

GOLD COUNTRY FLY FISHERS

BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 1, 2019, 2:30 pm

At Reel Angler Fly Shop, Grass Valley

MINUTES

1. **Call to order** by Chair Jimmie Marchio
 - Present: Jimmie Marchio, Larry Strauss, Mike Chapel, Sheila Weintraub, Clay Hash, Tom Page, Larry Uno, Diane Berg.
 - Excused: Frank Rinella
 - Guests: Peter Burnes, Tom Grant, Dave Ackerman, Drew Irby
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Clay; Second: Diane; Approved
3. **Approval of Minutes of last Board Meeting 10/31/18:** Motion: Clay; Second: Diane; Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Mike Chapel presented reports on the club's finances for 2018. A narrative summary of the year explained that GCFF had met or surpassed its goals. The Conservation Committee still has funds it needs to spend down, and the committee assured the board that it is working on that. Mike was able to ascertain an annual cost of club operations of roughly \$6,800, which is covered primarily by members' dues.
5. **Correspondence:** Before getting into what was anticipated to be a detailed discussion of the proposed 2019 Budget, the Chair said we would first review the correspondence that had been received because it has budget implications.
 - Thank you notes from Sierra Streams Institute and SYRCL were passed to the secretary for scanning and posting on our website.
 - A newsletter from Cast Hope and request for financial support was deferred pending Tom Page asking for and providing a financial report.
 - A request for renewal dues payment from the Sierra Nevada Alliance (\$100) (which funds are listed in the proposed budget) was discussed. Mike provided some background.

ACTION: Item was tabled for Conservation Committee action.
 - A request from SYRCL for a donation to their Yuba Salmon Now initiative in the amount of \$750, \$1,125 or more (not included in proposed budget).

ACTION: Item was tabled for Conservation Committee review and action.
 - Three items from FFI. There is need to distinguish FFI the national organization headquartered in Bozeman from NCCFFI the regional organization in our area.
 - Dues for 2019 \$500 same as last year is budgeted and approved
 - A request for the FFI1K program (FFI Bozeman) for a contribution of \$500/yr for 5 years was determined to be beyond our ability.
 - A request from NCCFFI to become an affiliated organization (which we are) and learn how to take advantage of all that is offered will be discussed at a future board meeting. GCFF has four members who are

members of and on the NCFI board, so it was determined that one of them should be designated the GCFI Representative. Larry Strauss volunteered and was happily approved. That same request offered fly casting training for teachers of fly casting at the Pleasanton Fly Show on 2/23. Any mentor interested should RSVP to Willy George through Clay.

6. 2019 Budget:

Mike presented copies of a preliminary budget for 2019. It replaced a proposed budget which had been emailed but was now slightly revised. Mike reported that the 2019 preliminary budget is essentially a repeat of the 2018 budget. A line-by-line review and discussion ensued. Discussion results:

- Equipment line should be separated into two parts, one for club administrative equipment and one for fishing gear, including loaner equipment. As for recommendations on what administrative equipment the club may want to purchase,

ACTION: Clay will look into the cost of an outdoor speaker system. The equipment line should remain at \$600. As for the loaner equipment and other fishing gear that we own, a list should be developed of what we already own, and that will be part of a future agenda item: Asset Management.

ACTION: Develop an inventory of fishing gear owned by the club.

- Brochures line item is at \$0, and Mike was asked to add \$100 for brochures and another \$100 for business cards.
- A line item under “Discretionary Investments” for “President’s Awards” in the amount of \$300 should be moved to “Operations Expenses.”
- Clay explained that the goal of Yuba Fest 2019 is to be revenue neutral and not to try to make it a fundraiser, rather make it a celebration of our river.
- Education/Skills Development Program facilities rental should be increased to \$330 for that is what it will cost to rent the Madelyn Helling room for FF101 and Skills nights.
- In Discretionary Investments:
 - FFI dues should be paid now (\$500) and Sierra Alliance (\$100) should be deferred.
 - The title Wounded Warriors is no longer appropriate. It is now Wounded Veterans.
- Conservation Committee will receive their contribution to the Malakoff Derby of \$640 returned if it has been paid because the Derby has been cancelled. It was suggested that the Conservation Committee might want to consider a “kids fishing day” as a substitute, something like Fishing in the City that happened in Auburn.

Sheila moved that the preliminary budget as modified by our discussions be approved. Diane seconded and the budget was unanimously approved. AND it was voiced that Mike had done a spectacular job handling our club’s finances and the financial reporting.

Due to time constraints most of the balance of the agenda was postponed until next meeting, but committee reports and items of immediate importance were handled.

7. Committee Reports:

Drew Irby reported on the Conservation Committee's participation in a SYRCL event this past weekend. Drew reported how successful it was, and Clay added that this was a great way to get GCFE out there without expenditure of funds but with staffing volunteered the day of event. Sheila volunteered that there was an excellent Conservation Committee report in the current newsletter.

Jimmie asked Clay for a brief report on the November Strategic Plan meeting and reported that he would be putting together a small group to start the planning.

ACTION: Jimmie to establish a small steering committee to start planning the Strategic Plan/Revisioning process.

Jimmie also suggested to Clay and the other Procedures Manual committee members (Tom G and Sheila) that it is probably time to start that process too.

All other committee reports were postponed.

8. Old Business:

- A. Holiday party report: Peter reported that he had pretty much brought us all up to date at the last General Meeting. One of the suggestions for 2019 includes a full-price dinner, rather than a subsidized one. Peter is looking for a co-chair to succeed him as chair in 2020. Jimmie asked Peter to provide a description of the procedure to organize the Holiday Party.
- B. Formal approval for budget item for WIX Shout-Outs (\$120/yr): After discussion of the reasons for the executive approval of the expenditure and the reasons why the expenditure benefits GCFE, a motion to approve after the fact was made by Sheila, seconded by Tom and unanimously approved.
- C. Roles & Responsibilities (Procedures Manual) (Clay/Tom G/Sheila): As noted above, the president has requested that this committee get to work, set a date and start the work.

All of the New Business items were tabled for consideration at the next Board Meeting:

9. New Business:

- A. Shall the Board consider having its meetings at different locations and having some in the evening in order to more easily accommodate increased attendance?
- B. Parameters of executive actions.
- C. Establishing a procedure for committee reports to the Board.

10. Next Board Meeting: Friday, March 1, 2:30 pm at Reel Angler

11. Adjourn: 4:51 pm

Submitted by Sheila Ryan Weintraub, Secretary