

**CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CTU)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, October 5, 7pm, via Zoom**

**Board of Directors Present:** Scott Tampa (President); Brian Young (Vice President); John Aaron; John Egan; George Franklin; Ray Nagashima; Buzz Soard; Barry Wiebe; Richard Pilatzke (Emeritus)

**Absent Directors:** Aaron Gardner (Treasurer) (Excused); Allen Adinoff (Secretary) (Excused); Bob Getz; Ron Taniwaki

The meeting started at 7:05 pm with a quorum of 9 board members

The Minutes from the September BOD Meeting were unanimously approved

#### **Calendar Review**

- October 6 State of Colorado Trout Unlimited Livestream (in lieu of Rendezvous) – signup on CTU website
- October 19 Chapter Meeting – Zoom
- November 2 BOD Meeting - Zoom
- November 16 Chapter Meeting: **speakers pending** - Zoom
- December 7 BOD Meeting - Zoom
- December 21 Holiday Party/Auction – Breckenridge Brewery (limited to 50 guests)

#### **President's Report**

- Zoom Leader – Barry Wiebe volunteered to take on this role. He will secure the Zoom account for the Cutthroat Chapter (Chapter will reimburse his costs) and will coordinate with George Franklin on the specific duties required for each type of meeting the Chapter performs
- In-Person Meetings – Due to most recent Delta variant Covid case increase, the Board voted to hold the remaining 2021 meetings (Board and Chapter) virtually. The only exception to this will be the end of year Holiday Party

#### **Membership Meetings**

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#### **Conservation Programs**

- South Platte River Corridor/Cheesman Canyon – **George - Update**
  - 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. **Artwork is under development, CUSP has CCTU artwork for incorporation on the signs.** 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, **but since the Contractor for this work has not been secured, a volunteer project by CCTU seems very unlikely. Funding of this portion of the project will most likely occur in calendar year 2022.**
  - New Upper Gill Trail projects: CUSP anticipates trail maintenance projects on other portions of the Upper Trail in Oct 2021. Due to historically low participation of CCTU volunteers on trail maintenance type projects, CCTU will not lead these projects. We may promote these projects through our media outlets. Volunteers will need to contact CUSP and sign up on their own. Project dates TBA.
  - Lower Gill Trail: USFS has finally agreed to work with CUSP and Denver Water for significant Lower Gill Trail improvements in 2022. CCTU will be in the loop as this project develops.
- Bear Creek Electrofishing: Sept 8 – George Franklin – **Successful event was held**

- Alma River Walk: George. Artwork was submitted to CCTU for review. All CCTU comments have been relayed to the Alma Foundation. CCTU logo has been relayed to them for use on all signs. Some signs may go up this season

**Financials** – Stephanie Young provided Aaron a set of instructions and links to all the financial responsibilities for the fiscal year. Aaron will create the financial report and have it ready for Board review at the November meeting. Our current balance is \$39,657.73.

- Expenditures of \$0 since last month
- Income of \$505.45 (Ouray Retreat payments – will zero out next month); \$1750.00 (Donations)

Expense Budget from February Planning Meeting – Approved list

- CUSP \$2500 (two signs) approved (only requires \$1250 this year for artwork, remaining \$1250 for installation moves to FY22)
- Holiday Party \$1000 (\$125.00 non-refundable deposit (room rental fee) has been paid)

### Fundraising (Allen)

- 2021 – See Holiday Party (below)
- 2022 – Need to kickoff prize list generation

**Membership** (Retention & Recruitment) – Ray stated that even though we are not holding any in-person meetings, he has not seen any appreciable change to the number of Chapter membership

### 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 –
  - Updates to BOD members were made. Still need to add Newsletters and BOD minutes. Scott will contact Mike Myers to have the Newsletters and BOD minutes added
- Topics desired for October newsletter

### Youth Programs – Ray

- It was noted that Geoff Elliott from CTU has decided to leave CTU for another opportunity. Ray will engage with new State Leader when that person is named

### Other Chapter Business

- Local Fishing Trips update – Status David Coward will continue to organize these through the end of the 2021 season
  - Lake Lehow : October 2, 1pm – 4pm
- Other Chapter Fishing Trips:
  - 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

There was some discussion and confusion on who the leaders were for the other two fishing trips. George volunteered to reach out to the existing leaders to see if they could shed some light on this matter. Richard Hus replied to George’s inquiry to state that he is leading both the Big Horn and Green River trips and that he has made the reservations for both trips

- Big Horn River Trip – May 9 through May 14, 2022
- Green River Trip – April 8 through April 12, 2022

- BOD Retreat
  - Ouray Ranch booked for August 20-22.
    - All payments have been received. Thank you!
- Holiday Party – Date: **21 December. Allen/John**
  - Breckenridge Brewery
  - Limited to 50 guests (room size)
  - Admission: \$20/person
  - **Masks will be required for all attendees (may be removed while eating and drinking)**
  - **Ticket (Reservation) Sales: The Board decided that a note to the membership will go out in the October Newsletter soliciting interest in attending this event. (Note to Board Members: please reply to this solicitation – do not assume because you are a Board member that your vote has been counted). If we get enough interest, then reservation sales can start. John Egan and Scott Tampa will secure Square accounts and be the contact points for Reservation Sales.**
  - 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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm