

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Leadership Meeting

September 8, 2021

In-Person Board Meeting

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Attendees: Mark Miller*, Dave Beede*, Ryan Hogan*, Ron Hanser*, Ruthie Ketola*, Colin Glover*, Dave Haeusler, Mickey McGuire, Zach Jory, Ryan Laudermilch and Jeannie Weaver* (minutes). (* board members - quorum present).

Called to order at 6:00 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Comments - Stories shared from recent fishing trips
2. Board Business - President Miller thanked Ryan for setting up the location and confirmed that everyone would like to continue meeting in person at the Tap & Handle next month. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Colin, seconded by Ron Hanser and unanimously approved by the Board.
 - a. Consent Agenda and Reports
 - i) Statement of Financial Position
 - ii) Statement of Financial Income and Expenses
 - iii) Budget vs. Actual for August, 2021
 - iv) Programs Projects Report August, 2021 - Report shows a breakdown by program for Committee Chairs to review their programs
 - v) August 11, 2021 Minutes review
 - vi) Education Report - Dave Haeusler updated the Board on matters since the last meeting.
 - vii) Financial Development - September 7, 2021 minutes
3. New Business
 - a. The September membership meeting is scheduled in-person at this time as listed in the newsletter but a decision will be made by September 9 on the idea of holding only a social gathering in Loveland (if possible) or a Zoom meeting instead as the Covid situation worsens. NACC will credit our account for the reservation if we don't use it.
 - b. Call for Board nominations - Mark asked Dennis Cook (retired Nom/LdrDev chair) to assist in getting a slate of officers for publication in the October newsletter. Jeannie confirmed her desire to serve another year as Secretary. Ruthie was elected to a one year term last year and a new director at large would need to be elected. Ruthie indicated she would like to remain on the Board. The Treasurer position will be vacant after Ryan's third and final year ends in December. Mickey offered to follow up with the former Financial Development Committee founder as a possible candidate for Treasurer. The Vice President position, Dave Beede is serving in, has a one year term ending in December. Both Director at Large positions, Colin

Glover and Ron Hanser are serving two-year terms through 2022. Mickey will update the Board when hiring decisions are made at BTWC and Colin will update about the CPRW executive director search.

- c. Ryan's request for a mid year budget review - **Committee Chairs ACTION ITEM:** Review the September reports on the Consent Agenda next month with Ryan if necessary by Zoom and report back to Mark on how they plan to spend or not for the remainder of the fiscal year since October 1 would be the 6 month point.
 - d. Membership Chair at the September/October meeting - Mark will follow up with a candidate Dennis garnered earlier this year to assess his interest in the position. Ruthie expressed the desire to have one of our CSU students fill the role of Membership Chair or at least, Co-Chair, to help draw interest in our Chapter from CSU and create enthusiasm for what RMF does. **ACTION ITEM:** Dave Haeusler will follow up with the scholarship recipients to possibly fulfill the role.
 - e. Mark thanked Dick Jefferies for the previous day's gathering and lunch at Long Draw reservoir with representatives of the Parks Service and Kirk Deeter. Mark described the work on the upper flume of the Poudre Headwaters Project and said Matt Fairchild is anxious to have the Chapter's help with the project.
 - f. Events Committee discussion -Tabled
 - g. Inclusion discussion -Tabled
 - h. Lengthy discussion of the re-write and design of the General Information Brochure for events and website purposes ensued after the week's email discussion by involved board members. Ron Hanser and Dave Beede agreed to work on a final document for review by Dave Handshue and Mark's approval to present to the printer within a week in order to allow time for printing. Ideas were shared for keeping it short and full of pictures with QR codes and links to the website.
 - i. Business Cards ordering - resolved by email
 - j. (See c above - discussion occurred at the beginning of the meeting.)
 - k. Request for sale of new logo patches - Zach will check on pricing and ordering for sales on the website; Mickey suggested he contact Phil Wright since he did this in the past.
4. Old Business
- a. Big Ideas/Grants - Update on 2021 grants and projects for 2022 - Dave Beede spoke about his candid conversation with Maggie Dennis. After putting out about a dozen emails regarding available grants to Board members this year, and not having any response to those, she will now wait to hear from the Chapter on which projects RMF would like to see funded. Dave listed reasons or excuses (Covid) why this might have happened. Consensus of the Board was that we have the same problems as CTU and National TU in getting volunteers; only 10% of the members end up doing the work. Suggestions were to not wait on the Forest Service and find projects that interest groups that we come in contact with

in conservation minded pursuits and ask for help. Vendors are willing to help with education by having classes and probably have booths at our Expo in collaborative efforts for the benefit of the Chapter and vice versa. An idea to have a sign up for pairing a fishing buddy with an interested fisher as a way to start friendships and bring about a feeling of community could also work to spur need for grants because of bringing new folks with great ideas into the mix. Another idea was to invite a Featured Business to attend general meetings and share their information with members but also promote our cause and possibly obtain donations due to the connections made at our meetings.

- b. Fall Pub & Dub startup - The first fly-tying session was held September 2nd (and hereafter on the first Thursday of the month) at the Gilded Goat Pub. Mickey will be the coordinator. Marty Staab will make up the fly-kits for each table (about \$50 per session) to be reimbursed by the Chapter. Mickey said that 15 tiers were there and thoroughly enjoyed the educational activity.
 - c. Colin reported that the Poudre River Fest had a great turnout with six volunteers working the booth, meeting people and enjoying the event.
 - d. Upcoming BTWC Event, Trek the Thompson, October 2, 2021, 9:00 - 1:00; we will have a station to discuss insects in the river, learn how to flycast, fish River's Edge ponds, and for kids, a fishing pool with prizes. Volunteers are set to gather at 8 a.m. at Old Fairgrounds Park in Loveland. Mickey said there are 6 volunteers.
5. Upcoming General MEETING LOCATION - Northside Axtlan Community Center, 112 Willow Street, Ft. Collins, unless otherwise notified of an alternative Zoom meeting due to the pandemic developments. The Board meetings will now be held in person at Tap & Handle, 307 S. College Avenue from 6-8 p.m.
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- a. Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. General Meeting - Colin secured our speaker, Will Clements, and the Raffle will be held ONLINE and possibly at the meeting for some great prizes by our new Raffle Manager, Ryan Laudermilch.
 - b. January Speaker - Colin's friend and Guide, Jeff McKenna, will speak about fishing trips on the Roan Plateau and Gunnison Rivers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.