Soard; Ron Taniwaki; Barry Wiebe; Richard Pilatzke and Jim Rasmussen(Emeritus)

Absent: David Coward (Excused); Allen Adinoff (Excused);

Scott Tampa called the meeting to order at 8:05pm. A quorum of 13 was established.

Approval of the Minutes from the March BOD Meeting was made

Calendar Review

- April 17 – Virtual Spring CTU Board Meeting
- April 20 Chapter Mtg – Mikele Painter, Forestry Service, *River Ranger Program*; Joe Shafer, Blue Quill Angler, *South Park Stillwater Basics*
- May 4 BOD Mtg
- May 18 Chapter Mtg – Tawni Riepe, CCTU CSU Scholarship Recipient, *Bacterial Kidney Disease in Colorado Trout*; Tyler Swarr, CPW, *Upper South Platte Greenback Restoration Project Updates*
- June 1 BOD Mtg
- June 15 Chapter Mtg – Patrick Blackdale, Willowfly Anglers, Alma, CO; Fly Fishing the Gunnison/Taylor Area
- July 6 BOD Mtg
- July 20 Chapter Mtg – Land Of Enchantment Guides; Fly Fishing Northern New Mexico

President's Report

- BOD Roles and Responsibilities were updated and provided in the March BOD meeting minutes. Changes/Updates? **Todd Johnson has decided that he needs to step down as Treasurer. His duties will be transferred to Aaron Gardner (Co-Treasurer to Treasurer)**
- Financial Quarterly Reporting – Stephanie Young is preparing report. Consulting costs **will be billed at \$25/hour. This effort will be added to the 2021/2022 budget. Brian Young is documenting all of the required steps/documents that need to be performed in order to file with the State of Colorado and the Colorado Trout Unlimited.** Quarterly report should be reviewed with Aaron Gardner (**Treasurer**) to assure understanding of reporting requirements and performing this task in the future.
- Finalize volunteer hours **NO LATER THAN April 15** and send to Brian Young. These hours are for 2020/2021 efforts
- Leo Gomolchak Conservation Grant – CTU invited Chapters to apply for a grant designated for projects that would benefit conservation efforts and organizational development at the chapter level (\$1500.00 max). CCTU submitted a grant application for \$750 for the South Platte River Cleanup project.
- **To lessen the number of requests for zoom meeting login information, the following timeline will be implemented for all future BOD meetings:**
 - **BOD meeting agenda will be sent out one week ahead of the meeting date. This will allow Board members to review agenda and be prepared to answer action items assigned**
 - **The day before the meeting, an updated agenda will be provided to George Franklin who will add the zoom meeting login information and the information will be provided to the BOD via email.**
 - **George will also provide the zoom login information to Brian Young who will post it to the CCTU website. This information will be posted at least one day prior to the meeting.**

Membership Meetings

- Zoom Meetings – How to eliminate repeat of last month's incident? **George reported that he has found a simple solution to this issue and it should not be a problem for future meetings.**

- Need to finalize presenters for June and July. August will be Annual Picnic **Presenters for June and July established (see calendar above)**
- Zoom vs in-person meetings – Established we will continue this through June, potentially longer – will reevaluate in May

