

**Colorado Women Flyfishers, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2008 Minutes
Location: REI Flagship Store**

Call to Order: Joannie McCord, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call / Quorum: Board members present were: Joannie McCord, Barbara Keller, Betty Peterson, Anne Zadrazil, Karen Williams, Ellie Reiser, Arlys Warfield, Mary Ellen Freas, Dawn Blom, Jane Francen, Jeanette Bourdon, and Anita English. Jody Yehle was absent. There was a quorum.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was revised to correct Jeanette Bourdon's name and to add reports from Mary Ellen Freas and Dawn Blom. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the revised agenda.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the November 13, 2007 Board Meeting minutes. Mary Ellen Freas suggested that Chris Juvan's letter be attached to the minutes. Joannie will email the letter to the board members.

New Business: Joannie welcomed all board members to 2008 and then called an Executive Session. The session lasted from 6:35 to 7:10 pm.

Treasurer: Betty Peterson

Betty passed out copies of the 2008 Budget and the Balance Sheet (as of December 31, 2007). She stated that she needs more information from board members in order to finalize the December financials. She now shows a profit of \$3600 for 2007, but expects more expenses will be submitted from board members.

Fundraising: Karen Williams

The December 8 Holiday Party netted \$3750 from the raffle and \$2045 from the silent auction, even though 13 registered guests were unable to get there. There are already two donations for the 2008 Holiday Party: a bamboo rod and a Greg Mueller guided day trip. Anne Zadrazil has the details on the guided trip.

Special Projects: Jane Francen

The Holiday Party went well at the new location with no complaints. More people came from out of town this year. Jane reserved the same place for December 6 and 13, 2008 and asked the board to decide on which date. December 6 was decided on by a vote of 6 to 4. There was some discussion about whether the July picnic should be on a Tuesday, as usual, or on a Saturday. A vote was taken and it was decided to hold the picnic on Tuesday July 8.

Education: Anne Zadrazil

The 2008 clinic will be on April 12. It is again at the North Fork Ranch which is run by Kevin Gregory. It is for a maximum of 50 people and the rod fee has gone up from \$50 to \$65. Karen, who owns the lodge, has set prices at \$15 for lunch, \$8 for a continental breakfast, and \$2 for just coffee and juice. The board voted to have the lunch and continental breakfast. The member charge will be \$90 (up from \$75 last year). The club picks up the instructor fees. There will be a scholarship available if a member cannot afford the \$90. If anyone wants to donate for a scholarship, they should talk to Anne. Karen asked about buddies or helpers from the club working at the clinic. They would be without rods and would assist the instructors. Anne will ask Kevin about this and will ask Kevin to teach at the clinic. Anne also stated that the instructor lunches would be \$10 and that there are 4 rooms available at the North Fork Ranch. They are on a first come first serve basis for \$135 per night and include a continental breakfast. She will get more information, such as: Is the charge per person or per room? and Can you fish the next day?

Public Events: Dawn Blom

The CWF booth at the Fly Fishing West show took in just under \$1,000 for the raffle and there was a huge interest in membership. Ellie stated that there were at least eight new members from the show. The booth, created by Deb Nelson and Sharon von Broembsen looked great. The TU West Denver 32nd Annual Fly Tying Extravaganza is February 9. So far, Anita English and Mary Ellen Freas will work the morning shift with Connie Rogers tying flies. She needs more volunteers for the afternoon shift. Anita will ask Nancy Sherman to tie and Dawn will ask for volunteers in the newsletter. Dawn bought a rolling toolbox to stash the booth supplies in overnight. It has a combination lock and can be put under the table. She apologized for having the raffle drawing at the end of the International Sportsman's Exposition instead of after the fly tying show. Some people were upset by this. The AFTA : FFW conflict was brought up. Joannie said some fly shops were threatening to not be in either show because of the conflict.

Trips: Jeanette Bourdon and Anita English

Jeanette stated that she has no business being in this position since she does not feel qualified. Karen reminded her there are people willing to be on her committee to help her. Jeanette and Anita submitted their proposed trip schedule for 2008. Since preparing the schedule, Anita had found that all the RV sites at Red Feather Lakes for May 24 were gone. She suggested we strike Red Feather and put in a day trip to Pella Ponds for May 24. The schedule was accepted with the Pella Ponds substitution.

PR / Outreach: Mary Ellen Freas

Mary Ellen got the boxes with real old items from Janet Canaan. She has no information on prices, etc for these items and asked permission to have a special sale. It was decided to sell these old items for \$10 each at the February meeting. Ellie stated that she has a box of unembroidered white shirts at her house and a box of car stickers. She will get a count for the next board meeting.

Membership: Ellie Reiser

There were 86 membership renewals, 20 new memberships, and 15 holdovers from Casting for Recovery. We need more trifold fliers. There was a unanimous vote for Arlys to order 750 more fliers.

Announcements:

1. Joannie passed out the Board Time Line, the CWF 2008 Meeting Schedule, and a memorandum from the Colorado Wildlife Federation and National Wildlife Federation (regarding Sportsmen Legislative Caucus)
2. Joannie reminded the board about the Board Retreat on Saturday February 2, 2008 at 8:30 am. She will send out an email about location, time, and agenda.
3. Board members Joannie, Jody, Betty, and Ellie cannot attend the February 5 meeting because of employment and caucus conflicts. Arlys will run the meeting.
4. The February 12 BOD meeting cannot be at REI. Jeanette offered her workplace as an alternative. The meeting will be at Home on the Range at Logan and Alameda.
5. Anita reserved the Salida Senior Citizens Center for the April 26 Arkansas River weekend party. The center now has a requirement that any group over 20 must have insurance. Rent is \$50 and cleanup is \$25. Anita will check about what type of insurance is required.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:15 pm.

Barbara Keller, Secretary

