

## Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Board of Directors Meeting May 15, 2007  
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Attendees: David Piske, Paul Fromme, Dave Coulson, Mark Coleman, Greg Evans, Lee Evans, Ron Sheets, Milt Mays, Frank Cada, Guy Turenne, Ken Eis, Jim Roode.

Greg Evans called the meeting to order at 6:55PM at Cipoletti's Restaurant in Loveland.

### **Treasurer's report:**

Balance in RMFC account is \$6781.31. Balance in Projects account is \$2487.58. All Grant moneys related to Eagles Nest have been expended.

### **Membership Report:**

Current membership is 862. The Board thanked the Membership Chairman for constructing a filing box for General meeting nametags.

### **Presidents Report:**

The RMF Robert Behnke Scholarship has been fully funded for 2007. The treasurer will issue a check to CSU for \$2000. Funds in excess of those needed for this year will form the basis for next years Scholarship. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to establish the goal of raising \$2000 each year to fund this Scholarship in future years. Robert Behnke has designated substantial funds to be used to fund a scholarship in perpetuity. RMFC funds will augment this generous grant.

National River cleanup day is May 19. Alpine Anglers is supervising the cleanup effort on the Big Thompson. Friends of the Poudre are conducting similar efforts on the Poudre River. RMFC volunteers were solicited to support both efforts. Six applicants from Fort Collins were selected for the CTU summer Conservation Camp. RMFC will sponsor Matt Paisley. The tuition check for \$375 will be sent to Matt prior to the May 20 deadline. CTU Chapters from other parts of the State will sponsor the five other successful applicants from Fort Collins. Publicity for these selections and the sponsors will be pursued.

At least two summer Board meetings will be held. The first will be June 10 at Bob Streeter's home. Details will follow by e-mail. A second meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 11. Details will be determined at the June meeting. The focus of the June Retreat style meeting will be fundraising. The August meeting will be the planning meeting for the next year. A July meeting will be scheduled, only if needed.

Candidates are required for Chapter Officers. All current officers are ending their terms and replacements are needed.

### **North Fork of the Poudre:**

Restoration and enhancement of the fishery on the North Fork of the Poudre and particularly the Eagles Nest Open Space is a primary goal of RMFC. Monitoring of in-stream flows and environmental impacts related to expansion of Halligan and Seaman reservoirs requires and will benefit from the mutual participation of DOW, water users, Utilities, cities, TU, Nature Conservancy, SWIG and RMFC. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for May 31 to bring these interested parties together and pursue mutually beneficial plans and activities. The meeting will be rescheduled due to conflicts.

### **Long Draw mitigation:**

The courts mandated mitigation for flow restrictions below Long Draw reservoir by Water Supply and Storage. Many factors have complicated the implementation of the courts mandate. First, increased winter flow is not feasible. Legislation to make RMNP a wilderness area will have an impact. Genetic unknowns relative to Colorado Cutthroat and Greenback species have to be resolved in order to implement alternative mitigation proposals. Forest Service action has been delayed or postponed pending resolution of these issues.

### **RMNP wilderness designation:**

The proposed legislation making RMNP a wilderness area does not preserve oil and gas exploration rights. This legislation does include RMNP in the 1964 wilderness act, thereby resolving previous objections to the legislation. Note also that the rights of Water Supply and Storage relative to the Grand Ditch have been preserved.

### **RMF representation on Larimer County Parks Board:**

David Coulson, and Frank Cada have been selected as representatives on the Larimer County Parks and Recreation Board. Their term of office will be three years.

### **Planning for next years General Membership Meetings:**

It was decided that the goal for next years meetings would be to include both conservation and entertainment (fish photos) presentations at all meetings. The following suggestions for speakers and/or subjects were presented. Rob Buirgy of BTWF, Chris Kennedy of US Fish and Wildlife Service, Frank Prazik, Rick Takahashi, Dana Winkleman from CSU, and Guy Turenne as a pinch hitter for speakers that cancel at the last moment. The Chapter needs a presentation about the proposed fly fishing championship on local waters if volunteer support is to be required. Increasing costs associated with holding meetings at the Hilton are a concern.

**Fundraising:**

Substantive discussion of this topic was shifted to the June meeting. The use of a Banquet to obtain funds may not be necessary, but a Banquet might be a good social event for the Chapter, and serve as a recruiting event for increased participation in Chapter activities. **Publicity:**

The ability of the Chapter to raise funds for the projects is augmented by favorable publicity. Vigorous action to solicit publicity was advocated. The RMFC Robert Behnke Scholarship, North Fork/Eagles Nest, Nature Conservancy, and Conservation Camp qualify as subjects.

**Chapter Priorities:**

It was unanimously agreed that the two major priorities for the Chapter were the North Fork project and the Behnke Scholarship.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45