Conservation Programs

- Earth Day Bear Creek Lake Park Project – George **The City of Lakewood reports that they will be performing a “modified” Earth Day project this year, to be held on Saturday, April 24 from 8:00am-Noon. CCTU volunteers will be assigned to work on planting in the Bear Creek Greenbelt. No breakfast this year, but there will be a “grab and go” lunch provided. Special Covid safety protocols will be implemented to assure everyone’s safety. Particulars will be worked out with the City of Lakewood. CCTU may bring up to 20 volunteers. Once the particulars are worked out with the City of Lakewood, George will provide Brian the details and the request for volunteers will go out to the Chapter via Social Media and the Chapter Newsletter.**
- Cheesman Canyon Overuse
 - CPW/CTU/CCTU re AHRA Model for Cheesman Canyon – Peter
 - Cheesman Canyon/South Platte Corridor Clean-up Project – Trouts Fly Shop performs this task on Black Friday (end of November). CCTU believes that a stand-alone project earlier in the year (June/July?) would provide additional benefit. **Date of July 10 was selected as it was the first weekend following the Fourth of July Holiday**
 - Pursue even if Grant not awarded? **Yes**
 - Does this adversely affect Clear Creek Cleanup timing/volunteer efforts? – Jim Klug **Clear Creek Cleanup is scheduled for September 18, therefore the Board thought there was enough separation to not cause a problem**
 - Douglas County Support? – John Egan **Working with both Jefferson and Douglas Counties as well as CUSP. Now that date has been selected, he can finalize the coordination. John will also work with CUSP to see if we can reserve the large parking lot at Deckers for our volunteers to park/gather and see if the Community Room can be used for this event**
 - **As this event will take place on a Saturday, it is strongly suggested to carpool to the area provided Covid social distancing/mask wearing/vaccinations are being implemented.**
- Mineral Park Project – Status? – Richard/George
 - CCTU requested to write article for High Country Angler (Summer Edition) on CCTU’s efforts on the Hidden Treasure and Boomer mine cleanup efforts – Status - Richard P. **Scott will contact D. Nickum to find out when CCTU funding is required. Richard will provide the Hidden Treasure article that was written for the Chapter Newsletter to see if that is sufficient for the High Country Angler article**
- Clear Creek Cleanup – Jim Klug - Confirmed that event will take place on Saturday, September 18, 2021 with support from West Denver Chapter and Cherry Creek Anglers. Pavilion at Courtney-Ryley-Cooper Park has been reserved for the event
- Other? – George

Financials – Brian provided a summary update of the Chapter financials. Once Stephanie has completed her effort, the final report will be sent out

Expense Budget from February Planning Meeting – Approved list

- Earth Day/Bear Creek \$2000 approved
- Clear Creek Clean-up \$800 approved
- River Watch \$300 approved
- CUSP \$2500 (two signs) approved
\$2500 (Upper Gill Trail) approved
- Mineral Park Project \$1100 (funds provided to CTU (\$3900) to match Anglers All \$5000 grant) approved
- Youth Programs
 - Past years budget provided \$2000 for CTU Headwaters Youth Program (Stream of Engagement) – (encompassing River Watch; STREAM Explorers; Scout Programs; STREAM Girls; National Fishing in Schools Program; Youth Fishing Clinics; Trout in the Classroom; TU Teens (in development); River Conservation & Fly-Fishing Camps; 5 Rivers College Clubs) Ray N will work with Geoff Elliot to determine which programs are viable. Contribution on hold until further information is provided. **Ray stated that CTU is moving forward with their Youth Programs this year and would very much appreciate receiving**

our donation. The Board discussed and voted to release the funds. Ray will coordinate this with CTU (Geoff Elliot)

- \$1800 for Sharon Lance Youth Programs (according to Nickum Partnership Project Investments – 2021 email, this is in support of the annual Colorado TU youth camp) – The nature and source of this fund was clarified as follows:
 - This is a restricted CCTU Fund named in honor of Sharon Lance designated for youth fishing camp scholarships
 - The fund has, in recent years, been generously funded by Orvis
 - Use of the fund will depend on whether fishing camp is held this year

A check of the CTU Youth Programs website states that the “2021 River Conservation and Fly-Fishing Camp **WILL NOT** be accepting new camper applications. Applications for 2022 will be available in January 2022”.

