

# March Meeting Minutes

BFC, June 23rd, 2009

Meeting Attendees: Larry Quilling, Bob Bush, Don Damico, Paul Prentiss, Tony Fernandez, Ken Iwamasa, Mark Riley, Dave Clark,

Approved Previous Meeting Minutes

All

## Old Business

### Rogers Park Volunteer Day

Dave Steinman Update, 6/15: Proposed having fewer plants with no topsoil imported. Roger & Dave Blauch think the assessment is not accurate. Dave will contact everyone after July 4th about a pre-project meeting.

Overall project coordination for the volunteer day is needed. I have asked Roger to address this issue.

*The board discussed and agreed more project management focus will be required for the revegetation project. Roger Svendsen has agreed to fill this role. The next project meeting is Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at Rogers Park 4:30 PM. Discussions will focus on planting requirements and tools*

*L. Quilling moved to approve up to \$300 for a Daily Camera ad if required to meet our volunteer requirements. Seconded by B. Bush. Approved by majority.*

### Rogers Park Project Status

Roger Svendsen

It appears that the BFC treasury will be in pretty good shape at the conclusion of this project. Early on, I expected us to need over \$45K in BFC funds and now it looks like less than half of that will be needed. (see attached financial summary) Ballentine contract, Todd is working on a draft of their report this week. We should see an electronic version before the end of the week.

### Blog Postings

P.Prentiss/All

See attached statistics

*Numerous suggestions were made for continued blog growth and improvements. All postings to date have been by board members. All agreed to look for members outside the board who could provide regular blog content additions. L. Quilling will work with Ron Donahue to add a weekly fly tying blog. Sandy Platter has agreed to help get Ron started. Additional suggestions will be solicited by LarryQ to the board via e-mail. Additional posting ideas included: Gordon Wickstrom, Ken's Mapping Project, BOD Profiles and etc...*

### South Boulder Creek:

Please review the attached letter drafted by Drew Peternell from CTU for the Denver Water Board. We need to decide if we want to deliver this message for BFC and whether we want to invite other organizations to participate. Do we want a road trip to Denver Water Board Meeting Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>? (See attached letter)

*The board approved of the letter with minor revisions. L. Quilling will post a notice on the blog asking for e-mail letters of support from members as well as attendance at the meeting.*

Community Ditch Trout @ Dowdy Draw: I have received e-mails and calls from Eldorado Springs residents and BFC members who are wondering what can be done about the spawning fevered rainbows

stacking up in Community Ditch on the Dowdy Draw Trail. Where the ditch crosses the trail there is a drop structure where lots of fish are congregated; most likely escapees from Marshall Reservoir. (See attached e-mails). Frankly, I do not see much value in helping private fish in a private ditch that are in no immediate peril. Other comments?

*No action to be taken. The board agreed we should not encourage actions for fish removal or transplant without written permission from the Ditch Co. and the Marshall Lake Fishing Club. Members and others have been advised how to contact the two parties and encouraged not to take action without permission.*

### **BFC CTU Camp Student Sponsorship**

The CTU Camp this year was the best one to date. Zach Lummis, our sponsored student is working on a MSPowerPoint presentation and plans to help with the Rogers Park Project in July.

### **Youth Events for spring 2009**

- Louisville Fishing Day April 24<sup>th</sup> Chad volunteered to demonstrate fly-fishing for this daytime Friday event.
- Boulder's Children's Water May 13th L. Quilling
- Rogers Park Project Volunteer Day TBD
- Erie Fishing Clinic May 30  
We will need BFC volunteers for much the same format as last year.
- CTU Youth Camp June 7<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>.  
L. Quilling & S. Bratt are participating. More volunteers are welcome.

### **Fly Fishing Boulder Creek Map Project**

Ken has scheduled his 1<sup>st</sup> planning meeting for a Boulder Creek Watershed Mapping Project meeting 6 pm, Wednesday, July 1st, at Ken Iwamasa's office in Fleming Law Bldg on the CU campus, room 279.

*The meeting has been rescheduled to July 6<sup>th</sup> at Ken's house. Larry Quilling will post the revised announcement on the blog.*

### **Chapter Picnic @ Viele Lake**

Again this year the Chapter Picnic was very poorly attended. I donated over \$150 in food and set-up for the event and must ask if we need to drop the picnic next year.

*Participation was very poor at the picnic. Larry Quilling will post a "positive" blog article describing the event and Paul will provide a survey to help discern why more members did not come.*

## **New Business**

### **Annual Dues Communication**

**(See Allen's Email)**

*Larry Quilling agreed to write an explanation of our chapter's electronic communications medium in the next President's Message for the newsletter. Mark Riley will write an FAQ section to address the questions related to our chapter member fees and programs.*

### **Program Proposals for the balance of 2009**

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*Fishing Trips: Mark & Paul will book a trip with the Ark outfitters who run Brown's Canyon. Based upon their experience we can decide whether or not to sponsor a fall club trip.*

*Dinner Programs: It was decided we would host a dinner meeting Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> as a Rogers Park Celebration Dinner. Larry Quilling will contact Bill Marx to see if his son's restaurant, Jimmy & Drew's Delicatessen, would be interested in hosting the event.*

## **Water Conservation Proposal to the City of Boulder**

L. Quilling

I initiated discussion with Mely Whiting, a TU Western Water attorney and Boulder City Councilman Ken Wilson concerning "lease back" opportunities for the City to leave CBT water shares on the west slope in wet years. (See attached correspondence) I have received favorable responses concerning my proposal and a TU law clerk is presently researching the precedents before approaching the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District (NCWCD) and City staff. Anyone interested in participating in this project, please let me know. This could be a very big benefit for the Colorado River.

