

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Meeting

May 18, 2022

Board Meeting via Zoom

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Attendees: Mark Miller*, Dave Haeusler*, Tony Popp*, Ron Hanser*, Scott Baily*, Phil Wright, Dennis Cook, Zach Jory, Colin Glover*, John Bryant, Wayne Carlson and Jeannie Weaver* (minutes). (* board members - quorum present).

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Comments -

- a. Mark welcomed everyone and encouraged everyone to share their thoughts on the Expo held on Saturday. Attendance was low; however, we brought it to fruition after two years of virtual meetings and resumed RMF's presence with this event. Feedback from the attendees and tiers was positive.
- b. Board Business - Tony was unable to complete the April monthly statements and pulled them. Ron said that the Financial Reports would also need to be pulled. The Education meeting is on 5/19 so no report was available.
- c. Consent Agenda -
 - i) Statement of Financial Position for April, 2022
 - ii) Statement of Financial Income and Expenses for April, 2022
 - iii) Budget vs. Actual for April, 2022
 - iv) Programs Projects Report April, 2022 - Report shows a breakdown by program for Committee Chairs to review their programs
 - v) April 13, 2022, Board Minutes
 - vi) Education Report - meeting on 5/19/22
 - vii) Financial Development - March & April, 2022
 - viii) Conservation Reports - April & May, 2022
 - ix) Leader Development/Nomination Committee - Awards Procedure draft update
- d. Pulled Consent Items and Vote - Tony was unable to complete the April reports for the Board's review. Subsequently, **All** the Consent Agenda items above were pulled and set aside for consideration at next month's meeting.

2. New Business

- a. June 15 Volunteer Orientation meeting at Northside Aztlan Community Center - Phil reviewed the process he's followed for this meeting and wants the Board's consensus on why we should have this meeting on a Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. and ask the Leadership Council to help and get enough volunteers to show up. Consensus of the Board was positive for having the meeting and Phil reviewed the agenda. Guests will

be Chris Carroll and Rachel Geiger, but other partners may be invited in order to broaden our spectrum of interest to our volunteers. A survey will be sent out for attendance and RSVP. A newspaper ad may have to be placed, social media posts and emails to members/non-member volunteers or texts may be needed to get attendees. Zach and Phil will review the Comms plan to get the word out, the volunteer invite handouts (in Storage and Expo) will also be distributed by John at the schools he's visiting to raise interest. Phil asked that the Google Drive folder be reviewed and can be edited to add content, if desired. A Q&A or FAQ document will be placed in the folder for helpful answers to common questions from potential volunteers but he noted that these in-person contacts generate the best response and spur the most interest from attendees. Phil will send emails to Leadership Council coordinators for their roles in the event.

- b. Grant applications - Ron spoke about the GRTU Grant offered by the Austin, Texas TU Chapter and why we should apply to be a 2023 recipient. The grant could be for one PHP Conservation project of \$5,000 or more than one project, because it's not limited and there isn't a deadline. All that they ask is to give them the recognition they deserve and invite them to come see the project "in action" or while it's being done. Scott will reach out to the Forest Service for ideas. Scott made a motion to proceed with the Grant request(s) as proposed. Ron seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for approval.
 - c. Grant Opportunities - \$300,000 National Fish Habitat Partnership from Bass Pro Shops and \$10K Wild & Scenic Rivers, River Network grant applications were submitted last Monday. Scott spoke about working on these two grant proposals, which were really done at the last minute, and although it wasn't really anybody's fault, it was just a failure to communicate. Scott asked Ron to weigh in on how he likes to be looped into the process, if there is time to do so. Ron said ideally, a task force would be assembled to guide the process but we have to be tolerant and do the best we can. Mark suggested there was a document for grant preparation deadlines on our shared drive.
 - d. Idea of a Fall meeting in Greeley - Mark shared his idea that this would be an extra meeting in September and require extra work on our part. Consensus was positive that if we chose a venue that works well for Greeley residents, then it would work for our members there. Dennis shared some history on prior attempts to involve Greeley members. Contacts suggested were: Steve Craig and Jerry Pelis in order to start the process and also add it to the June agenda.
3. Old Business
- a. EXPO wrap up - Colin gave an upbeat assessment of the Expo on Saturday and said he was glad we brought it to fruition after being virtual for two years. The tiers will share their feedback with Lee, but generally they liked the new venue, the half-day on a Saturday and the new vendor

partners. It was a lower turnout, possibly due to nice May weather after a windy April, graduation weekend and spotty marketing. Dennis enthusiastically shared that it was a necessary step we took and needed to take to prove we could get back and have normal events that our attendees look forward to; however, we had challenges that we can overcome. The event will be moved back to February in the NACC Gymnasiums and food will be offered at the event as part of ticket pricing. Colin shared that the New Belgium marketing plan for Flylords could possibly be used in 2023. Mark thanked Colin for his leadership of the last four Expos and a job well done! (Also, Congratulations to Colin on becoming a father and enjoying time away from RMF with your family this summer!)

- b. Annual Activity Report - Mark thanked Jeannie, Tony and all members of the Leadership Council for their input on the report. Dennis asked how the total hours, 5625, this year compared to previous years. Jeannie will provide details by email.
- c. Summer Picnic - Dave suggested planning a family picnic for member appreciation at an outdoor venue, with grills for barbeque, games, fishing and social time with no agenda. Suggestions for locations: Swift Ponds or in eastern Loveland to possibly draw in folks from Greeley. Mark will work with Wayne to check on venues and determine a date in July or August. Dave pointed out that the Youth Camp is the last weekend of July.
- d. Recognition for Dick Jefferies - Mark sent the letter to CSU to have the Linda Jefferies Memorial scholarship renamed the Dick and Linda Jefferies Memorial Scholarship. Also, work is being done on gaining favor from the Forest Service for a plaque in Dick's honor on the Big Thompson Pier.
- e. CTU Spring Board meeting & Rendezvous - Redstone, May 21-22 (Mark, Scott and Dave plan to attend.)
- f. Wireless credit card readers failure at the Expo - Ryan Hogan lost connectivity after a short time and was only able to take payments manually for the auction items. Zach said the problem was probably connecting to WiFi first and then pairing with PayPal. Tony said that he had no problems with using his phone when he tested it and was unaware that there were problems..
- g. Position Descriptions - Mark said he has been delayed working on these but will be contacting Leadership Council members one-on-one to get these done by Fall.
- h. Strategic Plan meeting followup - Mark shared that our meeting in March was a great start on the plan but goals and objectives still need to be written up and he plans to complete the work soon.
- i. Awards Procedures update - Dennis emailed the procedure update for a vote at the May Board meeting and approval was included via the LdrDev Consent submittal.

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3. Upcoming General Meetings - TBD depending on Covid pandemic status as an in-person meeting or via Zoom link below
 - a. June 15, 2022 - 7-9 pm In Person meeting for Volunteer Orientation meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.