

## CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CTU)

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 2, 7pm, via Zoom

Join Zoom meeting: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89874116356>

Meeting ID: 898 7411 6356

**Board of Directors present:** Scott Tampa (President); Brian Young (Vice President); Aaron Gardner (Treasurer); Allen Adinoff (Secretary); John Egan; George Franklin; Buzz Soard; Barry Wiebe

**Absent:** John Aaron; Bob Getz; Ray Nagashima; Ron Taniwaki

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

A quorum of 8 was established.

**Agenda:** Brian Young presided over the meeting. Approval of the Minutes from the **October** BOD Meeting

#### Calendar Review

- **November 16 Chapter Meeting: no speaker identified; will cancel the meeting (see below)**
- **December 7 BOD Meeting - Zoom**
- **December 21 Holiday Party/Auction – Breckenridge Brewery (limited to 50 guests): cancelled (see below)**
- **January 4 BOD Meeting – Zoom**
- **January 18 Chapter Meeting**
- **February 1 – BOD meeting: probably will not have in lieu of Planning Meeting**
- **February 5: Annual Planning meeting; most likely at Cresthill**

#### President's Report

- Zoom Leader – Barry Wiebe volunteered to take on this role. **He was able to secure** the Zoom account for the Cutthroat Chapter **at a 30% discount** (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.
- **Start developing budgetary needs for 2022: BOD is encouraged to bring ideas, esp. regarding new projects.**

#### Membership Meetings

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 using the Zoom software platform. **Brian pointed out the low turnout for the October meeting (approx. 25). He sends out 2500 Newsletters monthly; approximately 40% are opened. There has been a trend of decreasing membership participation with the Zoom meetings. There appears to be interest in live meetings. This appears to be an issue occurring on a national basis, and will likely continue until live meetings are resumed.**

#### 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, **in part because a contractor will not be available until 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 **14-15 Oct. There were no CCTU volunteers present**
- 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.
- **With the recent announcement of Colorado's 43<sup>rd</sup> State Park addition (Sweetwater Lake), the question has been raised if we should once again revisit looking at Cheesman Canyon being designated as a State Park. It was agreed that Cheesman was a poor candidate for 2 reasons:**
  - **State Park designation would only increase traffic volume**
  - **The Park would have limiting activities (hiking and fishing)**

**Financials** – Stephanie Young provided Aaron a set of instructions and links to all the financial responsibilities for the fiscal year. **The transition appears to be complete. An invoice for her hours will be developed so she can get paid. Aaron to create the financial report and have it ready for Board review at the November meeting. He will continue to clean up many items.**

Our current balance is **\$39,959.**

- **Expenditures of \$605.41 since last month to balance out Ouray Retreat (paid to Scott)**
- **Income of \$110 from TU National for our New Membership Rebate**

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)  
\$2500 (Upper Gill Trail) approved (move to FY 22)
- 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: **Allen will generate current prize list and distribute to the BOD**

#### **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 (**In work**)
- Topics desired for **November** 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 (**Job Opening has been posted**)

#### **Other Chapter Business**

- Local Fishing Trips update – David Coward will continue to organize these through the end of the 2021 season
  - Lake Lehow : **October was the final trip of the season**
- Other Chapter Fishing Trips:

- San Juan Fishing Trip (October) – Jerry Shin
  - **Jerry reported that the trip was very successful. It will be published in the November Newsletter.**
- Big Horn River Trip – May 9 through May 14, 2022 **Richard Hus to lead**
- Green River Trip – April 8 through April 12, 2022 **Richard Hus to lead**
  
- Holiday Party – Date: **21 December. Allen/John Egan**
  - 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 **have** secured Square accounts and be the contact points for Reservation Sales.
  - **Square accounts have been successfully linked to Chase Business Account. This was not discussed. Some Square users have been unable to get the system to work.**
  - 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
  - **So far, only 10 people have signed up. It was felt that, most likely related to COVID delta, there was reluctance to attend. It was therefore decided to cancel the event. John E will contact the Brewery.**
  - Prizes: cancellation of the event with silent auction leaves a number of committed prizes which will not be used until the 2022 raffle.
    - Allen will generate a list of prizes currently available and committed.
    - Allen will contact folks who have donated trips for the auction (which would have been available in 2022) and establish that these will still be available for late 2022/2023.
  
- Other Business
  - The Board acknowledged the passing of long-time member and Chapter stalwart, Ray Carney. There was discussion as how to best recognize Ray:
    - Jim Klug, Brian, and Scott will prepare a memorial announcement for the Newsletter and web site.
    - A “Ray Carney Volunteer of the Year” award will be established:
      - Criteria will focus on participation in conservation projects, as well as other activities (e.g. organizing CCTU sponsored trips)
      - Board members are not eligible.
      - George Franklin will recommend a candidate. As these minutes go to press, it appears that Jerry Shin will be the first awardee.
  - Emeritus: Buzz Soard and George Franklin requested and were granted Emeritus status.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm