

## Rocky Mountain Flycasters Board Meeting

**June 8, 2011**

Those in attendance included: Phil Wright, Ron Sheets, Dennis Cook, Stephanie Mullins, Charles Plunkett, Guy Turrene, Melinda Macpherson, Bryon Fessler, Lee Evans, Paul Wehr, Cullin Emsing and Dick Jefferies.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by “immediate past president” Lee Evans - who agreed to chair the meeting under duress.

There were introductions all around of the new board members and the others in attendance. Lee reminded the group that the Board of Trustees is made up of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and two at large positions. The others make up the leadership committee.

Terry and Scott Gardner have agreed to be the Gateway Park trail maintenance coordinators. Bruce Rosenthal will be the volunteer coordinator for the Fort Collins Natural Areas fly line collection points.

Minutes for the April and May meetings are available on the website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The monthly backup disc was given to the secretary. Paul reminded us all that we should be keeping records of the time that we spend volunteering, attending meetings, etc. for the end of fiscal year reporting to national TU. Board members and chairs of projects are responsible for reporting hours for themselves, and in the case of projects for all the volunteers at that event. Dick suggested having us report quarterly (rather than yearly) so that our hours keep accumulating and we might look better on paper for grant applications, etc. The group needs to complete their periodic reporting to the Secretary of State’s office. This will be completed by Paul and Melinda. Paul submitted both the May and June monthly reports which included an outlay of funds for the CTU camp and the Behnke Scholarship.

**Membership Report:** We are currently carrying many expired members on the club’s roster. The good part of that is that we get to keep those people as e-mail contacts in Constant Contact. There is now a new “Sponsor” level of giving. We have recruited more than 30 new members this fiscal year - an amazing record. Yeah Bryon! With the 33 chapter acquired members, we will receive a \$525 rebate from TU. There was discussion of whether to include Dick as a sustaining donor. More discussion about our first deceased member, James Sanden, and how we should handle this. Perhaps an in memorium listing in the newsletter? Finally, Bryon announced that he will be leaving his position as the Membership Chair in September. He will continue to produce the newsletter (there was a collective sigh of relief!) The nominating committee (more on that later) will pursue some avenues to find a replacement for Bryon (not that you could ever replace Bryon...but you know what I’m saying...)

**Youth Activities Report:** Day camp deadline for applications has been extended to [June 30th](#), please continue to encourage any youths who might be interested in the camp. So far there are 2 campers, and another two applications coming. Otter Cares has made a \$1000 donation to the day camp (double what they gave last year - due to our involvement with the Boys and Girls Club). The fund raising goal for the camp was \$4775, we are \$925 short. This deficit in the budget would have covered “discretionary items” like hats and t-shirts for the campers. There was discussion about whether there was a threshold below which we would not hold the camp. Dennis said no. We wrapped up trout in the classroom - which was “painful at times” and in the end not very successful (i.e., no fish to release). Next year the plan is to have trout in two classrooms - and we anticipate success! Dennis reminded us of Dave Coulison’s blog on Fish Explorer - if we keep commenting we’ll stay at the top of the page!

**By-Laws Revisions Discussion:** Most of the proposed revisions are mandatory provisions from National TU. We were reminded that only members of our chapter can vote for board members and that we cannot campaign for those seeking political office (under the RMF/TU banner). Dennis proposed that there should be an inclusion for Educational Programs and a Nominating Committee in the new by-laws. Lee pointed out that the language will be changed to reflect the fact that elections are now happening in May and that he will not be “eating the currants” - there will instead be current(s). From Dave: there is some duplication in the descriptions on the secretary’s duties, like designation of other duties (Bryon now works for me!), and that language should be cleaned up. We then discussed changing the term limits in order to allow the president to serve three consecutive terms. This would affect the president’s position only, the vice president, secretary and treasurer are unlimited terms. The discussion focused on not only amending the by-laws but on appointing an aggressive nominations committee (which would become a standing committee) to find a VP who will agree to run for president next year. Dennis moved to adopt the term limit changes and by-laws changes, Guy seconded. This will be presented to the general membership for approval at the September general meeting (this requires a 30 day advance notice with e-mails and postcards that this is happening at the meeting). The past and revised by-laws will be published on the website.

Lee announced that he has appointed Dennis as the chair of the nominating committee (take that Dennis!) and that this recruiting body will be tasked with becoming aware of the strengths and backgrounds of the membership in order to find outstanding candidates to fill our open positions. Lee and Bob Streeter will also serve on the committee.

### **Old Business:**

Guy: [Phantom Canyon](#) - July is full, August/September is looking good. Eagle's Nest - the idea of a weekday workday didn't work out and had to be cancelled. If there continues to not be interest in Eagle's Nest we may drop it as one of our projects. There is one more date scheduled in October. Guy pointed out that in the short summer/good weather season (23 weekends) that more than half (13 weekends) are scheduled with volunteer opportunities. It may just be overload and people prioritizing other opportunities.

Dave: **CDOW volunteers** - Swift Ponds Special Olympics events is postponed to August.

Bryon: **Newsletter** is ready to go. We need ready-to-publish material! New board members will be profiled in July.

Cullin: **Monthly fishing trips** are gaining momentum - this month Delaney Buttes.

**Raffle Rods:** We have two for the fall meetings. Could we buy used, quality rods from members and raffle them? Would this count as a tax contribution? Someone mentioned buying rods from Rocky Velasquez at the Spring Creek Rod shop in Greeley.

**Fantasy Raffle:** Doc has a bamboo rod he would be willing to add to the raffle if it's a go. We're thinking we would need to put together: rod, reel, vest, waders and a full day guide. Cullin clarified that if the prize is worth more than \$1000 we would need to print special raffle tickets and get approval from the Sec of State's office. And that these tickets could only be sold by members of our chapter in good standing.

### **New Business:**

Dave: Two motions (which were both seconded and passed):

1. Approve Dave's signing of the Adopt-a-Trail Volunteer Agreement between FC Natural Areas Program and RMF.
2. Approve an expenditure of not more than \$150 for lunches/drinks/supplies for RMF volunteers on each of two trail workdays at the Gateway Natural Area. The cleanup/trail maintenance days are in August and September and will include rehabilitation and clearing of vegetation on the overlook trail (1/4 mile) and right hand trailhead (1 mile).

The branding of the waste fishing line receptacles is not happening at this time (per the city). Doc mentioned he has TU kiosk building plans if we need them.

We want to host the fall CTU meeting of approximately 40 people in early October. We'll need a meeting site, lunch site and hotel rooms. Melinda suggested her hotel the Hilton Garden Inn on Harmony Road for meetings and hotel rooms. Lee mentioned that this meeting might be an opportunity for a banquet to honor and pay tribute to Prof. Behnke.

Several issues were tabled until the July meeting: The Larimer County Fair booth, Fishing trips, fly tying special interest groups, selling fish counters and the membership chairman position.

[July board meeting](#) will be held on the 13th. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm (although I swear I didn't get out of there until almost 10:30pm!)

*Submitted by Melinda Macpherson*