

GOLD COUNTRY FLY FISHERS

BOARD MEETING

July 31, 2019, 2:00 pm

At Reel Anglers Fly Shop, