

# Board Minutes

## Rocky Mountain Flycasters

### December 12, 2012

President Dick Jefferies called the meeting to order with Jerry Pelis, David Piske, Wil Huett, Dennis Cook, Amy and Dennis Galyardt, Sean Cronin, Phil Wright, Paul Wehr, Guy Turenne and Lee Evans present. Dick commented that a request for funds from Embrace A Stream for \$10,000 was submitted to TU. If granted, the money would be used for necessary items with the High Park Restoration Coalition, to help with data compilation, prioritizing needs, and actual restoration work. A decision should be reached in March.

The agenda was held back so that Jerry Pelis could introduce his guest, Ray Tschillard from the Poudre Learning Center (PLC). Ray talked of the mission of the PLC and how we could develop a partnership with them. The Center has 65 acres, an 18 acre lake, trails, wetland and dryland areas. Their emphasis is on youth grades K-12, but also have programs for people of other ages. The Poudre River National Heritage Area runs through the area and offers a variety of learning experiences. One example is giving cash awards to student groups who best answer, "How can you improve your watershed?" Some excellent projects have been generated with this program. Ray emphasized that he just wanted us to be aware of the PLC, and use it in ways that would benefit youth and RMF. Dick thanked him for his presentation. [ed note: links to [Poudre Learning Center](#) and [Caring for Our Watersheds](#).]

The November minutes were approved as corrected. The consent agenda was approved. Lee presented an update on the Holiday Party to be held on Dec 14. The food, fly trees, white elephant gift exchange, and volunteer responsibilities were discussed.

The Poudre Runs Through it Study/Action Group meets next Friday and Sean reported some success was happening involving the water commissioners and maybe there will be some agreement between major players and the river. He will report on the meeting at the January Board meeting.

Progress was being made on the formation of a new 501(c)3 to handle the decisions surrounding the High Park Restoration. An executive director will be hired and a board established. The initial plans need consensus with the Coalition, and then the legal papers will be filed. Dick will keep us informed.

Our [Fishing Club](#) is looking good and Dennis Cook reports a variety of dates have been established and a number of people have become involved. The website will carry details.

The trout images we have been using on our [Donor pages](#) belong to an artist who has questioned our permission to use them. We believe the images were thought to be in the public domain, but since they're not, we need to compensate the artist for their usage. Lee moved that we pay the artist \$200 (his asking price) to continue using the images, with a request for a contract spelling out the details. The motion was seconded and passed. Paul Wehr will follow up.

Dennis Cook reminded the board that this was the time to nominate members for the many awards that our chapter can give out at the May meeting. Dick appointed Phil Wright, Sean Cronin and Dennis Cook to be the committee to read and decide upon recipients.

A quick report on Guest night was given for the benefit of some who were not there. We had nearly 100 in attendance, with many new faces and a good representation by the Women's Fly Fishing Club. Rick Takashi always had a crowd watching him tie, the speaker was well received, and we signed up 8 new members that night.

We noted (Lee noted, for sure) that we are still without a secretary and urged all board members to help find someone willing to be appointed.

We had a discussion regarding the cane rod offered to the board for \$400. Our research showed that was about half the original price, but we were not ready to commit to a fantasy raffle at this time. Wil moved that we do NOT buy the rod at this time. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dennis Cook introduced Amy Galyardt and told of her work to develop 6 or 7 stand alone lesson plans for use with both our camp and with Boys and Girls Club, and other youth presentations as needed. Amy reported these units would be lab based (hands on) activities to help the class understand the particular topic. Both Amy and Dennis Galyardt are science educators, and realize kids in this type of setting need hands on activities to keep them involved with the curriculum. Theoretically, anyone could teach these units once the plans and the materials are gathered.

Loveland Children's Youth Festival will be May 9 and more details will be presented in March meeting. Compliments to Jerry for his letter in the Greeley Paper. The meeting adjourned at 9:39.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Evans, Acting Secretary