Rocky Mountain Flycasters Board Meeting Minutes October 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Jefferies at 7:03 pm. Directors present were Lee Evans, Phil Wright, Paul Wehr, and Sean Cronin. Committee Chairs Dennis Cook, Wil Huett, Dave Piske, Guy Turenne, and Cullen Emsing were also in attendance. Dick commented on the new TU/CTU position of Development Chair and how it could affect our chapter. The position will be a pilot for TU and may be created in other states. We will watch to make sure the state work for donations does not infringe on our own regular donors. Dick also attended the CTU Fall Rendezvous and learned of possibly the only location for genetically pure Greenback Cutthroats west of Colorado Springs.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as corrected.

A possible purchase of a nice split cane rod and our TU insurance were added to the agenda. **The consent agenda** including reports from the treasurer, youth director, fishing trips, conservation director, and membership report was accepted after a motion and a second.

Under **old business**, the proposed budget was presented for approval. Discussion about the encumbered money and the conservation account ensued. A motion to approve was made and amended to make a line item for insurance and conservation, was then passed.

Sean brought us up to date regarding **The River Runs Through It** meeting. The concept of a working river needs further definition, and Sean felt some river users needed to be at the meetings but felt it was a good discussion. His homework is to write a vision statement of what we want the river to look like, say, in 50 years. It is to include obstacles and ways to overcome them. Sean will compose a statement and send it by email to the board for suggestions.

An update regarding the activities of the **High Park Restoration Coalition** was made by Dick and Dave P. Most of the immediate work that is being done is to stabilize areas to hold the land when we have heavy rains or runoff this spring. The WRV has scheduled 3 workdays at this point. The big water utilities such as Greeley are very interested in the quality of the water in the Poudre and may be contributing money. The Coalition is still working on getting a manager, or single point of contact, and finalizing how we administer the restoration. Dick believes that RMF, besides providing volunteers, will be most active in public outreach and education. A grant was submitted for money to RMF for restoration activities and we await the decision.

Under **new business**, the Annual Guest Night, to be held on Nov 14 was discussed. It was noted that we had to move it up a week so as not to be in the Thanksgiving week. This means the November Board meeting will also be moved up a week to November 7. Lee reported that two rooms have been reserved and pop and popcorn will be available. **Kirk Deeter** will be our guest speaker, **Rick Takahashi** our guest tier and **Brian Chavet** of Elkhorn Rod and Reel will have loaded rods available to demonstrate. We decided to give a patch, and a sticker and 5 raffle tickets to each new member and charge \$20. This would decrease the amount of change we'd have to worry about. We encourage every member, and especially every board member to recruit guests for that night. We have invited the Lady Flycasters to attend. We will need guest nametags, and perhaps we will want to discuss the color of our nametags at a future time.

We had a long discussion about the split cane rod that was offered to RMF for a very reasonable price. We discussed having a Fantasy Raffle with the rod as the basis, then include a reel, line, net, vest, waders and possible a float trip, then sell the tickets state wide. Some chapters make a good profit from these type of raffles, but it was noted that we had a hard time with the Behnke raffles. However, we were offering the tickets only to our own members. It was decided to hold off on a decision until the next meeting, and we would research the rod and other items that would affect this decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Evans, Acting Secretary