- CSU Scholarship \$4200 approved
- Camp Shady Brook – Chris Maddy (Associate Executive Director) of the YMCA residential camp and retreat located in Deckers, Colorado implements programs for children of fallen service members, children with life threatening diagnosis, and those who visiting the mountains would be only a dream without the help of others. This year with the support of Angler’s Covey (David Leinweber (owner) and Jon Easdon (head guide)) they have a goal of introducing 200+ youth to fly fishing. They are seeking the financial support of CCTU to purchase flies (10/child) in addition to the appropriate leaders and terminal tackle at the discounted price of \$4000.00. Angler’s Covey is providing rods and reels plus instruction. If acceptable, they would be willing to present to the CCTU BOD. The BOD discussed this request, and all agreed that it sounded as a worthy endeavor but questioned the amount of funds needed. Scott Tampa agreed to contact Angler’s Covey to discuss what they thought the right level would need to be. Aaron Gardner wanted to know if any CCTU personnel would be needed to help with this effort during the year. Scott agreed to reach out to Chris Maddy to see if they had any personnel needs.
- Update post BOD meeting – Scott spoke with David Leinweber (Angler’s Covey) and Chris Maddy (Camp Shady Brook) and received the following update: Angler’s Covey will be providing Orvis Clearwater Rod/Reel outfits (\$376) at a discounted (60% off) rate and will be providing instruction when needed. CCTU is being asked to donate funds that would cover the portion of cost not covered in the Angler’s Covey discount (\$150/outfit plus tax = \$162/outfit). Fifteen (15) outfits would equate to a \$2500.00 donation. This request will be brought before the BOD in May.
- Chris Maddy stated that he would gladly accept any CCTU volunteers to help with instruction. Chris also reached out to CTU Geoff Elliott who provided him the instruction material that CTU developed for Youth Education.

- CTU Virtual Gala \$1500 (\$750 for Table, \$750 Orvis prizes valued at approx. \$1500) approved
- Project Healing Waters \$100 approved
- Come Fish with Us \$200 approved
- August Picnic \$?
- Holiday Party \$?
- Others \$?

Fundraising

- Determine which donations will be used at Holiday Party. Determine if additional will be required
- Fundraising committee to notify donors of decision not to conduct event this year – Thank you notifications

Membership (Retention & Recruitment) – Ray update

- Virtual Fly-Tying sessions prior to Membership meetings or at other designated times?

Communications

- CCTU Instagram account status – Brian/Aaron
- CCTU Facebook ideas – Ron T
- Topics desired for April newsletter

Other Chapter Business

- Operating volunteer events in the present Covid environment – ideas As a bare minimum, the events must follow the guidelines of the County that the event is occurring at. As a Chapter, we suggested that masks should be worn any time that a 6 foot social distance could not be maintained. When outdoors, if a distance greater than 6 feet can be maintained, then the participants may remove their face coverings as long as it is not in violation of the County guidelines. A new Covid waiver form (attached) has been created by TU Inc. Each gathering needs to have this form signed by the participants of the event.
- Local Fishing Trips update – David (on vacation in Florida from 2 March for 6 weeks – Returning for April 23rd Lake Lehow event). Ron Taniwaki asked if there were funds in the budget to host BBQ events at Lake Lehow. The Board asked Ron to work with David to see how many BBQ's they would propose to do and to make sure that it did not distract from the main object of the outings (teaching people how to fly fish). They are to bring their proposal back to the Board for approval.
 - See February 6th email for requested Lake Lehow dates plus other outing locations
- Holiday Party – Date? Is venue selected and locked in? Status? – John Aaron John stated that he has not done anything with this yet and that he will contact Allen in order for them to arrange a time to discuss
- August Picnic – Is venue locked in? Status? – ~~John Aaron~~ Peter King stated that he has agreed to work the permitting for Reynold's Landing site. We are still looking for someone to take on the overall leadership of this project including the activity normally scheduled during the event and the food/beverage that will be available
- BOD Retreat
 - Ouray Ranch booked for August 20-22 Brian Young secured this reservation with funds out of his own pocket. These funds (\$600) have been reimbursed from the CCTU account
 - Did East Troublesome fire impact any of the usual fishing beats? Brian/Jim K
 - Send Scott Tampa names/qty of individuals attending and if staying at lodge (8 rooms available/12 beds) or elsewhere
 - Deposits (\$100) will be required for those staying at lodge. Individuals reserving their spots (with deposit paid) get priorities on fishing beats, so do not delay. (Four deposits have been made).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

