

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CTU)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, June 1, 7pm, via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 861 3510 5483 Passcode: trout

Board of Directors present : Scott Tampa (President); Brian Young (Vice President); Allen Adinoff (Secretary); David Coward; John Egan; George Franklin; Bob Getz; Ray Nagashima;; Barry Wiebe; Peter King (emeritus) Richard Pilatzke (emeritus); and Jim Rasmussen (emeritus)

Board of Directors absent: Buzz Soard (excused), Aaron Gardner (Treasurer); Ron Taniwaki; John Aaron

Emeritus Directors (not present): Cam Chandler; Ken James; Jim Klug; Sharon Lance; Matt Moskal; Mike Myers

Guests: the new CTU VP for the metro area, Erin Crider, was scheduled but was unable to attend tonight.

A necessary Quorum was established.

Agenda:

Approval of the Minutes from the May BOD Meeting

Calendar Review

- 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 10 South Platte River Corridor Cleanup
- July 20 Chapter Mtg – Land Of Enchantment Guides; Fly Fishing Northern New Mexico. During the August BOD meeting, we will assess the possibility of live meetings (possibly combined with Zoom).
- August 3 BOD Mtg
- August 17 Annual Picnic Reynolds Landing
- August 20-22 BOD Retreat Ouray Ranch
- It was decided to begin Board meetings at the Shack on a quarterly basis starting in October. Otherwise, we will continue with the Zoom meetings. Allen will contact the management and arrange.

President's Report

- 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. Status - Brian
- CCTU Bank accounts are being moved to a new institution, Chase Bank (convenience in location for President and Treasurer). Need to assure all other donation accounts (CCTU PayPal, Amazon Smile, King Soopers, Square Cards) point to these new account numbers. Will not close out old accounts until this has been completed and verified. King Soopers account has been reassigned to Scott; Brian will work on all others. Each Square Card holder (Allen, George & Ray) will modify their own accounts. Scott provided routing and account details to each. Allen has made numerous attempts to contact King Soopers (email/phone) but has yet to receive a response.
- 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. CCTU was awarded a Gomolchak Grant in the amount of \$250 for the South Platte River Cleanup. Check received!

- Conservation Leadership Announcement – George will be stepping down from the CCTU at the end of December 2021. Many tasks need to be assumed, and George will mentor. Allen offered to coordinate the Steve Bailey memorial fund with CSU. Many thanks to George for his 6 years of outstanding leadership and contributions!

Membership Meetings

- Zoom vs in-person meetings – Established we will continue this through July, potentially longer – will reevaluate at August BOD **See above**

Conservation Programs

- Cheesman Canyon Overuse
 - CPW/CTU/CCTU re AHRA Model for Cheesman Canyon – Peter – **CPW has no hold over Cheesman. This project with “die a quiet death”.**
 - Cheesman Canyon/South Platte Corridor Clean-up Project – John Egan – **We have the go ahead for this project. Collection bags have been set up. John will arrange a “grab and go” lunch, and will explore the Deckers restaurant. Still many other important details to work out (e.g. access land to pick up trash). Once details are known, John will forward to Brian for publications in the Newsletter and monthly meeting announcements.** 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
 - 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
 1. CCTU requested to write article for High Country Angler (Summer Edition) on CCTU’s efforts on the Hidden Treasure and Boomer mine cleanup efforts
 2. **Richard noted questions he has about the access to heavy equipment at altitude needed to complete the work. Completion is scheduled for July.**
- 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. **The project has hit a roadblock due to City waiver. Language in the waiver was not acceptable by TU attorneys. CCTU advised city of Idaho Springs that we would not be able to sign the waiver and therefore the event will not be performed unless the waiver language is changed. Jim Klug was not in attendance. Nonetheless, if a suitable waiver cannot be negotiated, we will not participate in the project.**
- Topics regarding Cheesman
 1. The two signs will require payment by late June
 2. Upper Gill Trail: funding payment is due late July. There may be volunteer opportunities from Chapter members
 3. Lower Gill Trail: CUSP will also be doing work on the Upper Gill Trail near the river later this year. This may also be another volunteer opportunity for our Chapter **Mike Painter (USFS) is discussing redesigning the entire trail; trying to figure out an overall plan. CUSP won’t help until USFS steps in. George to push ahead.**
- **CUSP is writing up their SPEB Grant proposal now. George has written letters of support.**
 4. CTU request for SPEB Grant: Scott reported that the USFS sees a great need for restoration work along the Gill Trail but that they are not sure if that will entail fixing the existing trail or possibly moving the trail closer to the river. They are meeting in May to discuss; waiting to hear back from them. This message was provided to D. Nickum who acknowledged that requesting SPEB funding at this time would not be prudent. **Scott will contact Mikele Painter (USFS) to see if they have an update on the Gill Trail.**

