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Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Meeting

July 14, 2021

Via Zoom – Board Meeting

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Attendees: Mark Miller*, Dave Beede*, Ryan Hogan*, Ron Hanser, Ruthie Ketola, Colin Glover, Dick Jefferies, Phil Wright, Dave Handshue, Dave Haeusler, Scott Baily, Zach Jory and Jeannie Weaver* (minutes). (* board members - quorum present).

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Comments - Stories shared from recent fishing trips
2. Board Business - President Miller reviewed the minutes from the June meeting. Ruthie pulled the Education Report to discuss Stream Girls location that doesn't meet the needs of the group. Dave Haeusler will set up a meeting by email for further discussion. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dave Haeusler, seconded by Dave Beede and unanimously approved by the Board.
 - a. Consent Agenda and Reports
 - i) June 9, 2021 Minutes review
 - ii) Education Report - Dave Haeusler
 - iii) Financial Development - minutes
3. New Business
 - a. New meeting location is on contract - The **Northside Aztlan Community Center** at 112 Willow Street, Fort Collins, is reserved for all General meetings from Sept to and including May 2022 - Dave Beede shared that Mark signed the contract last week for this outstanding facility that costs about one-tenth of the other places surveyed and will meet all our meeting needs, the Expo and Holiday Donor Recognition Party. The three rooms can accommodate up to 99 with AV equipment for rental to use with permanent screens available. The Expo will be located in the Basketball Gymnasiums, probably all 3 to avoid a game starting in the leftover gym. There are 250+ parking spaces, an area of grass for demos outdoors and the Poudre River nearby. Ron talked about the space in comparison to the Sr. Center and Dave agreed that it would be worth the rent to have the extra space. (The City of Loveland didn't respond to the request and Windsor was suggested too late into the search to follow up on.) Ryan shared that payment for the facilities could be done in a lump sum or monthly. Consensus was to make payment monthly because there was no discount for a lump sum payment. Dave will write a short article for the August newsletter and do a longer write up for the September issue. Alcohol service was explored by Dave and Jeannie. Service must be provided by Black Tie Events LLC in this City facility and the costs are prohibitive for monthly meetings, even if we have donated beer. An additional cost would be incurred for security personnel if attendance is

over 75. The Expo committee can determine if they want to provide beer in February. Dick suggested having a donor sponsor the cost for the cash bar. He also made the suggestion when advertising the meetings or email blasts to list locations nearby for members to gather ahead of time for a meal and drinks. Ryan and Colin volunteered to check with the three closest establishments and ask for possible incentives to offer to members to visit their establishments on meeting nights.

- b. Updating our displays in preparation for upcoming community events. Zach gathered these details below about cost and would like a vote for approval to purchase. Dick was also willing to help with the cost from the Conservation budget.
 - Banner replacement/purchases list of proposed items and estimated costs:
 - 10' x 10' pop up canopy - \$750
 - 6' fitted table skirt - \$150
 - 8' x 4' vinyl banner - \$100
 - Two retractable banners (exact same as existing ones, just with new logo) - \$125 each
 - 10' Flag (Ron had great idea of this to plant into ground at outdoor events) - \$300 (plus we can also get a stand so it can be used indoors or on pavement as well) **Total cost estimate: \$1550**

Prices include the new Logo and "Trout Unlimited" in bold letters, will be included to insure recognition by event attendees. Zach will send a mock up of each one to board members. Ryan went into the Budget to show that \$1250 had already been set aside for the cost and would just mean that the board would need to approve the additional \$300 above budgeted cost. Ruthie asked what would happen to the old items and it was suggested that they could be placed in the Raffle or used at the Holiday Party. Ruthie moved to approve the purchase of the items listed and Ron seconded the motion. Ryan amended the motion to approve the additional \$300 above budget to purchase the items, and Ron seconded the amended motion. The Board unanimously approved the amended motion.

- c. Sending monthly email to sponsors soliciting calendar items - Zach shared the idea that additional angler-related events are posted for marketing purposes. The Board felt that the idea would be helpful to RMF and our sponsors.
- d. Zach shared that the Online store is now live at <https://rmftu.org/rmf-merchandise> and is being used to purchase the items that were stocked. The hats have already sold out but are on order again.
- e. Volunteer sign up for post-fire restoration projects per BTWC - Mark shared the following
 - i. Two places to sign up -
 1. Wildland Restoration Volunteers - wlrw.org/

- a. click on Volunteer
- b. click on Wildfires
- c. Cameron Peak projects:
 - i. Cameron Peak Fire Restoration 1
 1. July 24-25 - 1 slot
 - ii. Cameron Peak Fire Restoration 2
 1. Aug 7-8 - wait list
 - iii. Cameron Peak Fire Restoration 3
 1. Aug 28-29 - 4 slots
 - iv. Cameron Peak Fire Restoration 4
 1. Oct 9-10 - 3 slots

2. **nocovolunteers.org** -

- a. click Help Fire Recovery Efforts Now
- b. click Wildfire Recovery - Big Thompson Watershed
- c. click Sign Up (or sign up as a team - to do this we would need to agree on a date and need at least 10 people - would be great to do this if we can)
Dick said it would be good to share the info but not go into the details, just direct folks to the websites. Phil asked Dick for an update on Conservation Committee projects (see at end of meeting).

