

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CTU)

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

Join Zoom meeting: <https://ccaurora-edu.zoom.us/j/87318430303?pwd=VWFZVEMxRjlKTkISUEhPeVhjbVIDUT09>
Meeting ID: 873 1843 0303 Passcode: trout

Board of Directors present: Scott Tampa (President); Brian Young (Vice President); Aaron Gardner (Treasurer); Allen Adinoff (Secretary); John Aaron; John Egan; George Franklin; Bob Getz; Ray Nagashima; Barry Wiebe

Absent: Buzz Soard; Ron Taniwaki;

Emeritus Directors: Cam Chandler; Ken James; Peter King; Jim Klug; Sharon Lance; Matt Moskal; Mike Myers; Richard Pilatzke; and Jim Rasmussen

Agenda: Approval of the Minutes from the August BOD Meeting

Calendar Review

- September 7 BOD Meeting (Zoom)
- **September 8 Electrofishing Bear Creek**
- September 21 Chapter Meeting – ~~Cresthill Middle School + Zoom~~ (this meeting will be cancelled)
- October 5 BOD Meeting – The Shack (Littleton) – Confirmed by Allen (**To be determined whether the meeting will occur there**)
- October 19 Chapter Meeting – Cresthill Middle School + Zoom (**not sure of the venue yet; planning to have Steve Bailey recipient give her presentation**)
- **November 2 BOD Meeting**
- **November 16 Chapter Meeting: speakers pending**
- **December 7 BOD Meeting**
- **December 21 Holiday Party/Auction – Breckenridge Brewery (limited to 50 guests)**

President's Report

- **Zoom Leader** – With the departure of George Franklin from the BOD at the end of the year, CCTU needs someone to lead the Zoom meeting administrative tasks (Account establishment, Zoom meeting number generation, and perform Zoom Admin tasks during the meetings (BOD + Member) and record the Chapter meetings: **no one from the Board offered to take on this project.**
- **In-Person Meetings** – Due to most recent Delta variant Covid case increase, an out-of-Board vote was taken to see if the September Chapter Membership in-person meeting should be held. Thirteen votes were received, all in favor of cancelling the in-person meeting. Brian is working with one of the presenters (Ron Belak) to see if his presentation should be moved to a time when we are able to gather as a group. If this is the case, then we will most likely cancel the meeting and reschedule the other presenter (Audrey Harris – Steve Bailey Award recipient) to another date
- **Trout Unlimited (National) – “New Direction”:** **these issues will come to the Chapter levels soon.**
 - **Our Mission** – “To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon.”
 - **Our Vision** – “For Communities across America to engage in the work of repairing and renewing the rivers, streams and other waters on which we all depend.”
 - **Our Values**
 - **Resourceful:** We find pragmatic, lasting solutions to problems
 - **Science based:** We are innovative and base our efforts on sound science to drive strategic conservation action.
 - **Collaborative:** We work across differences.
 - **Inclusive:** We listen to, value, and respect all people and communities, and welcome diverse voices and perspectives.
 - **United:** We mobilize behind goals and shared vision.
 - **Hopeful:** We are optimists and believe in a better future.

- **BullMoose Committee Briefing – John Egan**
 - There are no action items directly related to CCTU
 - CTU has a goal of increasing Gold Medal waters by 30%
 - The Blue River Watershed group is asking for donations to bring back its Gold Medal status. We will solicit donations from CCTU members, but the Chapter will not make a donation.
 - CTU is asking for comments regarding the trail systems at Cheesman Canyon and areas around US285. Please review and send comments to John E.

Membership Meetings

- In-Person meetings will NOT start in September. This option was cancelled by vote of the CCTU BOD. We will assess when in-person meetings can restart based upon the State's Covid infection rate data.

