

**Colorado Women Flyfishers, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting
October 14, 2008 Minutes
Location: REI Flagship Store**

Call to Order: Joanie McCord, President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was amended by adding Barb: By-Laws under New Business. A motion was made to approve the amended agenda. It was seconded, and passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the September 9, 2008 Board Meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joanie: 2009 Dues

Joanie reported that the last time the membership dues went up was 2001. They went from \$20 to \$25 per year. Arlys moved that we increase the dues to \$30, effective in 2009. The **motion** was seconded and a discussion followed. Discussion topics included: Why not \$35? Raise dues by \$5 this year, then \$5 next year. Karen suggested that when the increase is announced, also tell the membership that CWF has a buffer in case of no fundraising. Dues will go up again next year if we have no fundraising. Joanie questioned whether it is OK to run with a deficit budget - or do we need to trim to bring it down. Arlys pointed out that it is time to raise dues regardless of the budget. The motion was approved 8:1.

Betty: 2009 Budget

Betty passed out the Sept. 30, 2008 Balance Sheet. She had emailed the 2009 budget to BOD members. She asked "Do we want to operate in the red for 2009 even though we have over \$44,000 as a cushion?" We are not broke. Arlys suggested several items we could eliminate to bring down our expenses: donations to CTU and Casting for Recovery, incentives for early membership renewals, sponsoring the fly fishing competition, river cleanup tee shirts, guest meals at the holiday party. In addition, she offered to cut the newsletter to 8 pages to save money. Other BOD members volunteered to cut their budgets: Dawn will cut the parking and decrease snacks and supplies for trade shows. Mary Ellen will cut \$1,000 from purchasing clothing and sell clothing at a profit rather than at cost. Jody will cut \$50 from speaker dinners. Other suggestions were to have a pot luck for the July picnic instead of catering and possibly sell hot dogs and wrap Christmas presents at Bass Pro. Betty calculated that these cuts would bring the budget to -\$753 (down from -\$5,033). Karen moved that we approve the 2009 budget as amended. The **motion** was seconded and approved unanimously. Betty will issue a revised budget for 2009.

Anita: Legal Waiver

Anita passed out copies of the legal waiver that Dan English drew up for CWF. Karen suggested putting the waiver in new member packets and attaching it to membership renewal forms for current members.

Karen: Insurance Information

Karen reported that the insurance is signed, sealed, and delivered. Mary Ellen nominated Karen for sainthood for doing such a good job on the insurance.

Joanie:

Call Lists:

Joanie assigned each BOD member names from the roster to call. Points to cover are: 1. How can we

make your membership more pertinent to you? 2. Mention the November business meeting and the holiday party. Phone calls are to be completed by the next BOD meeting.

Review of annual meeting evening

The schedule was revised from last month. It now is:

1. Dinner
2. Program
3. Business meeting
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Read reason for business meeting (from by-laws)
 - c. Announce election results
 - d. Directors' reports. (The treasurer's report will be a balance sheet and a spreadsheet showing actual 2008, 2008 budget, proposed 2009, and adjusted 2009 (with cuts).
 - e. Announce that members can pick up annual report packets and can bring concerns to the November BOD meeting.
4. Adjourn

NEW BUSINESS:

Dawn & Karen: Retailer's show debriefing

The retail show was well organized and went very well. The CWF volunteers were a good group.

Anne: Update on possible site for Spring Clinic

Anne is out of town, so Joanie gave an update. The 2009 clinic will be held at the same site as the 2008 clinic. It will be on either April 18 or April 25. She will have Anne and Anita coordinate the clinic dates with the trip dates.

Mary Ellen has talked with Shannon and Andy at Hook fly shop. They are willing to have fly tying classes. For beginners, there would be three classes for \$80 (including materials). Class participants could lease vices and take them home during the class. The lease would apply to the purchase price of the vice. They would also offer kits for fly tying. Intermediate classes would have the same arrangement, but would be three classes for \$100.

Karen: Ladies Let's Go Fishing idea and DOW information

Karen talked with Scott Gilmore at the DOW. They are no longer working with Ladies Let's Go Fishing and would be interested in having CWF run something similar. DOW would supply 40 rods and reels and we could have it at the pond at the Kessler Center. Only one date is available, the weekend after Memorial Day. Karen will get a committee to work on it.

Barb: By-Laws

Barb passed out the revised by-laws. Karen will copy them to include them in the annual report packet for the November business meeting. Barb will forward the by-laws to Janet Canaan to put on the website.

Announcements:

Annual Reports Announcement

All annual reports must be sent to Karen by **OCTOBER 26** so that she can make up the annual report packet for the business meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Barbara J. Keller, Secretary