5. CCTU received “final” artwork for new Gill Trail (Cheesman Canyon) sign from USFS. This was also reviewed with Pat Dorsey. Comments provided back for incorporation into sign. No date provided as to when sign will be installed, but we expect to have a final project “soon”.

Financials – Brian provided a summary update of the Chapter financials: our **current balance is \$40,130**. Once Stephanie has completed her effort, the final report will be sent out New **Scott is to provide Brian the Chase account login credentials so Stephanie can complete the Treasurers Report. Current balance is \$38,225.**

Expense Budget from February Planning Meeting – Approved list

- Clear Creek Clean-up \$800 approved **on hold (see above)**
- CUSP \$2500 (two signs) approved
\$2500 (Upper Gill Trail) approved
- Project Healing Waters \$100 approved **Richard has seen that trips have been scheduled, but he’s not sure they will come to fruition.**
- Come Fish with Us \$200 approved **how does BBQ change this budget?**
- August Picnic \$700 approved **see below**
- Holiday Party \$? **see below**
- 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. Allen will continue to organize the donation of prizes with the committee, pending a sight for the Holiday Party is established.

Membership (Retention & Recruitment) – Ray update

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

Communications

- CCTU Instagram account status –Aaron – Instagram page is up and running. Send Aaron pictures that you would like posted
- CCTU Facebook ideas – Ron T **Status of changes**
- Topics desired for **June** newsletter

Youth Programs

- The City of Highlands Ranch is holding a (non-flyfishing) Intro to fishing class (June 2) and a Fishing Derby (June 5). They are looking for volunteers to help out with the event(s). For information, see <https://www.highlandsranch.org/recreation/nature-edventures>
Please contact Amber Garrett if interested (AGarrett@highlandsranch.org ; Direct #: 720-240-5934
Office#: 303-791-2710) **Ray is teaching the course.**

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. **Changes based on latest event?**
- Local Fishing Trips update – David – **Status**
 - **Lake Lehow**

- 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.
 - **May 21 5pm. Ron will organize the BBQ. Status?**
- See February 6th email for requested Lake Lehow dates plus other outing locations – **Updates?**
- **San Juan Fishing Trip (October) – Jerry Shin**
 - Jerry has a couple of places reserved and is potentially willing to do it but wanted BOD feedback on whether we wanted to keep it or cancel it. Would be a smaller group than normal. The BOD discussed and agreed that Jerry can move forward with this event with a maximum of 12 participants
- August Picnic – **Venue permitting in process – August 17** – Peter King stated that he has agreed to work the permitting for Reynold's Landing site. Barry Wiebe graciously offered to organize the event. Barry has lined up the food truck. Peter Stitcher is also lined up. Peter will be pursuing permits, including use of alcohol. Peter will be given a table to display his wares for sale at the event
- 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. There are slots for 6 fishers on Friday at Ouray (3 in am; 3 in pm)**
 - Send Scott Tampa names/qty of individuals attending and if staying at lodge (8 rooms available/12 beds) or elsewhere **Seven deposits have now been received – leaves one opening based upon single occupancy**
 - 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.
- Holiday Party – Date: **hoping for the 3rd Tuesday in December. Status? Because we have not seen progress in this area, a new person to lead this effort was recommended. No one stepped forward regarding the River Front venue. Buzz indicated he will look into the Castle Rock venue from 2019, but we have not heard from him. Ray agreed to explore the Club House at River Walk and will send updates to the Board. Soon after the BOD meeting, Ray contacted the Club House. They have a max of 30 guests unless we book a large room, accommodating up to 120 guests. Cost would be \$1,200 with a \$500 deposit required.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm

CCTU ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

| Role | Responsibility |
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| 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 Attend Fall CTU Rendezvous (?) | 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) |

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| | 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 | Peter King Barry Wiebe (Lead) Bob Getz |
| Holiday Party Planning –Find location, Liquor, etc. | Open (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

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

Chris Wood's note on the Priority Waters element of NTU's upcoming strategic plan

From: Chris Wood
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:03 AM
To: !All Trout Unlimited Employees <AllTroutUnlimitedEmployees@tu.org>
Subject: priority waters
Hi everyone,

As promised, here is part two of my strategic plan trilogy. Settle down with a cup of tea, coffee, or a stronger libation, as you wish!

