**Colorado Tree Coalition Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 4/3/2020**

**Location: Zoom**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

David Flaig

Karen Duez

Scott Grimes

Karen Scopel

Donna Davis

Vince Urbina

Neal Bamesberger

Gertie Grant

Chuck Gehringer

Becky Wegner

Allison Steere

Aaron Rhodebeck

Bryan McCoy

Dan O’Dell

Nancy Biekarck

Michaela Truslove

**Acceptance of 1/24/2020 Meeting Minutes** - Neal Bamesberger Accepted and seconded Karen Scopel

**Treasurer’s Report**

Acceptance of Treasurer Report - Scott Grimes - Income from Trees Across Colorado and Xcel Grants. Treasurer Report excepted - Gertie Grant and seconded Nancy

**Old Business:**

* Investment of Funds with Waddell & Reed - Scott & subcommittee - Neal Bamesberger - some loss due Covid19, but invested conservatively so no need for action at this time
* CSFS Reorganization & Keith Wood (Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager) position update - Vince/Donna - Vince Urbina recently reviewed position description. Goal to not have one person, but to delegate and share responsibilities. Position to be filled by October 1.
* Letter to State Forester - Dave Flaig - Provide State Forester Annual Report and Budget. Goals to get Federal money reinstated and outline our relationship. Donna Davis - Take with you what you what CTC wants to do. Suggest others partake.

**New Business:**

* Adjusting for a changing world - Dave Flaig - Near future continue with zoom meetings
* Google.drive & Google.doc - Donna Davis - Michaela set up a Google Account that we can store old documents on. Donna set up a CTC Active Folder. Vince - suggested Donna be the designated manager. Karen Scopel motion to use Google.drive and seconded by Dan O’Dell

**Funding**

* CSFS - CO TreeView - Donna Davis - CSFS funded at this time. Approved by previous State Forester so need to encourage continued funding. 91 organizations, 15 recent requests including college students wanting to use data. Refer back to committee.
* Trees Across Colorado - Gertie Grant - 1638 trees. Trees arrive on April 16. 1st stop Windsor, 2nd Westminster, 3rd Arvada. One truck to Littleton.
* Reforest Colorado/Colorado/Tree Trust - Scott Grimes - No new applications. Aspen Mortuaries and EKI Woodworks loyal donors
* Membership - Karen Duez - 12 new members
* Merchandise - Karen Duez - Card orders picking up
* Partnerships - Dave Flaig - Xcel is a big one
* Foundations to Help with Grant Program/Tree Trust - Neal Bamesberger - Weherhouser potential and Arbor Day Foundation has grants of $50,000 and up. Vince requested Neal send him the information on the Arbor Day grants.

**Grants**

* CTC Small Grants - Dave Flaig/Vince Urbina - Vince had 1 request from Monte Vista
* Xcel Energy Grants - Vince Urbina- Request from Thornton to release. Gave to Aurora with extension. Karen Scopel - not sure about Greeley. Vince said an email request would be fine
* Xcel Foundation Grants - Vince Urbina- Submitted next round of grant requests for 2021 - Centennial, Del Norte, Loveland, Plattesville, Windsor

**Education and Outreach Programs**

* Champion Tree Program - Neal Bamesberger - 750 trees, not a lot of change. Would like to nominate more natives
* Arbor Day Poster Contest - Kyle Sylvester - Donna Davis - Extended deadline to April 30. Reduced the poster size so kids could do it it at home
* Tree Collections - Mike McGill/Kyle Sylvester - No Report
* Select Tree Evaluation - Kendra Boot - Donna Davis - Bur/Gambel Oak Hybrid. Longmont, Westminster, Boulder County Parks and Open Space, Wheatridge, Foothills Parks and Recreation participating
* Tree Finder App - Kyle Sylvester - No Report

**Communications**

* Website - Michaela - Importing from old site was too cumbersome a project so starting over on a new site. Dave will get Michaela basic information (Trees Across Colorado, Grants, Champion Trees, Annual Report)
* Social Media - Kyle Sylvester/Karen Duez - No Report
* Annual Report - Karen Duez - Ready to Go. Please look at for edits

**Training**

* Front Range Urban Forestry Council - Dave Flaig - March meeting happened. Not sure about future. Vince has an agenda set for May with Allison Steere, a meeting with EAB response team, potentially a zoom meeting or webinar.
* Tree Risk Assessment - Bill Cassel - No Report
* EPIC/EAB - Vince Urbina - May 21? FRUFC meeting
* ECCFC/WCCFC - Donna Davis/Vince Urbina - Western, September 11 in Buena Vista, Eastern. Eastern - Fall TBD possibly Colorado Springs/Colorado College
* Greeley Tree Care Workshop - Well received

**Other Business**

* Tour des Trees - August 29 to Sept 3. Aurora to Boulder (tree planting) to Fort Collins back to Aurora

**Next Meeting - Friday, July 10, potentially a Zoom meeting**

Chuck Gehringer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan O’Dell