- f. Approval to transact and sign with Vanguard (Reserve Account) - Ryan spoke about the document needed to state that: "Ryan Hogan and Mark Miller are authorized to sign and transact with Vanguard on Behalf of Rocky Mountain Flycasters to set up a Reserve Account." Board approval in the meeting minutes and signed written documentation will serve as proof of due diligence by Vanguard. A motion as stated above in quotes was made by Ryan and seconded by Ron. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

4. Old Business

- a. Migrating to rmftu.org email addresses - Scott Baily updated the Board on the project's status as stated below:
 - Active accounts on rockymntflycasters.org have been replicated on rmftu.org (Zach and Scott will provide a list of the new accounts)
 - Access the rmftu.org accounts in the same way as before, specifying the new domain name instead (e.g. president@rmftu.org)
 - Please start using your new rmft.org account for official chapter communications

- Almost everyone has already set up email forwarding for their rockymtnflycasters account. Our recommendation is to deprecate the rockymtnflycasters.org email addresses by 12/31/2021.

- You may set up forwarding of your rmftu.org email by following [Google's instructions](#)

- Maintaining files on the rmftu.org Google Drive will come next, but adopting rmftu.org email is an important first step in that direction. If there are any issues with email on rmftu.org, please contact Zach Jory or Scott Baily for assistance.

Mark thanked Scott, Ryan and Zach for their work and expressed his excitement at seeing the progress being made on this huge project. Zach said he would activate the emails and send the sign on link to everyone at the end of the meeting. Zach asked that existing letterhead and documents be updated with the new email format.

- b. Big Ideas/Grants - Dave Beede spoke on the need to start in September to plan for 2022 grant activities and also evaluate contract renewal by March 31, 2022 for Maggie Dennis.
- c. Fall Pub & Dub startup - Dave Haeusler shared that the first session will be held on Wednesday, September 1st, however, it was listed on a calendar for Thursday. Dave will follow up to make it consistent on the 1st Wednesday of the month going forward. Marty will have materials set out for all fly-tiers to choose from instead of the kits as in previous years. Ryan suggested that a Donation Jar be set out to help offset expenses.
- d. Events Committee progress - **Yea!!!** Colin graciously agreed to lead the Events Committee and meet the goals of the fundraising committee, as well, in that role. Mark will schedule some time to meet with Colin for further discussion.
- e. Fort Collins Riverfest 2021 - July 15 is another virtual event and August 21st will be our first Events Committee volunteer opportunity for two or more (or as many as 10) for set up of the booth with new banners, etc. and run the in-person Mini-Celebration at New Belgium Brewery, from 1-6pm, with Live Music, Games, and Food Trucks. Contact Colin for final details and please volunteer!
- f. Update on BTWC Event by Mark - **Date Change:** Saturday, October 2, 2021, 9:00 - 1:00. Trek the Thompson; we will have a station to discuss insects in the river, learn how to flycast, kids pool, etc. Event Committee volunteers will report at 8 a.m.
- g. Dave Morse has volunteered to do a demo for the Rist Canyon Festival on September 11
- h. Conservation Committee update by Dick - There was no meeting this month, however, things changed quickly and there are now 4 projects for volunteers. 1) Lone Pine Creek Electrofishing; 2) Big South Angling survey; 3) Lower barrier of Poudre Headwaters Project (PHP); and 4)

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Stream Temperature Monitoring needs additional new volunteers. Wide-scale aerial mulching on burn areas on public lands has been set for next week. Shana Jones will be coming back to the BTWC in a new capacity but brings a wealth of experience from her former position to help move the entity forward.

5. Upcoming meetings: NEW MEETING LOCATION - 112 Willow Street, Ft. Collins
 - a. Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at new location, Northside Atzlan Community Center at 7 p.m. General Meeting - Colin and Dick secured our speaker, Kirk Deeter, and the Raffle will be held in-person at the meeting for some great prizes by our new Raffle Manager, Ryan Laudermilch.
 - b. October Speaker - Colin's friend and Guide, Jeff McKenna, will speak about fishing trips on the Roan Plateau and Gunnison Rivers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.