**Colorado Tree Coalition Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 1/29/2021**

**Location: Zoom**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Attendance:**

Neal Bamesberger

Dana Coelho

Karen Duez

Kyle Sylvester

David Flaig

Scott Grimes

Karen Scopel

Donna Davis

Luke Killoran

Gertie Grant

Becky Wegner

Dan O’Dell

Allison Steere

Bryan McCoy

Michaela Truslove

Kyle Cutshall

Nancy Biekarck

Craig Gress

Max Erickson

**Acceptance of 10/16/2020 Meeting Minutes** - Motion to accept, accepted

**Treasurer’s Report** - Dave Flaig

Finished the year approximately $36,000 ahead of budget. Investments grew $20, 681. Scott G moved to approve the 2021 budget, seconded by Gertie G. Motion carried.

Becky Wegner moved to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Dan O’Dell

**New Business:**

1. Organizational Structure - Dana Coelho is the new CSFS program manager of Community Forestry. Dana and Donna Davis make up the new Communications and Community Division. There are 4 area Supervisory Foresters who will spend part of their time on urban and community forestry.

 Max Erikson - NE Area Supervisory Forester

 Kamie Long - NW Area Supervisory Forester

 Adam Moore - SW Area Supervisory Forester

 Andy Schlosberg - SE Area Supervisory Forester

**Funding**

* CSFS - CO TreeView - Donna Davis - 8 new communities including 5 HOA’s
* Trees Across Colorado - Gertie Grant - Thursday, April 15, 2021. Approx. 1500 trees and 20 groups. This is down a little from 2020. Gertie requested some help in Windsor. Jean Sharfenberg, a long time tree advocate with Arvada’s program passed away on November 6, 2020. Her daughter, Becky will take over the program.
* Reforest Colorado/Colorado/Tree Trust - Scott Grimes - No general funds were put into these accounts in 2020
* Membership - Karen Duez – No Update
* Merchandise - Karen Duez – No Update
* Partnerships - Need to enhance. Alameda Wholesale has been a good partner on many projects.

**Grants**

* A federal EAB Grant of $8500 will help fund EAB tree planting grants
* It was suggested that Grand Lake’s project could come out of Reforest Colorado Funds
* Xcel Foundation Grants - No Report

**Education and Outreach Programs**

* Champion Tree Program - Neal Bamesberger - Neal visited a lot of the state champions in 2020. The budget includes a $250 request to purchase a DBH measuring instrument that allows measurement from a distance.
* Tree Collections - Kyle Sylvester - Approximately $2,000 to fund the program. Looking for sponsorship from Alameda. Created a promotional packet. Putting Champ Trees in. If you would like to help with this let Kyle know.
* Select Tree Evaluation - Kendra Boot – No Update.
* Tree Finder App - Kyle Sylvester – Take this App off notes as it is part of TreeCollections.

**Communications**

* Website - Michaela Truslove/Luke Killoran – Met with Dana. Will build and migrate everything soon. Dana will check with PlanItGeo on the Find the Right Tree interconnectivity to Tree Collections. Have a backup of old site. Requested a short bio and picture for each board member. Store discussion – membership, tree cards important to keep up. Need new and clear pictures of merchandise. Accessibility guidelines (CSU). Who’s email address should this fall under – at least two people for access to generic email.
* Social Media - Kyle Sylvester - Facebook has about 350 followers. Did a boost with lots of likes. Luke K helping & big thanks!
* Annual Report - Karen Duez – No Update. Get committee 2020 reports to Karen.
* Poster Contest – Kyle Sylvester. Will get this out next week. Also in Spanish. $200 gift card for winner.

**Training**

* Front Range Urban Forestry Council - Dave Flaig – On-line so statewide at this time.
* Tree Risk Assessment - Bill Cassel – No update.
* EPIC/EAB - Vince Urbina – Scott G inputs - EPIC starts up again in May. CSU Tree Health Care Workshop some discussions for virtual.
* Greeley Tree Care Workshop – Not this year.
* Tree Diversity Conference, March 5, 2021
* Think Trees - Urban Forest Health: From the Soilsto the Sky, NM Feb 17-19, 2021
* ProGreen, Feb 22-25, 2021
* NOCO Pest Group – May 19, June 16, July 14, August 18, September 15, 2021
* Urban Wood Utilization Workshop 2 – end of March/early April – stay tuned.
* ECCFC/WCCFC - Donna Davis-

**Other Business**

**Next Meeting –** April 2, 2021

**Good of the Order** – Karen Scopel noted CSU Master Gardner Blog – nice writeup of CTC.

Today is Neal’s B Birthday!

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:39 am