

Colorado Tree Coalition Meeting Minutes

Nov 4, 2016

Meeting Called to Order @ 10:13am

Welcomed new Board Members: Dave Sexton and Peter Harrington

Unanimous acceptance of Jun 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer Report:

Karen Duez is to become more involved with financial issues

3rd Quarter Report:

Tour de Poudre: \$4,215 from sponsors and donors and \$1,680 from registrations for a total income of \$ 5,895. Expenses of \$ 963, net income of \$ 4,932

Trees across Colorado: \$57,735 income, \$47,843 expense, almost \$10,000 profit

Taxonomic Workshop (EAB/ALB First Detector Workshop): Weather wreaked havoc with this event, but CTC still made \$250 due to book reimbursements from the Colorado Department of Agriculture

Tree Collections: Exceeded budgeted expense by 3000.00.

Reforest Colorado Donation: 3,170 donations to date.

Tree Trust: The plan - grants funded by the interest earned. Issue – Current low interest rates

Keith Wood presented graph indicating how the organization has moved away from federal government funding, indicating the goal of being self sufficient is reachable. There is currently 80 to 100 % of our costs covered in reserves. (Tree Trust)

Motion to accept Treasurer Report by Scott Grimes, 2nd by Dave Flaig, accepted unanimously

Next Meeting will cover Budget: Things to consider-

- Karen Duez's contract –How much to increase
- More money for grants
- Push for more Community/ Professional memberships – currently not a membership driven organization
- Development Director

Please send ideas for budget discussion via e-mail to Becky Wegner

Urban wood Utilization Video – will be sent to all of our commercial partners

Old Business:

Colorado Gives Day – 10.00 in donations have been received – Facebook blast to occur closer to date in hopes of increasing our amounts received.

Web Site Additions and Revisions: Wood Utilization Video has been added – Tour de Poudre information displayed during appropriate times. Will need to promote Tree Collections program once it is fully available

New Business:

Rollinger Tree Collection: Being revisited by Denver Botanical Gardens – In residential areas about 50% success in locating trees, closer to 100% in parks and cemeteries. DBG is planning on a publication of findings. CTC could benefit from having it's logo in the publication.

Volunteers are needed – Contact Ann Frazier @ DBG

FRUFC – next meeting @ Denver Botanic Gardens – Jan. 19, 2017

Job Announcements: Keith Wood is interested in ending his emails pertaining to Urban Forestry job openings. Should the CTC web site become a portal for this information? A policy statement will be written for approval at the next meeting.

Board Invites: presented via handout – motion to approve from Neal Bamesberger, 2nd by Chuck Gehringer. Unanimous approval.

Pesticide applicators workshop: – CTC will not be participating with a booth this year.

Education and Outreach

Tree Collections: Plan-It Geo shall have it available for data collection as of November 7, 2016. Money for this program is coming from Xcel Grant Funding. In the next update state Champion Trees shall be included. Volunteers are needed to increase the number of Tree Species Information sheets and for data collection. All board members are requested to help in the write up of Tree Info sheets.

Champion Trees: There are 60 new nominations with a large number coming in from Ft. Collins and Denver. Many are new or unusual species.

Communications: The Web site is updated – August Grant Information & pictures of 2016 Tour de Poudre. Facebook likes are up by 40 from last year. Sedgewick hackberry is in the Great American Tree Competition.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: 2017 theme will be the same

Grants: CTC Small Grants have applications coming in and reviewers are needed.

CTC has been approved for the Xcel Energy Vegetation Management Grant again

Training: EAB and EPIC meetings upcoming, Nov. 14.

Community Forest Conferences: Eastern to be held in Lamar – Late Feb. or March
Planning on Windsor in 2018.

Western to possibly happen in Grand Junction next fall

Plant Health Care Workshop - June 15, 2017 at Ft. Collins Hilton

Main topics drought and environmental - disorders approx. cost 75.00/day

Funding

CSFS: CTC has received 2017 funds

Trees Across Colorado: Only 416 trees of the original 1426 were left in the order. Colorado Springs has cut budget for new tree planting – trying to determine the logistic of getting tree to Old North End. Should a Japanese Beetle Quarantine be put in place here could be major issues.

Tour de Poudre: It was a very successful year, with a total of 31 riders and exceeded budget income levels. Ft Collins Nursery donated 3 trees for planting which were planted along the Tour trail and at New Belgium.

Gertie Grant made the motion that \$4,932 proceeds be split between CTC and The Tree Fund
2nd by Chuck Gehringer – all were in favor

Membership: This was the year of the Flashlight, and membership is down. The 2017 membership letters are ready to be sent.

Merchandise: orders for materials connected to membership numbers.

CTC Administration

Contracts: Laurel Brabec is resigning. (Thank you for all you have done!) Karen Duez's contract is up as of 12-31. Keith would appreciate ideas of jobs she could take on. Her new contract will have a budget of 10,000.00, and needs the Executive Boards approval.

Awards: Nominations are open and categories can be found on the web site.

Elections: A change in the candidate for VP was requested. Josh Theobald was unable to commit to the position. Karen Scopel agreed to step into the position. David Flaig volunteered to fill the missing At-Large position.

Scott Grimes motioned and Gertie Grant seconded the approval of the officers as slated. All approved.

Attendance:

Karen Duez
Mike McGill
Scott Grimes
Dave Sexton
Becky Wegner
Peter Harrington
Neal Bamesberger
Keith Wood
Laurel Brabec
Chuck Gehringer
David Flaig
Gertie Grant
Nancy Biekarck