Conservation Programs

- John Egan has graciously offered to step up as Chair of the CCTU Conservation program. Many thanks to John!
- Mineral Park Project – Richard/George
 - August 14 - Great turnout for the volunteer event. The group managed to plant 550 tufted hairgrass plants, 140 water sedge plants and 240 bristlecone pine seedlings
- Clear Creek Cleanup – Jim Klug – **Cancelled for this year mainly due to waiver restrictions.**
- South Platte River Corridor/Cheesman Canyon
 - CUSP Signage - 50% of the total budget (i.e. \$1,250) is due this year and has been paid. 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 August 2022. Still figuring out the art work this year. The remainder of the funds will be put into the 2022 budget
 - Upper Gill Trail: funding payment of \$2,500 is on hold until the contractor hired by CUSP begins work. Date for work is pending. Funds have been allocated by SPEB and Denver Water. Chris Fuller is reluctant to take funding from CCTU until the current contractor begins work. Project is currently on hold. There may be volunteer opportunities from Chapter members. **There will be an update by the next Board meeting, although we're not looking at 2021.**
- Bear Creek Electrofishing: Sept 8 – George Franklin - Call for volunteers was sent out on August 26 (advance) and from CCTU on August 30
- Alma River Walk: George. Progress continues with the completion of an ADA accessible boardwalk and fishing/observation platform. Artwork was submitted to CCTU for review. **Please provide any comments you have on this artwork to George as soon as possible.**

Financials – Brian provided a summary update of the Chapter financials: our **current balance is \$37,402.28.**

- **Aaron will be meeting with Stephanie to arrange a full transfer of banking authority and records.**
- Expenditures of \$272.25 (Mineral Park food); \$125.00 (Breck. Brewery deposit)
- Income of \$53.11 (Amazon Smile); \$250.59 (PayPal deposit)

Expense Budget from February Planning Meeting – Approved list

- Clear Creek Clean-up \$800 approved (move monies to next year's budget)
- CUSP \$2500 (two signs) approved (only requires \$1250 this year)
\$2500 (Upper Gill Trail) approved
- Project Healing Waters \$100 approved **There is no need for funding for FY 2021**
- Come Fish with Us \$200 approved
- August Picnic \$700 approved (actuals = \$350)
- Holiday Party \$1000
- Others

Fundraising (Allen)

- 2021 – See Holiday Party (below)

- 2022 – Need to kickoff prize list generation

Membership (Retention & Recruitment) – Ray no updates

Communications

- “TU Magazine to only show pictures of trout in the water – no more hero shots and grip-and-grins”
 - Should CCTU follow suit? A section on Catch & Release Fish Handling has been added to the Education section of the CCTU Website
- Chapter Webpage –
 - Need updates to BOD members, Newsletters and BOD minutes - If your phone number is not listed on the web site, please forward that to Brian.
- Topics desired for October newsletter

Youth Programs - Ray

Other Chapter Business

- Local Fishing Trips update – Status David Coward will continue to organize these through the end of the 2021 season
 - Lake Lehow : August 20 5-8pm
- San Juan Fishing Trip (October) – Jerry Shin
 - Jerry stated that the trip is “sold out” but is taking names to go on the reserve list Trip is limited to 10 participants
- August Picnic – Venue permitting in process for August 17, 2021 Barry reported that he received very good feedback on the event. There will be some cost to the Chapter for the food truck.
 - Great turnout at the Chapter picnic
 - Peter Sticher (Ascent Fly Fishing) provided a tutorial on “Streamside Entomology & Matching the Hatch”
- BOD Retreat
 - Ouray Ranch booked for August 20-22.
 - Great time was had by all those attending – A big “Thank You” to Brian Young for all his efforts
 - Send monies owed to Scott Tampa who will deposit funds into CCTU account
- Holiday Party – Date: 21 December. Allen/John
 - Breckenridge Brewery
 - Limited to 50 guests (room size)
 - Admission: \$20/person
 - Ticket Sales There was discussion on the best way to advance sale tickets (e.g. sending checks, Venmo transfers, etc.) Barry has had experience with this in prior non-profit groups and will forward information. John E will coordinate this effort
 - An Auction will take place at the 2021 Holiday Party
 - We will silent auction approximately 12 items, already committed
 - We will live auction a Pat Dorsey fishing trip, previously committed (although it was noted that Pat Dorsey recently injured his knee and will require surgery)
 - George will forward the previously obtained certificate (complete)
 - Scott will confirm the certificate and terms (in work with Blue Quill Angler) NOT SURE WHAT THIS IS REFERRING TO; I HAVE THE CERTIFICATE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm