

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FLYCASTERS BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Eis, with Jim Lilly, VP, Dave Coulson, treasurer, and Lee Evans, secretary in attendance. Also present were past-president Greg Evans, Milt Mays, Guy Turenne, Dave Piske, and Ron Sheets. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The **treasurer's report** showed a general fund balance of \$6349.69. The project account had \$2945.55 of which \$1567 was encumbered for the Behnke/RMF scholarship fund.

Milt brought the board up to date on the **Healing Waters** project to teach/facilitate fly fishing with veterans. He gathered about dozen names at the general meeting of members interested in helping, but is finding the start up is difficult. Legal issues, transportation issues, and other considerations are part of the information gathering that he is doing. Will we need to re-affiliate with FFF? Further discussion will be needed.

The **president's report** included an announcement of a day-long walk-around with the city of Ft. Collins to the four monitoring stations they have. Ken reported the USGS would place monitors if we can commit to \$1000/year. This will need further study.

The **fund raising brochure** is being edited and hopefully will be ready for printing in April. Guy and Phil Wright have made their reservations to the CTU spring rendezvous, and will represent our chapter.

In **old business**, the new revised bylaws were presented to the Board by Dave Piske. There was much discussion, but all felt grateful to Dave P. and the bylaws committee for their work. Dave Coulson moved, and Jim seconded, to accept the bylaws as written. Greg moved to amend the motion to approve the bylaws after adding that the Vice President or his delegate would ultimately be responsible for location, set up, and finding speakers for the general meetings. Lee seconded the motion to amend. After discussion, the amendment and the motion as amended passed. The proposed bylaws will be posted on the website, presented by Lee Evans at the April general meeting, and will be presented for adoption at the May general meeting. The board again noted with appreciation the work by Dave Piske in this endeavor.

We discussed a **possible change in location for our general meetings** starting in September. The straw vote taken at the March general meeting indicated that the availability of a cash bar was not essential. We are hoping to find a location that did not require a fee. Ken challenged the board to look for possibilities.

Grant Houx from St. Peter's Fly Shop will be our speaker at the April meeting. He will discuss timing the hatch on our local waters. A speaker for May had not been located and some possibilities were discussed.

Jim asked the tiers to donate some flies for the **Scholarship raffle** that is in progress. Every \$20 donation gets a ticket for the raffle with a nice rod as the grand prize. Our chapter is committed to donating \$2000 each year toward the scholarship, and the board encourages all members to buy at least one \$20 raffle ticket.

Dave Coulson reported the Parks Board has taken 7 parcels of land up the Big Thompson off the sale block because they had river access. Larimer County needs groups like ours to donate yearly to the maintenance of these parcels.

Ron reported meeting with the **Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)** in Loveland, and expects the FFF to bring their national headquarters to Loveland. If so, they will be competing for some of the same corporate money that we also need. We may want to re-affiliate with FFF. The board will continue to monitor this.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 with thanks to Greg Evans for hosting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Evans
RMF Secretary