**Chapter Planning Session:** August Board Meeting, ~~Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>~~ - *Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>*. Please mark your calendars to attend a 2009 BOD Planning session as the focus of our August Meeting. Sharon Lance from CTU and the National TU Board of Trustees will be on hand and will provide dinner.

*The board agreed to have a full day planning session Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Larry Quilling will see if we can use the Sylvan Dale conference center for the meeting. Fishing up the Big T canyon planned after the meeting.*

Everyone please start to formulate your functional plans for 2010 and succession planning for your given office if your term is expiring. Allen, please forward everyone a term listing so we can plan accordingly. Everyone should work hard to recruit new board and committee chairs for the coming year.

## **President Awards**

*Larry Quilling moved to request \$150 for President Awards for non-board member recognition of individuals who have made significant volunteer contributions to the chapter. The motion was seconded by Dave Clark and approved by the majority. Board members were encouraged to provide nominations. Paul Prentiss will help with fishing equipment discount purchases if required.*

## **Healing Waters**

*Ken Iwamasa proposed BFC sponsorship/involvement in the Healing Waters Program designed for returning war veterans. The board agreed the program could be a good fit for our chapter. Larry Quilling will provide Ken with contact information for Jim Williams in the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter. Jim has worked on numerous Healing Waters retreats.*

# Allen's E-mail: BFC Member Questions

**To the BFC Board,**

***I have obtained input from general members and wanted to pass a few points on to you. In my mind it is mostly a communication issue.***

- 1. Why do we have 3 internet communications: the web, the newsletter, and the blog? What are the differences and is it more costly to the chapter instead of having everything at one place. Remember that most of our members do not understand the different forms of internet media and those that do need a simple definition of where do I go for what.***
- 2. Why should one pay the \$50 to become a registered member? I know that it is covered in the "Membership" section of the Blog, but most members have not read it since the explanation was added, it was not addressed in a general communication, and there is a lot of confusion regarding the differentiation between a general member and a registered member.***
- 3. Are the general funds being used to the exclusive benefit of the registered members? Here there is concern about the possible misappropriation of funds that belong to the general members to pay for the activities and events for which registered members have first priority. I do not sense a concern about having 2 different types of members. The concern is with the donations of non registered members being used to subsidize the activities and discounts enjoyed by the registered ones.***
- 4. What is the \$50 registration fee used for? My assumption is that it is used for the general operating costs of the chapter. I don't recall that the board ever decided on this.***
- 5. There is concern that the remaubug BFC funds will be used for the benefit of the registered members. There is a lack of awareness of the fact that much of it will be consumed by Rogers Park project.***

## Community Ditch Trout @ Dowdy Draw:

Bay,

I copied Don on this e-mail, he is with City Open Space and may be the person you talked to. I know one member at the Marshall Lake Club, I will try to call him. As far as fish safety is concerned, the rainbows trying to run up the ditch are not in much danger of being stranded in the ditch this time of year. The FRICO system is very senior in their water rights and the ditch will run all summer. There are hazards at the end of the irrigation season when the ditch is shut off abruptly and transitory fish get stuck in the ditch. This happens in all of the 40+ ditches on South Boulder Creek! Farmers who flood irrigate regularly find fish in their fields. This is a problem that goes back to the beginning of the ditches in the 1870's.

This is but one problem fish face in South Boulder Creek. The most important issue I have been working for the past six years is winter water. Fish need water to live everyday but the creek is completely de-watered every fall in some stretches stranding fish in small pools. I have attached some pictures of this event from previous years. Fish passage has also been a problem but many of the obstructions have been modified in the past five years opening most of the lower reaches below Eldorado to Arapahoe Rd. Water quality, channelization, low flows, endocrine effluent discharges from the new Eldorado treatment plant and other habitat issues are being aggressively worked. I applaud your enthusiasm for the community ditch and I will try to contact the club member I know to get additional contact information for you. I know the club has very modest dues and almost every penny they raise goes to fish or facility repairs. FRICO will not be any easy target to get them to install screens at Marshall Lake when they do not perceive a problem. You have an uphill battle so please let me know what I can do to push from behind.

If you are interested in other South Boulder Creek issues and would like to get involved, please contact me and lets me to discuss the issues in more detail.

