

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Meeting

April 13, 2022

In-Person Board Meeting and via Zoom RMF_leadership_minutes_20220413

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

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Comments -
 - a. Mark welcomed Education Chair, John Bryant, and said that our new Membership Chair, Wayne Carlson would be traveling until the end of June but wants to get a Summer Picnic scheduled. Wayne staffed the Membership table at the March 16 General Meeting and did a great job! Jim Durante was also introduced at the March meeting also and will be the Youth Camp coordinator. (Noted in Dennis's notes that these members were found in iVolunteer and stated their interests in these positions, were contacted and these positions were filled!)
 - b. Board Business - Zach mentioned that he will be filling in for a month or more for the newsletter editor who will be temporarily unavailable. New hats have been acquired for the Chapter and PHP Ambassadors. Contact Zach for purchase directly or they will be for sale at the next General Meeting. Tony has the new Square readers and will hold training on them soon.
 - c. Consent Agenda -
 - i) Statement of Financial Position for March, 2022
 - ii) Statement of Financial Income and Expenses for March 2022
 - iii) Budget vs. Actual for March, 2022
 - iv) Programs Projects Report March, 2022 - Report shows a breakdown by program for Committee Chairs to review their programs
 - v) March 23, 2022, Board Minutes
 - vi) Education Report
 - vii) Financial Development
 - viii) Conservation Report
 - d. Pulled Consent Items and Vote - None of the items were pulled and Zach moved to approve, Dave seconded and the Board vote was unanimous.
2. New Business
 - a. FY 2022-2023 Budget approval - Mark led the discussion and thanked everyone for their hard work. Tony noted that we spent \$3,000 over budget than we took in for the year. Dave said he made a change to increase the TIC budget for next year since we may add a school. The

budget was \$1000 and increased to \$1750 due to increased testing costs. Dave said the Leader Development budget needed additional funds for Awards costs but it may also have been included. No changes were made to the Communications, Conservation or Financial Development budgets. Scott mentioned that he just heard about a project up at Hohnholz Lakes but it would not require an increase in the budget. Zach clarified that the EAS Grant was a two-year grant and any remaining funds after completion of the intended use, could be used for other projects. Tony stated that the original ask was for \$3850 and the grant received was \$1250 but we got matching funds, as well. Zach is planning on hitting the milestones for the grant money and feels certain there will be remaining funds once the grant's intended use is complete. A spreadsheet will be maintained for the grant costs so that reporting can be done. As there were no other concerns, Tony said it was time to vote but going forward if changes were needed, the adjustments can be made per our procedures. Ron moved to approve the RMF FY 2022-2023 Budget. Dave seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor of adoption of the budget.

- b. Recognition for Dick Jefferies for his many contributions to RMF - Discussion on how we can best honor him. Dick passes away on Sunday, April 10, and we want to keep his memory and vision for the Chapter alive. Suggestions were: A plaque at the Big Thompson Pier, May newsletter article and followup and a Dick Jefferies scholarship. Due to Dick's leadership at CTU, contacting David Niccum to help leverage or combine honors for Dick statewide or with TU National, would be ideal. If we could possibly establish an on-going endowment, that would be a longer lasting honor. Information is being gathered and will be used for Dick's memorial and May newsletter article. Mark will follow up with CTU and TU National.
- c. April 16, 9-4 pm - CPRW & USFS Black Hollow Poudre River Clean-up -Mark followup on 4/12 meeting. Dennis attended the 4/12 meeting and reported there were four attendees; however, other contacts were briefed by emails or virtually. Two volunteer leaders and eight others have so far registered on iVolunteer and weather reports are varied for the weekend.
- d. April 20 General in-person meeting, speaker, agenda - Mark shared an agenda he created for the meeting after learning the speaker had canceled. The meeting's focus will be "Getting to know your Chapter." Discussion ensued and additions to the meeting included presentations from the Education Chair, Stream Monitoring and PHP information and details for volunteer opportunities and outdoor events this summer including a membership picnic. Leaders of breakout groups will be used to get to know the attendees and assess interests and also share stories of "Why I Volunteer" and end with the monthly raffle winners announcement.
- e. Summer Membership Picnic-Party - Dates? June 5, 12, or 19th (Fathers day). noon-4pm? City park in Loveland or FTC - Mark said Wayne Carlson is working on this idea and suggested places like Mishawaka or a pavillion at a park near a lake or pond for fishing and fly casting. It will have to be well publicized and have a registration fee so

that people will attend. It should probably be after winter run-off to get better attendance and consistent nice weather. The hope is that this will create a sense of belonging and inspire more ideas for getting together or volunteer opportunities.

