

**Colorado Women Flyfishers, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting  
January 13, 2009 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, Mary Manka, Barbara Keller, Betty Peterson, Anne Zadrazil, Maria Scordato, Arlys Warfield, Mary Ellen Freas, Dawn Blom, Marion Roper, Anita English, and Jeanie Cross. Jody Yehle was absent. There was a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was amended by adding Wright-Magill under Public Events. 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 November 11, 2008 Board Meeting minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**President: Joanie**

1. Joanie welcomed new and returning board members.
2. **Arlys moved to that Colorado Women Flyfishers adopt the signing of the CWF Liability policy as a condition of membership.** Rationale for the motion was that there is no way to properly monitor who is and is not driving other members on the trip. To keep the files on who and who has not signed the waiver form is incredibly cumbersome. On most of our trips it would be next to impossible to track down those who have not signed the waiver to have them sign for that specific trip. According to Dan English, it give the document more credibility if the board actually votes to have this document as a condition of membership. The motion was seconded and passed. A number of members renewed their memberships but not sign the form. Maria will hold those checks and will notify them that they are not members until they sign.
3. Joanie appointed Jody Yehle as CWF Secretary since Barb Keller resigned her position. **There was a motion to approve Jody as Secretary.** It was seconded and passed.
4. Deb Nelson has agreed to manage the CWF website.
5. New business cards showing the new \$30 membership fee are now available. There was a discussion about whether or not to order more magnets which are \$167/500. Dawn reported that there are enough magnets left to hand out at this year's shows, but not enough to hand out for the Ladies Weekend. **Mary moved that we buy 500 magnets.** The motion was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer: Betty**

Betty handed out the 2009 Budget along with the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Sheets for 2008. **Mary Ellen moved to approve the reports.** The motion was seconded and passed.

**Special Projects: Marion**

1. Marion talked with staff at the Merchandise Mart regarding having the 2009 Holiday Party there. She is having them hold December 12 for us (tentatively). **Arlys moved that we go ahead and book the Merchandise Mar for December 12.** The motion was seconded and passed.
2. Marion suggested Tuesday July 7 for the 2009 Picnic. **Arlys moved that we hold the picnic on July 7 at Prospect Park.** The motion was seconded and approved. Marion will pick up the picnic food at M & D Barbecue.

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**Vice-President: Mary**

Mary handed out a list of her ideas for programs this year. Those booked so far are January (Andy Huber, fly fishing equipment) and February (Carol Neville, basics of buying a camper). She also suggested a joint trip with Sisters on the Fly and moving the monthly meeting point to different areas of the metro. Arlys explained that Piccolos does not require a guaranteed number of people and it's an easy access, unlike other places CWF has checked out.

**Education: Anne**

1. **Anne moved that we increase the annual CWF Spring Clinic instructors rate from \$200.00 to \$250.00.** Anne's rationale for the motion was that we have not increased the instructors rate in many years. Given the economic times, cost of living increases need to be taken into account. Given that this event is taking place during the guiding season and several of our instructors are active guides; they are giving up a full day of paid guiding to assist us with our clinic. CWF should compensate these skillful instructors with fair pay. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. **Anne moved that CWF, in conjunction with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, host a fly fishing clinic for beginner women, May 30-31, 2009. Volunteers from the board will plan and organize this clinic to be held at the Kessler Center. Volunteers from the club membership will be asked to assist instructors presenting classes on both days. The first day will consist of four sessions of classes on casting, entomology, equipment/gear, and basic setup/safety/etiquette. The second day will consist of buddy fishing. This clinic will be named the Women's Fly-fishing Weekend. The cost of this event will be self-sustaining; origination from participant fees as well as additional support from sponsors (pending). No monetary costs will be incurred on CWF.**

Anne's rationale for the motion was that the Women's Fly-fishing Weekend will be held to promote, encourage and educate women in the sport and ethics of fly-fishing. This event fulfills one of the purposes of our club. In addition, this event will be a fundraiser for our club (amount pending). The motion was seconded. Committee members working on the Women's Fly-fishing Weekend are Anne Zadrazil, Dawn Blom, Mary Ellen Freas, Karen Williams (chair), Joanie McCord, Marion Roper, Marian Nutt, and Jody Yehle. There was a lot of discussion since Dawn had learned that Wright-Magill is having a Ladies Lets Learn to Fly Fish class at Bass Pro. That class will be in April and May and will run for six classes. Wright-Magill and Bass Pro were supposed to sponsor the CWF Women's Fly-fishing Weekend. Because of the conflict, Dawn left the meeting to call Karen Williams. Karen said that Bass Pro will not sponsor us and she does not know about Wright-Magill. She said that she can find other sponsors but, even if we can't find them, we will be OK financially. The motion was passed.

3. Anne handed out an outline of the April 25th Spring Clinic times and sessions. There will be two new classes: line management (Carol Neville) and Czech nymphing (Sandy Wright). The cost for the clinic is \$100.

**Public Events: Dawn**

1. Dawn reported that we were well received at the Fly Fishing show. About \$1,000 worth of raffle tickets were sold.

2. She still needs a few members to work the Jan 22-25 ISE. Dawn is scheduling six people per day and they must return their passes at the end of their shift.

3. The Fly Tying show is on February 14.

4. The Bass Pro Flyfishing Weekend is scheduled for Feb 28 and Mar 1. CWF will sell hot dogs, work a club table, bag at the registers, and work the kids fish pond. This is a fundraising effort, as well as an opportunity to promote the club.

5. Dawn suggested that CWF contribute to an ongoing river restoration project.

6. She would also like to see us order some silk-screened tee shirts (short and long-sleeved).

**Newsletter: Arlys**

**Arlys moved that CWF use up the supply of past newsletters by handing them out at the shows this year, but cease producing extra copies for upcoming years. The current issue will still be given to those who sign up as new members.** The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Discussion centered around the fact that personal information in the newsletter should not be handed out to the public. The deadline for submissions to the March newsletter is Feb. 15.

**Trips: Anita**

Anita handed out the trip schedule for 2009. **Mary Ellen moved that we approve the trip schedule.** The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**PR/Outreach: Mary Ellen**

Mary Ellen has ordered short-sleeved, small-checked shirts from LL Bean. After they are embroidered with the CWF logo, she will charge \$35 for them. She will call Deb Nelson regarding having the newsletter sent to the website.

**President: Joanie**

1. Joanie reminded the board that monthly reports are due one week before each BOD meeting and annual reports are due prior to the November business meeting.
2. She handed out copies of the Board Time Line for 2009 and will also email it to board members. She will send out the motion template.
3. The Board Retreat will be held at Connie Rogers' law office on Jan 31 from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. Joanie will email directions to the office. Meanwhile, Joanie asked the board to be thinking about 2009 club goals.
4. The February BOD meeting will be held at Joanie's house since REI is not available.

**Announcements:**

If anyone hears that a club member is not able to attend the Spring Clinic because of the expense, let Anne or Joanie know. There are club members willing to cover the expense and it is anonymous.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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Barbara J. Keller, Secretary