

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED (CTU)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 7pm, via Zoom

Board of Directors:

Present: Scott Tampa (President); Brian Young (Vice President); Allen Adinoff (Secretary); George Franklin; Ray Nagashima; Buzz Soard; Barry Wiebe; Richard Pilatzke (Emeritus)

Absent: Aaron Gardner (Treasurer); John Aaron; John Egan (excused); Ron Taniwaki

A Quorum of 8 was established

Agenda: Minutes from the **November** BOD Meeting were approved

Calendar Review

- **December 7 BOD Meeting - Zoom**
- **January 4 BOD Meeting – Zoom**
- **January 18 Chapter Meeting: to be held in person at Cresthill Middle School. Masks will be required; vaccination encouraged. (see below)**
- **February 5: Annual Planning meeting; Cresthill Middle School 9am -12pm**

President's Report

- **BOD membership changes – Retirement of George Franklin and Buzz Soard this month – moving to Emeritus status. Bob Getz has stepped down from BOD due to other personal activities he would like to concentrate on. Scott will contact Ron regarding his ongoing interest in the Board.**
- **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. However, we will resume live meetings starting January, 2022.**
- **Monthly membership meetings: Brian presented the list of speakers he has lined up so far:**
 - **January: Taylor Edington, Royal Gorge Anglers Canyon City: Arkansas River Fly Fishing**
 - **February: Kirk Bien, Kirk's Fly Shop Estes Park: Fly fishing RMNP with emphasis on cutthroats**
 - **March: Pat Dorsey: TBD**
 - **April: Open**
 - **May: Phil Teryla, Angler's Covey: Fly Fishing easy access mountain lakes**
 - **June: Annual raffle (see below)**
 - **July: open**
 - **August: open**
 - **September: open**
 - **October: open**
 - **November: Landon Mayor has committed; trying to iron out date**
 - **December: Holiday party**
- **Conservation speakers: we need to line up 3 speakers**
 - **Scott and John E will contact Dave Nickum: State of CTU**

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. **Scott reported that the USFS wants to study work for the trail. Expect to see in 2022 along with request for funds. It was also discussed that we will also need "buy in" from the local fly shops, whose guides regularly utilize the trail and Canyon.**

Financials

Our current balance is **\$40,599.00**

- **Expenditures of \$109.67 since last month for Zoom account**
- **Income of \$1540 from King Soopers, Amazon Smile and a donation from Tom Corrs**

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 \$125 (non-refundable deposit (room rental fee) has been paid)
- Brian will submit remaining expenditure list to Aaron for payment. Those items include Constant Contact yearly subscription, gift certificates to BOD members for outstanding service and Stephanie Young's consulting charges

Fundraising (Allen)

- 2022 Raffle: **Long discussion:**
 - **Committee:** current members Allen, Richard, and Ray will continue. Allen will talk with Peter, and also see if John Egan is interested. George Franklin has stepped down. Barry will join (see below).
 - **Date/location:** it was decided to hold the event June 21 in part, as an effort to engage the membership earlier in the year. Prizes involving trips would most likely occur in 2023. Location TBD, although the mechanism for Reynolds Landing is already in place.
 - **Ticket sales:** Barry graciously offered to coordinate on-line tickets sales; something he has had prior experience with. CTU has worked this out already. Allen will put Barry in touch with the CTU contact person.
 - **Prizes:** our 2020 raffle had 50 prizes. There was discussion that some of the prizes were not high quality or even claimed. It was felt that a smaller number of quality prizes (e.g. 35-40) would be the more appropriate.. Allen will distribute the current list to the Board. The Committee will make the final decisions. We would still limit ticket sales to 150 @ \$100 each.

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
 - Recent posting from one of our members of a fish laying on the rocks to capture a picture. The Board found this and other similar pictures George displayed to be fairly disturbing. In order to educate the membership on the proper methods of handling and photographing landed fish, Brian will pursue a full presentation to be provided at an upcoming Chapter Members meeting. Buzz offered to help in this effort.
- Chapter Webpage –
 - Updates to BOD members were made but with recent changes coming in January, will need further updates. BOD minutes have been updated. Still need to add Newsletters. Current BOD will be updated as well.
- Topics desired for December newsletter
 - Ray Carney Volunteer of the Year Award winner (announcement) will be included in the 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, but no replacement has been named?)

Other Chapter Business

- Local Fishing Trips update – David Coward will continue to organize these through the end of the 2021 season
 - Who will lead these in the future? Brian will talk with David and Bruce Foss.
- Other Chapter Fishing Trips:
 - San Juan Fishing Trip (October) – Jerry Shin
 - 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**
- Other Business
 - The “Ray Carney Volunteer of the Year” award has been established:
 - The BOD elected Jerry Shin as the first recipient of this award
 - Criteria will focus on participation in conservation projects, as well as other activities (e.g. organizing CCTU sponsored trips)
 - Board members are not eligible.
 - IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) donations: Ray brought attention to the Board of a recent article in “Trout” regarding donations made directly from IRA’s. As part of an individual’s RMD, donations to non-profits are made tax-free. The contact person at TU National is Sue Thomas 703.284.9421 or at TroutLegacy.org/IRA. Given the demographics of our membership, this could prove to be a significant revenue source for CCTU. Buzz and Scott will pursue. Allen mentioned that Matt Moskal (VP at Merrill Lynch) would be a great resource.
 - Retiring Board members George Franklin and Buzz Soard gave very heartfelt expressions of their honor and pleasure of working with the CCTU Board. The Board acknowledged and thanked them for their outstanding service.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

