

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Meeting

November 9, 2022

Board Meeting via Zoom

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

Called to order at 6 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Comments - Mark

- a. Board Business - This may be the last board meeting of the year if we decide not to have a December meeting or Holiday Party. Mark recalled that at a meeting early in the year, we chose to have the Donor Recognition event in July and a Membership Picnic in August instead of a Holiday Party in December. The Board agreed with the recollection and even though everyone enjoyed the December parties, there won't be one this year. Also, agreed that with the Expo planning for March 11, it would be best to put our efforts there.

b. Consent Agenda -

- i) Statement of Financial Position for Sept & Oct, 2022
- ii) Statement of Financial Income and Expenses for Sep & Oct, 2022
- iii) Budget vs. Actual for Sept & Oct, 2022
- iv) Programs Projects Report Sep & Oct 2022 - Report shows a breakdown by program for Committee Chairs to review their programs. Tony noted that there were two sets of reports this month because the accountant was able to catch up and will keep them up to date going forward. (Thanks, Tony & Michelle!)
- v) October 12, 2022, Board Minutes - No changes were noted.
- vi) Membership Committee Report - Mark thanked Wayne for providing the best and comprehensive report ever with very useful information. The reports showed that as of 11/7, there were 1,118 members and at September's meeting there were just 27 in attendance. The November General Membership meeting will have Bob Reece as the speaker and should help to draw more members to attend. Mark will pursue finding stats from CTU on attendance records across the state where typical participation rates in the past have been as high as 30 percent. There were 119 contributions made, as well.
- vii) Education - Bull Moose Committee Report. The next committee meeting will be on Thursday, however, Dave reported that it looks extremely positive that GRTU will approve two years of \$5000 grants for the PHP project (to be decided at their next Board meeting.) CSU's Dr. Kano said the Big South Angling Survey would

be a good starting point. If we contribute \$3650, they would match it. Genetic sequencing is expensive and \$4000 was budgeted this year for the cash match. The checks would be cut by GRTU in December and April. Dave also shared that because of the size of grants we've received for PHP and because we are a 501(3)(c), there is a push by CTU to hire an independent financial reviewer to look at our (and other Chapters) electronic books and give them a thumbs up and maintain transparency efforts.

- viii) Conservation Notes - Mark asked about an evaluation of the work done on PHP to see if it was ready for sign off and to be deemed complete. Scott said he and Rick Kahn were trying to get together for that evaluation but he hadn't heard from Rick yet. Mark said that the NISP Adaptive Management Meetings that haven't taken place for two years are being held as individual member meetings with the rep at Northern Water to bring the members all up to date. There is one last roadblock before construction will start. Scott will go to the Northern Water Conservancy District meeting next week.
- ix) Financial Development - November report on Expo progress.
- x) Communications - The experiment for outreach to members using Zoom meetings and streaming on Facebook is in the second month of testing per Mark's direction to Jay Weaver for assistance with this project. A Chapter Laptop & Case and laser pointer were obtained for the Communications Chair going forward to aid in this outreach effort. (Jay would like to thank everyone for input and assistance in these technical efforts toward having a professional looking meeting presented to the public. (Dave, Phil, Scott, Terry and Mark)
- xi) Leader Development Report, Awards & Board Nominations - Dennis said his report would be posted by the end of the week.

c. Pulled Consent Items and Vote - There were no items pulled and Mark (absent from this meeting) moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Tony seconded the motion. The Board voted and unanimously approved all the items.

2. New Business

- a. Dick Jefferies award - Matt Fairchild and Dick's daughter, Lindsey Shipman, will attend on November 16 to accept the Forest Service Award for the work done, partnership with and dedication to the PHP and Conservation efforts Dick (and wife, Linda) exemplified (and well-deserved) throughout their membership in the Chapter.
- b. November 17 movie event meeting in conjunction with St. Peter's Fly Shop - Crooked Stave Brewery, \$17 per ticket, and there will be sign up sheets for new members and St. Pete's may share ticket info with us. Donations will go to CPRW for these movie nights, although that may be negotiable. (We hope to receive some funds from these efforts, as well, although there was no monetary expenditure for collaborating with St. Pete's.) Also, the Education committee will pursue getting a discount for

CSU students as there are more students getting involved and that will be helpful for increasing membership.

- c. Awards & Nominations slate for 2023 -Dennis - Voting to be done in Zoom as well. The Awards committee will meet this weekend to wrap up this year's recipients.

2023 SLATE: Board of Directors Nominees

President: Dave Haeusler 1 year term/re-electable – max. 3 successive years

Vice President: Zach Jory 1 year term/ re-electable

Secretary: Dave Handshue 1 year term/ re-electable

Treasurer: Tony Popp 2nd of a 3 year term/re-electable – max. 3 successive years

Board Director at Large (2 years): Adele Shirmer 2 year term/re-electable

Board Director at Large (2 years): Bill Adkison 2 year term/re-electable

Board Director at Large (1 year): Ron Hanser Final year of term/re-electable

- d. November Member meet - gift certificate drawing - small reward for our volunteers - Board members are not eligible per Board vote. 3 gift certificates were obtained. One for \$25 to be awarded to an iVolunteer listed participant of 1-3 days and two for \$50 to go to those who worked 4 days or more as shown in iVolunteer.

- e. Dec plans: There will not be a board meeting and the General membership meeting will be held in order to give the Board a break and to work on the Expo planning. Ron stated, and the Board agreed, that although the Holiday Party & White Elephant Gifting was popular and will be missed this year, it can be budgeted for and listed in an upcoming event schedule. If something needing Board attention arises up through the end of the year, the President will email the items for an email vote of the Board. As a way of thanking, and approval of the outgoing Board, for their service and just taking time to socialize, Mark will reserve space at a restaurant for dinner together but the expense will not be covered by the Chapter. RSVP's will be required.

3. Old Business

- a. Education Equipment Storage - follow up on additional storage space. John said the paperwork was signed for an additional 10' x 10' unit next to the existing unit and the Education equipment moved into it. One shelving unit was moved over, as well. Dave will let others know of the availability and also do an inventory of the items he will take over from his garage. John will also re-inventory the Education items.

- b. "Trout Fishing Expo" - Mar 11th, 11am-4pm. - Ron thanked Mark for taking over the Event duties for the Expo starting with a meeting in January. Two Expo event sponsor's have been identified in the \$2500 category as follows: St. Peter's Fly Shop and Odell's Brewing. An additional seven (7) sponsors will make donations. Lee will be contacting the fly tyers. Mark will find out the capacity of the rooms at NACC so we know how many vendors we can accommodate.

- c. CTU Rendezvous followup, Oct 21-23 - The Chapter of the Year Award was presented to RMF (Woohoo!) There were a lot of questions from attendees during the Financial and PHP presentations done by Scott, Dave and Zach because we do a lot of things on Social Media, etc. Zach is the new North East Vice President representing Northern Colorado and Denver. We are the broadest and most involved

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chapter in how we participate in all things TU. Tony shared notes he received from CTU folks and a card from BTWC thanking RMF volunteers for Trek the Thompson work. These cards will be scanned into the Historian folder on Google Drive.

4. Upcoming Meetings - Attend In Person at NACC and Virtually by Zoom link. Voting will be by show of hands. A quorum is a majority of folks in attendance.
 - a. November General Membership meeting with Speaker Bob Reece
 - b. December Board Meeting and General Member meeting – Canceled and there will not be a Holiday Party.
5. Upcoming Events
 - a. Trout Fishing Expo - March 11, 2023; 11-4 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.