A key goal of our plan is to keep intact or fix a national network of shared priority waters for native and wild trout and salmon. Over the past few months, we piloted the development of a shared list of priority waters in Oregon and New Hampshire.

It is important that we get the "how we do this" piece right. We need clear communication of our process and values with staff, volunteers, partners, funders, and the public as our approach evolves. So, please allow me to geek out a bit here...

What follows is based on what we learned from the OR and NH models, and our organizational commitment to scaffold our work with a strong science frame while also engaging diverse communities

of place and interest.

Diversity begets resiliency, so the “[portfolio concept](#)” will undergird our efforts to identify priority waters and landscapes. The portfolio concept emphasizes:

- The importance of genetic diversity, life history diversity, and ecological diversity across a species’ range;
- Strongholds of large, intact habitats with healthy populations; and
- The presence of numerous populations with the habitat characteristics that will allow them to persist through climate change.

Here are the steps we will follow to develop our shared agenda of priority waters.

1. TU science team and other staff will aggregate existing portfolio analyses and/or other relevant conservation assessments or data on the distribution and status of native trout and salmon, along with state and federal priorities, to provide a strong geo-spatial native trout and salmon science foundation.
2. We will overlay the science frame with wild trout data from the relevant state agencies (e.g., gold medal fisheries, blue ribbon fisheries, Class A fisheries, etc.).
3. We will overlay information on climate resiliency, land protection, and other relevant influences to further characterize needs and opportunities for wild and native trout conservation.
4. We will work with TU state councils (and/or chapters) and other partners to use local knowledge to further inform our wild and native analyses.

These first four data sets will help us to characterize ecological significance. The next layers will help us refine where we work.

5. We will use the information above in continual interaction with state and federal agencies, tribes, and other partners. This should help to shape a largely common road map for the future. Iterated conversations with state and federal agencies and tribal and other partners will further inform our (and hopefully, by extension, their) priority waters.
6. We will then look to “opportunity.” Namely, is there a timely opportunity and need for TU to affect change in the watershed through protection, reconnection, restoration, reintroduction, or fisheries management?
7. We will apply a value screen by asking the question “will our work add significant value by increasing the pace and scale of results, or by improving the quality of the outcomes?”
8. We will determine whether our work will resonate with the interests of the communities, partners (e.g., federal and state agencies, and tribes) and individuals that we seek to engage, partner, and collaborate. Within priority watersheds, special emphasis will be given to seeking out, engaging with, and learning from, underserved, vulnerable, and communities of color.

My hope is this is the sort of transparent guidance will build internal and external support for our shared agenda of priority waters by connecting our on-the-ground work, partnerships, credibility, and vision for a better future.

This approach should help to bind together the efforts of our volunteers and staff. We will use priority waters to build engagement opportunities.

Of course, after zeroing in on our priority waters, we will need to do more detailed planning to prioritize basins, sub-watersheds, and streams; select specific conservation actions; and set measurable objectives. Our hope is to identify priority waters by the end of January 2022, and complete more detailed planning work before FY 23.

We will likely ask a conservation program staff member to work with a staff scientist or liaison as coleads for each state. Keith, Helen, Rob, and I will provide guidance and oversight.

Our priority waters approach will direct our work, but we will remain opportunistic and adaptive. For example, we will remain open to opportunities where we can engage new communities of place and interest in our work.

We will also occasionally evaluate priority waters to update needs and opportunities. More than ever, we need to engage a broader community—younger and more diverse—in the work of caring about, and caring for, their rivers and streams. And that happens everywhere, from city classrooms where we teach the next generation about trout, to suburbs where we train volunteers to do community science on their local waters, to rural communities with a beloved tailrace.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and if this approach resonates with you. And, as ever, thanks.

Rock on.

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