

Colorado Tree Coalition

April 17, 2017
Brighton Armory
300 Strong St.
Brighton, CO 80601

Meeting Called to Order @ 10:10am

Introductions

Acceptance of last meeting minutes was motioned by Karen Scopel, 2nd by Scott Grimes and all approved.

Treasurer's Report

First quarter of 2017

Income:

Xcel Energy Vegetation Management Grants @ 4275.00

Membership Dues: 2 payments for a total of 1800.00

Merchandise Sales: Mainly from Pro Green and online sales = 650.00

STEP: Denver Payment @735.00

Trees Across Colorado: total at 42,957.50, with an additional 900.00 from Broomfield

Expenses

Chapter Meeting at Denver Botanical Gardens; Cost = 67.21

Accounting, including The past quarters financials; Cost = 875.00

Liability Insurance; Cost = 1687.00

Contacted Service; (Karen Duez) Cost = 5300.00

Travel; (For Karen Duez) Cost = 91.66

Postage and supplies Cost = 155.47

Grant Community Signs Purchase Cost = 372.00

January Awards engraving Cost = 335.29

Tree Fund donation : Cost = 1500.00

Refund of Calendar purchase Cost = 26.00

Special Projects/ Tree Cards Cost = 1255.00

STEP Cost =3675.00 (This is a pass through expense and we will receive the funds back)

Community Grant Awards Cost = 16,275.00

Eastern Colorado Tree Conference Cost = 323.57

Move to accept report by Scott Grimes, seconded by Mike McGill and approved by all

Plant Health Care Workshop

Cost: Early Registration 65.00, day of 75.00

A collaboration between EPIC, ISA and CTC

Speakers generally from the local area and the information will include an emphasis on urban wood utilization.

David Flaig is to MC

Old Business

Policies and Procedures : Defining and Clarifying - final check

The items defining Social Media saw the most changes, addressing things such as picture use, and other parties using The CTC logo.

The write up for Transportation came directly from the Insurance company. Since CTC does not have clients or customers policies addressing such can be removed. Rarely will CTC have to provide transportation for volunteers so a minor change can occur to state that Colorado Department of Transportation rules shall be followed.

Approval of the Policies and Procedures with the minor changes was motioned by Kyle Sylvester, seconded by Mike McGill, and all approved. (Any changes will be approved by the Executive Committee)

Education and Outreach

Champ Tree Report

There have been the most nominations ever, 21 to 24 new state champions have been listed. Over half of the trees came from the Denver inventory. Certificates will go to the people who nominated them. Some of the trees include:

Narrowleaf Cottonwood in Durango

Cerro Hawthorn in Ft. Collins (Could possibly become a national Champion)

Tree Collections

The Tree collections subcommittee met and discussed how to provide information about Champion Trees in Colorado. A complete list was provided to Plan-It Geo. It was stated that this work would be out of the scope of the original design. Second phase of the program to be developed and decisions are to be made as to what it should entail. There is money coming for this phase and the committee is working with CSU to provide Dr. Klett's information. Also signage needs to be considered. A mock up has been sent to Fast Sign. Mike McGill shall send an example to committee members. The Tree Finder App is something that is being worked into the collections web site. It would allow users to find a specific tree. It is no longer available as a down load.

Select Tree

The David, or 'Choice City' elm will be going to : Denver, Aims Community College, Broomfield, South Suburban, and Buena Vista. (Since the meeting occurred Buena Vista has dropped their order and Denver picked up those additional trees on their order).

Communications

There have been 609 likes on the Facebook Page. May enter links on the page to similar pages such as that of Arbor Day, and possibly list different cities' Arbor Day celebrations.

The Web Site was updated to include the CommuniTree Awards, and an events calendar. The Current CTC news was updated with the 2016 Annual report, the Ash Borer video and the UCF newsletter. The third Tree Card has been added to the web store plus there are new pictures and information pertaining to champion trees. The webpage background was changed to the spring picture, and the 2017 Grant recipients and the associated press releases have been included. As a group would we like to see the Feature Tree return to the home page?

Colorado Arbor day poster contest

This year included 46 entries, 1/3rd of which came from Grand Junction. The winning poster will be displayed in the Capitol building from April 20 through May 1st. There was an extensive prize package

for the winning student, their teacher and a pizza party for their class room. Thank you to Denver EAB funding!

Grants

Media releases have been written for the small grants and it is stressed that grants should be awarded to those that are well written and thought out. Money should not just be awarded because it is available.

The Colorado State Forest Service grant to the CTC has been received and President Chuck Gehringer signed the grant agreement paperwork. The check for the 2018 grant program from CSU has been deposited into the CTC checking account for next year's grant program. This is a pass through grant.

The Xcel Energy Foundation Grants will be going to Boulder, Littleton, and Golden for 2018 plantings. Communities planting with these funds this year are Aurora, Grand Junction and South Suburban Parks.

Training

FRUFC had their most recent meeting in Louisville, and brought up the question why are trees important to people. The next scheduled meeting is May 18th with a presentation pertaining to under privileged kids, their school and tree education.

Tree Risk Assessment

Documentation for the new program is in review with Keith and Karen. There are two more documents that need finishing. It is difficult taking field knowledge and putting it on paper. Part of the goal is to define tree management versus tree assessment. Permission was granted to use the 7 deadly defects, ISA terminology and the California Tree Damage Form.

Trees and the Law workshop has been confirmed. Speakers will include a mediation expert and a lawyer which specializes in boundary rules and regulations.

EPIC

Currently focused on the Plant Health Care Workshop. EAB awareness being stressed in May, and the bus tours of damage in Boulder shall be taking place again in August.

Workshops

Eastern Tree Conference was held March 2nd in Lamar, there was a good turn out

Western Tree Conference is to be held September 14th in Grand Junction

The Tree Diversity Conference was very successful.

FRUFC to meet May 18th

Trees across Colorado

Unload date was April 18th, Tuesdays are good because of the discount on shipping. 1098 trees were purchased, the majority of which were in air pruned pots.

Tour De Poudre

Jannieth Lewis is coordinator this year. The dates being considered are the last weekend in September or first Week-end in October. (Post meeting the date for the ride has been set for 10/8/2017).

Membership

As of March 2, 2017 there were 99 members. There will be a membership push online around Earth day and Arbor day.

Merchandise

Plastic Tree Cards available: 55 planting 105 Pruning 180 Caring for young trees

Also we have a healthy inventory of Shirts, Hats, and Flash drives.

Item sold the past month was the Caring for young tree cards. A reprint of the Tri-fold brochure is near, and we are considering a screw top grip as a replacement for the CTC cups.

Next Meeting

October 20, 2017 with location to be announced.

Attendance

Kyle Sylvester	Karen Duez
Dave Sexton	Bill Cassel
Scott Grimes	David Flaig
Micaela Truslove	Neal Bamesberger
Karen Scopel	Nancy Biekarck
Gertie Grant	Becky Wegner
Pete Harrington	Keith Wood
Mike McGill	Chuck Gehringer