CCTU ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

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	Brian Young
Treasurer Bookkeeping – Checks, Monthly Bank Recs, etc. Quarterly Filings, Raffle Filings	Aaron Gardner
Secretary	Allen Adinoff
Zoom Meeting Manager – BOD Meetings, Chapter Meetings	George Franklin
Meeting Planning – Speakers	Brian Young (Lead) George Franklin John Aaron Scott Tampa Bob Getz Richard Pilatzke
Fundraising – Raffle Program (cancelled for 2021)	Allen Adinoff (Lead) Richard Pilatzke George Franklin Peter King Ken Ray Ray Nagashima Mike Myers – online sales Ron Taniwaki – social media sales
Conservation Projects	George Franklin (Lead) Scott Tampa Peter King John Egan – South Platte Clean Up Klug/Carney - Clear Creek
Membership	Ray Nagashima
Website – Ongoing Management	Brian Young (Lead) Mike Myers
Newsletter	Brian Young
Social Media – Facebook Page, Youtube, Instagram	Brian Young (Lead) Ron Taniwaki Aaron Gardner
Monthly Meeting Raffle (when start again)	Jerry Shin (Lead) Alex Spicher
Riverwatch – including Bug Sampling	Jim Rasmussen
Come Fish With Us Events	David Coward (Lead) Bruce Foss Ron Taniwaki

Summer Picnic Planning – Reserve location, permit, food, entertainment	Open (Lead) Peter King Barry Wiebe Bob Getz
Holiday Party Planning –Find location, Liquor, etc.	John Aaron (Lead) OPEN
BOD Retreat Planning & Food	Scott Tampa (Lead) Ray Nagashima Jim Klug
Project Healing Waters Crystal Lake Trip	Richard Pilatzke
Ladies Fishing on the Fly	Cyndy Scholz Steve Scholz
Youth Program Coordinator Develop Youth programs Youth Camp Scholarships – identify 3 kids for scholarships annually	Ray Nagashima
Coordination of Steve Bailey Memorial Scholarship at CSU	George Franklin (Lead) John Aaron
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

John Aaron
Allen Adinoff
David Coward
John Egan
George Franklin
Aaron Gardner
Bob Getz
Ray Nagashima
Buzz Soard
Scott Tampa
Ron Taniwaki
Barry Wiebe
Brian Young

Emeritus Board Members

Richard Pilatzke
Cam Chandler
Ken James
Sharon Lance
Matt Moskal
Mike Myers
Jim Rasmussen
Jim Klug
Peter King

Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is reported to be extremely contagious. The state of medical knowledge is evolving, but the virus is believed to spread from person-to-person contact and/or by contact with contaminated surfaces and objects, and even possibly in the air. People reportedly can be infected and show no symptoms and therefore spread the disease. The exact methods of spread and contraction are unknown, and there is no known treatment, cure, or vaccine for COVID-19. Evidence has shown that COVID-19 can cause serious and potentially life threatening illness and even death.

Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited, or its officer and directors, cannot prevent you from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited events or activities.

It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited events or activities you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I have read and understood the above warning concerning COVID-19. I hereby choose to accept the risk of contracting COVID-19 for myself in order to participate in Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited events or activities. These activities are of such value to me that I accept the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and/or spreading COVID-19 in order to participate in person.

WAIVER OF LAWSUIT/LIABILITY

I hereby forever release and waive my right to bring suit against Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Inc., and their owners, officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to participating in Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited events or activities. I understand that this waiver means I give up my right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claim I may have to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

I acknowledge and agree that I have had the opportunity to have an attorney of my choosing review this waiver.

CHOICE OF LAW

I understand and agree that the law of the State of Colorado will apply to this contract.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RELEASE, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

DATED: _____

SIGNED: _____

PRINTED: _____