- f. April 30, Poudre River Cleanup 9-11 a.m and River Appreciation Day at Odell Brewing, booth on the patio from 11-3 pm - Colin is the leader for this event with CPRW. Scott will set up the registration on iVolunteer so there are people at the booth for the afternoon.
- g. May 5th at CSU - Expedition Colorado - 4th or 5th graders (Jerry Pellis) - Mark said this event was like the Water Festivals done before the pandemic. John Bryant said Jerry would like volunteers to train for the festivals starting on April 27, in Greeley and May 4th in Ft. Lupton. Scott will train John on iVolunteer in advance to set up the festival training and volunteers for the three events.
- h. St Vrain Anglers - 30 April- Big T, river cleanup - should we support? Eventbrite registration is required, however, we need more detailed information on where the clean up will take place. In the past agreements with SVA, the upper canyon about the pier was done by St. Vrain and we cleaned the lower river. Barb Luneau, Regional VP of CTU is encouraging collaborations among the four Northern Colorado chapters for sharing resources, marketing and networking. The website calendar will be updated by Zach for all the upcoming events.
- i. May 11 board meeting location - TBD and May 18 General Meeting Canceled due to Expo on May 14. Discussion ensued for the Board meeting to be held at an outdoor location (maybe Gateway Pavillion) rather than on Zoom. Dave spoke about the GRTU grant opportunity, and Priority Waters designation in Jackson County. Further discussion with CTU on the North Platte headwaters point of contact needs to occur and David Niccum has declared that RMF be designated as such. The Bull Moose committee has also discussed oil and gas exploration in the area so the POC designation needs more definition.
- j. Flylords/Fat Tire "Fishing Etiquette" series event with beer/live music, gear raffles for CPRW at New Belgium - afternoon of May 7 - table/booth - Colin is the leader for this event. An email blast should go out to the membership on all three of the aforementioned events.
- k. Awards Procedures update - Dennis would like any suggestions to the procedures and will finalize it for a vote at the May Board meeting - no discussion needed. However, John took the opportunity to mention the three Youth Camp applications that had been filed among the 24 received and how the \$600 RMF scholarship would be decided by CTU. Consensus was that we should follow up by indicating that we recommend the three applicants but we can't make the decision on the award.
- l. NISP AMC Rep needed (Adaptive Management Committee)- Mark is interested in being a member of the committee, if there is agreement from the Leadership Council. Consensus was that it is a major time commitment and should be shared by the entire Conservation Committee

or several of these individuals with historical knowledge to cover it adequately and keep abreast of the activities. Dave said the Bull Moose Committee is also interested in the activities. Colin suggested contacting Joe O'Connor from PRVFF due to his relationship with Brad Wind of Northern Water and assess how to proceed.

- m. CTU Spring Board meeting & Rendezvous - Redstone, May 21-22 (Mark and Dave plan to attend) - Mark said there are funds for a 3rd person to attend the weekend meeting also.

3. Old Business

- a. **EXPO- May 14th**, update - Colin gave an update on the activities of the committee.. The Fly Tiers have all been contacted. One food truck has been secured but more will follow. Layouts for the event are being reviewed with Lauren from the City due to the change to three rooms versus the gymnasium areas we initially reserved because they are undergoing floor renovations. Digital marketing is taking place but we need to get more donations for the silent auction. Colin will send out contacts to the Leadership Council to act in securing more auction donations. Odells will be donating beer and wine and the City approved bartender, Black Tie Events, is on board for serving these beverages. St. Pete's Fly Shop is donating a walk-wade trip and also, for the first time, a donation of a high-end fly rod will be in the auction.
- b. Annual Activity Report - **ACTION ITEM: Send logs to Tony & Jeannie before April Board meeting in order to tally and complete the report for a review by the Board prior to submitting it by May 15.**
- c. Discussion of Short List of Volunteers - Mark
- d. Training needed for use of wireless credit card readers (who, when, where, and who can instruct?) - Tony said he would be available to train on these any time.
- e. Volunteer Orientation Night planning followup - Phil spoke regarding the meeting originally planned for **April 14 from 6-8 p.m.** The Location has yet to be determined due to unavailability of rooms at previous venues. Stay tuned!

3. Upcoming General Meetings - TBD depending on Covid pandemic status as an in-person meeting or via Zoom link below

- a. May 18, 2022 - General Meeting Cancelled due to Expo on May 14.

- b. June 11 or 15, 2022 - In Person meeting for discussion of "best way to communicate and engage people.

- 4. Click below on **Zoom Meeting (with our new Zoom Enterprise account):**
<https://zoom.us/j/95956728820?pwd=ZmwwZklEODJhc0RIaVOTXZ3V3B5QT09>

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.