

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Meeting

August 10, 2022

Board Meeting via Zoom

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Attendees: Mark Miller*, Dave Haeusler*, Tony Popp*, Scott Baily*, Ron Hanser*, Jim Durante, Dennis Cook, Phil Wright and Jeannie Weaver* (minutes). (* board members - quorum present).

Called to order at 5:25 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Comments - Mark thanked everyone for coming to Gateway Natural Area for the fishing and staying for the meeting!
 - a. Board Business -
 - b. Consent Agenda -
 - i) Statement of Financial Position for June, 2022
 - ii) Statement of Financial Income and Expenses for June, 2022
 - iii) Budget vs. Actual for June, 2022
 - iv) Programs Projects Report June, 2022 - Report shows a breakdown by program for Committee Chairs to review their programs
 - v) July 13, 2022, Board Minutes - No changes were noted.
 - vi) Membership Committee Report - The picnic is a go for Sunday and volunteers will be notified by Wayne to help if needed.
 - vii) Education - Dave reported that Youth Camp was a great success. John and Jim did a great job paddling like mad to make a smooth running camp! Transportation was \$3,000 and the total for camp over \$5,000. Next year the proposed plan is to shorten camp to 5 days instead of 7 and finish on Friday; Fishing will be done early with indoor classes in the hot afternoons; Alumni students will be allowed to teach; Guides will only be used on the rivers, not ponds; and Camp t-shirts will be made for each camper and adults with our Logo on front and sponsors on the back. A Camp Underwriter would be ideal to help fund the incidentals. Several equipment donations were made for this camp from Liar Flies and Umpqua. There were 22 members out of the 24 that volunteered (2 parents) and a donation was received from a lady for a student that couldn't afford the registration fee, although all the youths paid the fee in advance this year.
 - viii) Conservation Notes - July report. Scott also reported that the School of Mines Capstone Senior Design Fall Project form needed Mark's signature and is set for August 25 in Golden. Scott, Rick Kahn and Chris Carroll will go to the event where students will pick their projects.
 - ix) Financial Development - August report

- x) Communications - Zach has accepted the position of Regional Vice President for CTU and will replace Barbara Luneau.
- xi) Leader Development Report - July and August. Dennis asked that current members let him know the status of their intentions to remain on Board or serve in other positions. Also, if a Board member is also wearing a Chair hat, we need to recruit for those second positions and not have double duties. Dennis said there will be a Boy Scout Merit Badge class in October. Counselors will be assigned to Scouts to help them complete the badge requirements. Stream Keepers is Co-Ed so boys can attend and get their badge needs met that way also.

d. Pulled Consent Items and Vote - After discussion of the items noted and other comments above, Tony moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Scott seconded the motion. The Board voted and unanimously approved all the items.

2. New Business

- a. Schedule and plans for 2023 Expo - Ron spoke about the committee's discussions of holding the fly-tying demonstrations in November and the vendor Expo before or after the Denver Fly Fishing Show. Consensus was that turnout was good in the past during February on a weeknight and if we are going to do it, we should do it once and do it well! We need a person to run the event, chairs and others to plan it well in advance, market it, and focus on the fishing community not the fundraising for now but headed toward our "ideal event." Tony moved to set the Expo during the last two weeks of January or by February 4, 2023 setting Adult ticket prices at \$35 for entry and a meal and free entry for children. Scott seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.
- b. Sustaining Donors List new maintenance procedure - Ron spoke about the recent list update in advance of the donor party whereby it was discovered that in-kind gifts haven't always been included on the list due to where the information is gathered and who it is communicated to. The bookkeeper gets details of the dollars donated, and the Treasurer updates the list if there is a name and permission to publish it on the website. Confidentiality is first and foremost to maintain. All gifts are anonymous until the donor gives consent to share it. Consensus of the Board was to incorporate these steps into the process/responsibility of maintaining the list: 1) Solicitation of Donations (FinDev Committee); 2) Receipt & Thank You sent to Donors (Treasurer in conjunction with bookkeeper); 3) Maintenance of Confidential database with designation of donors used to make mailings (Newsletter editor); and 4) maintenance of Website section listing all Sustaining Donors in categories (Webmaster). The Board did not vote assured by the Treasurer that he would be maintaining the list per this procedure, also notifying Ron and the newsletter editor of the additions. With the additional receipt of larger donations with a minimum of \$1,000, the Sustaining Donor list will have a \$5,000-10,000 bracket. Ron

also noted that an in-kind donation was recently made to the Chapter through Mickey of 10 rods and several hundred flies.

Ron also shared that Whitney Huddleston from CTU is doing a list of corporate sponsors that we can add to ours to hopefully increase large donors and she will help with this effort if we need her.

- c. Idea for a women's only event – Jaclyn Fitzgerald (She's Fly). Mark was unable to verify the event but it may have occurred at Sweetheart Winery and was posted on Facebook. Another event for women was also posted on Facebook by She's Fly and held in Saratoga, WY. However, the two events were not sponsored by RMF.
- d. Sept Welcome Back meeting update - The speaker will be Chris Kreuger with a presentation on Streamers. Mark will check on reservations for the NACC starting in September.
- e. Poudre Riverfest Aug 20th, New Belgium - Mark said he was unable to attend this event. Dave said he could be there and set up the booth. Other volunteers are needed.
- f. Upcoming conservation events overview - Scott spoke regarding the August report on projects. Discussion ensued of the Poudre Canyon Information pull-out along the roadway concerned that it is missing the information sign and how best to get something posted there.
Ruthie Ketola suggested partnering with other agencies to gather and prepare for a sign so that we can communicate with the public. Rick Kahn contacted CPW who asked for a mock up so they could review it.

3. Old Business

- a. Youth Camp follow-up report - Jim Durante asked about doing a sleep-overnight at Youth Camp. Apparently, it would entail a lot of hoop-jumping and is not worth considering at this time.
- b. Mishawaka follow-up report - Mark said 26 people attended and 23 were donors. Some were interested in joining TU and the Chapter!
- c. Casting Club - outcome of Board email communications and notice to Bob Molzahn - Mark let Bob know he is working to locate some water with the City of Loveland and Fort Collins. Mark will follow up with phone calls to the department contacts.
- d. Volunteer Opportunity with Gold Star Families in RMNP - Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) - Mark was unable to reach the contact for more info on this program. At this time, RMF won't pursue the opportunity, however, the veterans group may want to do it.
- e. 2nd CSU Scholarship – status?? - Dave emailed the new contact to assess the situation and no response was received. Only one scholarship will be given to CSU.
- f. PHP Ambassadors - At this time the process isn't working; however, with more communication the situation will resolve itself.

3. Upcoming Events and General Meetings

Complete 08/17/22 - jmw

September 21, 2022. - General Meeting, 7 p.m. @ NACC, 112 Willow St., Ft. Collins, CO

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.