

CTU Board MINUTES at Keystone Rendezvous



When: Saturday, 4.22.17, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Where: Keystone Resort, Dillon Colorado

Attendance: See attached Roster, plus CTU/TU Staff.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

1. **Roll call and introductions** – Marshall Pendergrass opened the meeting at 8:43am.
 - a. Quorum was reached with 21 of 24 chapters represented.
 - b. Voice vote *ratified* the 1.21.17 CTU Board Minutes with no changes.

2. **State of CTU** – President **Marshall Pendergrass** reminded the board of significant challenges and achievements for CTU and its partners in the 2016-7 year, including:
 - a. 25-year path that returned rainbow trout in the Gunnison River
 - b. CTU’s financial reversal from 2016 to 2017, with major improvement in focusing on “low-level” funding, restarting Colorado Gives, and the expanded Gala.
 - c. Federal protections for the Roan Plateau and Thompson Divide and \$8M funding to help restore the Upper Colorado River system.
 - d. Dan Omasta joins CTU as Grassroots Coordinator.
 - e. Our pending Long Draw Settlement to restore Greenbacks.
 - f. Reconstruction of the Telluride Valley floor to “original” condition.
 - g. Continuing Challenges include protecting headwaters streams, public lands, and EPA regulation pull-backs.

3. **Gomolchak Grants** – **David Nickum** announced the six projects that would receive \$1k grants:
 - a. Cheyenne – Greenback youth education.
 - b. Colorado River Headwaters – Fraser Flats upgrade.
 - c. Gore Range – Blue River explorer hike.
 - d. West Denver – Clear Creek habitat improvement.
 - e. The Greenbacks – Rock Creek/Black Canyon barrier.
 - f. Denver – South Platte stream management.

4. **Protect our Rivers License Plate** – **David** reported that CTU’s license plate has an *additional year* extension to reach the 3,000 plate sales target, or the plate will be retired for any continued sales. Currently, 1968 plates have been sold, requiring 1100 plates still to be placed. Apparently, our “partnerships” with other conservation groups, including CTU chapters (with accompanying rebates) has not moved the needed plates.

5. **Election of CTU officers and directors** – Elected, by *voice vote*, with no dissensions:
 - a. Executive Committee members (2 year terms) – President, Cam Chandler; VP, Dick Jefferies; Regional VPs, Larry Quilling (NW), Glen Edwards (Metro); NLC Rep, Mac Cunningham.
 - b. Directors at Large (1 year term): Corinne Doctor, Joel Evans, Barbara Luneau, Rick Matsumoto, Dustin McCorry, Clint Packo, Heather Sees, Jon Weimer and Michael Ledger.

6. **Next Year Challenges** – Incoming President **Cam Chandler** shared some of his initial priorities: in addition to Cam’s passion for native trout restoration and clean, fishable rivers:
 - a. One TU – better integrate and utilize chapter, state and national staff resources. The state council has prime responsibility here.
 - b. Professionalize the operation – raise our operations “to a higher level, do the right things, the right way,” function like a business, a bigger business.
 - c. Fundraising is our backbone – keep it up.
 - d. Focus on growth – more members, younger, more diverse (color, gender), and retain them! We are responsible for this at the state level.
 - e. Operate with a “can-do attitude, be pleased...not satisfied.”

The Membership meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am

BUSINESS MEETING: Cam Chandler called the board to order at 10:03 am

1. **Legislative briefing** – **Jen Boulton** highlighted challenges in the Colorado legislative session, slated to end within about two weeks of our 4.22 board meeting.
 - a. With the split legislature – Democrats holding the house and governor, and Republicans controlling the senate, “not much happens.” Three themes prevail, (1) industry focusing on the cost (vs benefit) of regulations, (2) “statement” bills – abortion... and (3) water and finances. The major challenge for the session is to pass a balanced budget, or the Governor might call a special session to get the job done.
 - b. Jen reviewed a few individual bills (shared earlier with the board), but saw no panic situations regarding water issues that would require a call to action for chapters and the CTU board.
 - c. Position on CPW fee bill – Jen reported that this bill (primarily to raise Colorado Parks and Wildlife fees from hunters and fishermen) still had some challenges.
 - i. Section 4 of the bill, which initially prohibited any land purchases in the future, after negotiations in the House, allowed CPW to purchase lands after a 3 year moratorium. Jen and David recommended that we support this compromise, but if negotiations on the amendment precluded acquisitions in perpetuity, that we oppose the bill. A *voice vote of the board supported* this recommendation. A CTU *Action Alert* may go out to chapters in this case.
 - ii. Charging others (hikers, mountain bikes...) for “non-consumptive” use remains a concern, and the proposed bill would ask CPW to study the issue for a year and report back to the legislature for father action.
2. Other National Issues – **David** and **Cam** noted that two issues at the federal level may require CTU/chapter action:
 - a. Bristol Bay – while the potential mine is seemingly stalled, may still require support to maintain that natural resource. The board approved by *unanimous voice vote*, a motion to be included as members of Sportsmen of Bristol Bay. The approved letter to President Trump was included in the Rendezvous materials.
 - b. Keep Public Lands Public – will be a continuing issue, as some states seek to have some of their federal lands transferred to the state for the state’s management and use. TU and CTU will continue to support the retention of these lands in federal control. A letter (also in the Rendezvous materials) was approved by *unanimous voice vote* that would be sent from CTU to the Colorado congressional delegation affirming our position.