Thank you,

Larry V. Quilling  
720-684-3277

**Bay Roberts**

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06/16/2009 09:58 PM

To Larry.Quilling@seagate.com

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Subje Re: FW: Eldorado Springs, CO  
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Larry- I talked to someone over at city open space today about the fish in community ditch. The fish are coming from marshall lake/reservoir where they were stocked. There is a private fishing and hunting club there called the marshall fish and gun club. They pay FRICO to stock the lake. So the fish are private fish and belong to the marshall fish and gun club or to FRICO (not sure exactly here). The City would like to move the spawning rainbows (estimated to be from 50-100 individuals, all 12- 14 inches) to south boulder creek but they cant do that. It would be illegal. FRICO apparently is not easy to work with and they dont really care about this. They have not been responsive at all concerning the idea of putting in fish ladders to allow the fish to get to south boulder creek via the ditch. The City would like to see them block the ditch at the lake so the fish dont go in the ditch. The Club members might want this too since the fish they pay for are escaping out of the lake and into the ditch where they eventually will die when the water to the ditch gets cut off. So its a complicated issue. Might help if we could somehow make contact with club members and see what they think about the situation. I tried to google them but nothing much comes up. Perhaps you know of someone that fishes there?

All the best, Bay 303-447-8836

PS we could just move the fish ourselves !

[Larry.Quilling@seagate.com](mailto:Larry.Quilling@seagate.com) wrote:

One last thing Bay,

Please feel free to write a short synopsis of your observations & experiences with the Community Ditch. I'd like to share your story on the

blog and see if others would like to help you.

Best Regards,

Larry V. Quilling  
720-684-3277

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Bay- Here is a little background and contact information for FRICO.

What is FRICO? FRICO is the Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company, a mutual ditch company based in Brighton, Colorado, formed in the late 1800's to provide Front Range farmers with adequate water supplies. The company is governed by a seven-member board of directors elected by its shareholders. FRICO's system includes five divisions: Barr, with rights to portions of the South Platte River; Milton, also with rights to the South Platte; Marshall, with rights to portions of South Boulder Creek; and Standley, with rights to Clear Creek. The system also includes a municipal division. FRICO has a long history of supplying water for municipal purposes, through cooperative agreements for water delivery with the cities of Westminster, Thornton, Northglenn, Louisville, Lafayette, Brighton, and Lochbuie, and the South Adams County Water & Sanitation District.

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Jennifer Moore, Secretary 970) 659-7373

Please feel free to let Manuel Montoya know I referred you to him. I believe what you have seen in the community ditch are fish moving out of Marshall Reservoir up the canal. I will very interested to hear if you receive any responses.

Best Regards,

Larry V. Quilling  
720-684-3277

Bay Roberts

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Subject

06/16/2009 06:11 AM

Re: FW: Eldorado Springs, CO

Larry- we were out there yesterday and saw lots of fish at the obstruction and also swimming up the ditch from the east. Ill take some photos next time Im out there. Thanks for sending us the info on local groups involved in fish conservation. We will sign on.  
Can you send me the name and number of the president at FRICO and I will give him a call.  
Best, Bay

[Larry.Quilling@seagate.com](mailto:Larry.Quilling@seagate.com) wrote:

Hello Bay,

The Community Ditch is owned by FRICO, a large ditch Co that extends All the way to Stanley lake in Westminster. They are a historically difficult group to work with. The Boulder County Open Space is currently pursuing legal action against FRICO because they are blocking plans to build a pedestrian/bike tunnel under CO Hwy 93. Personally, I can't get their president to return my phone calls when I want to talk with him about South Boulder Creek flows. If the fish are coming "up" the ditch as you have described, they are most likely moving up from Marshall Reservoir and could provide a good spawning population if they could make it all the way to the creek. I'd encourage you to take pictures of the obstruction and the fish the next time you are out with your daughter. We have had a lot of success modifying diversion structures for fish passage on South Boulder Creek in recent years. I'd be happy to help take a run at FRICO to see if they would be agreeable to fish passage discussions.

I have sent you an e-mail subscription invitation to the Boulder Flycasters Blog page where you will find a host of local fishing and conservation information. <http://boulderflycasters.wordpress.com/> you can also become Trout Unlimited members at our website: <http://boulderflycasters.org/membership/index.htm>

Please feel free to contact me any time. My passion has been South Boulder Creek for the past ten years and I'd appreciate your additional support.

Best Regards,

Larry V. Quilling  
720-684-3277

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06/15/2009 02:35

Subject

PM FW: Eldorado Springs, CO

Larry - I'm hoping somebody from BFC can help respond to this email, as you'll be far more familiar with the location and potential local

programs for their daughter. If not, please let me know so I can circle back with them. Thanks!

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-----Original Message-----

From: [bdr2005@comcast.net](mailto:bdr2005@comcast.net) [<mailto:bdr2005@comcast.net>]

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 5:05 AM

To: David Nickum

Subject: Eldorado Springs, CO

Hi, We live in Eldorado Springs, Boulder area and we see tons of rainbow trout in community ditch right near Doudy Draw. The fish seem to be spawning and trying to go up the ditch but may be getting stopped by a small waterfall (right where doudy draw trail crosses community ditch).

Is this is what is happening and should the City put in a fish ladder?

Also my 11 year old daughter is crazy about fish and fishing and we wanted to find out if there are any activities she can get involved in

with trout unlimited in our local area, Many thanks, Bay Roberts  
303-447-8836

Bay Roberts