3. **Amendments to FY16-17 CTU budget** – **Jay Boak & David Nickum** reviewed the improved financial position for CTU, and recommended \$20k in additional expenses for this fiscal year. Considering additional revenues from development (donors, Gala, etc.), and after accounting for shifting our books from cash basis to accrual, the net change would be an *increase* of reserves by \$11.6k. These budget adjustments were *approved by unanimous voice vote*.
4. **Social Media Campaign for Youth Education** – **Larry Quilling** shared his goal of creating a social media campaign to raise dedicated funds to support CTU youth education events and programs. Without a vote, the board *acknowledged general support* of the idea, and asked Larry to continue to seek new funding sources, including crowd funding, for this purpose.
5. **Natl. Leadership Council** – **Mac Cunningham** updated the board on issues at the national level:
 - a. TU strengths – we “bring stakeholders together,” are science based, and focus on solutions.
 - b. Litigation rules – any litigation involving a TU chapter, state council, or NTU now requires a round of approvals to assure full support of the organization.
 - c. “Capacity Building” – to run the organization better, staffing is changing, the website is under revision, and an upgraded approach to development (funding) has launched with new staff leadership. Over 20+ NTU staffers reside and work in Colorado, a significant benefit for the state and our ability as members to improve our fisheries.
6. **Ongoing CTU litigation:**
 - a. Thompson Divide case – **Brad Powell** of NTU noted that the Pitkin County litigation continues, with a company seeking a cash settlement for their oil/gas leases that were cancelled. TU (via CTU and the local chapter) is supporting the Bureau of Land Management in this case, to keep these contested leases cancelled.
 - b. Aspen water rights case – **Ken Neubecker** reported that we (CTU and local chapters) continue to seek Aspen’s release of their water rights that allow them to build retention dams for future water use. These rights require renewal every six years to keep the rights active, in spite of Aspen’s acknowledge lack of long term need of those waters.

Cam Chandler closed the board meeting at 12:31pm.

CTU BOARD attendance for 4.22.17 Rendezvous meeting (L. Howe) FINAL

First Name	Last Name	Title / Pres of Chapter?		Proxy/Delegate named
Boak	James	Treasurer	Y	
Cunningham	I M (Mac)	National Leadership Rep - TU	Y	
Edwards	Glen	Regional VP - Metro	Y	
Fooks	John	Regional VP - Southeast	N	D- San Luis Valley (J. Fooks was unable to attend)
Chandler	Cameron (Cam)	Vice President	Y	
Howe	Larry	Secretary	Y	
Jones	Thomas	Regional VP- Southwest	Y	
Matsumoto	Rick	Past President	Y	
Neubecker	Ken	Regional VP - North West	Y	
Nickum	David	Executive Director	Y	
Pendergrass	Marshall	President	Y	
Quilling	Larry	Regional VP - North East	Y	D- Boulder Flycasters
Craig	Steve	Silver Trout Representative	Y	
McGoldrick	Michael	Director Emeritus (non-voting)	N	
Doctor	Corinne	Director-at-Large	Y	
Packo	Clint	Director-at-Large	Y	
Weimer	Jon	Director-at-large	Y	
McCory	Dustin	Director-at-large	Y	
Evans	Joel	Director-at-Large	Y	
Jefferies	Dick	Director-at-Large	Y	
Luneau	Barbara	Director-at-Large	Y	D - St Vrain Anglers
Bates	Matthew	Director-at-Large	N	
Rasmussen	Fred	Director-at-Large	Y	
Smith	Dale	Director-at-Large	Y	D- Dolores River, P- Duncan Rose (if needed)
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS		(21 of 24 chapters represented - Quorum)		
Bloess	Brian	102 - Eagle Valley	N	
Adinoff	Allen	007 - Cutthroat	Y	
Kratz	Allyn	508 - Cheyenne Mountain	N-D	D-Terry Deaton
Bloodworth`	Benjamin	319 - Grand Valley Anglers	N-D	D-Mark Batterson
Hardy	Greg	116 - Gore Range Anglers	Y	
Wylie	Coy	010 - Rocky Mountain Flycasters	N-D	D- Mickey McQuire
Seaton	Mark	303 - San Luis Valley	N	D- John Fooks (J. Fooks was out of state)
Kehoe	Edward	426 - Gunnison Gorge Anglers	N-D	D-Jeffrey Dean
Klancke	Kirk	547 - Colo. River Headwaters	Y	
Krebs	Keith	466 - Collegiate Peaks	Y	
Wiles	Briant	057 - Gunnison Angling Society	N-D	D- Bill Keterhagen
McCormick	Robert	082 - Boulder Flycasters	N-D	D- Larry Quilling
Myers	Lynn	453 - Alpine Anglers	Y	
Schreiber	Scott	128 - Denver Trout Unlimited Ch.	N-D	D - Peter Dickey
Lackey	Howard	100 - Purgatoire River Anglers	N-D	D-Mark Hanson
Waltman	Brad	145 - Dolores River Anglers	N-D	D-Dale Smith, Duncan Rose (backup)
Schreider	Rudy	474 - Cherry Creek Anglers	N-D	D- Tyler Newbolt
Groves	Jason	008 - Ferdinand Hayden	Y	
Samples	Berris (Bear)	451 - Five Rivers	N-D	D- Buck Skillen
Edwards	Jackie	130 - West Denver	Y	
McGinnis	Mike	394 - Evergreen	N-D	D- Dave Schumacher
Hepplemann	Andrew	929 - Yampa Valley Fly Fishers	N	
Moersch	Jim	316 - St. Vrain Anglers	N-D	D - Barbara Luneau
Soto	Fred	509 - So. Colorado Greenback	Y	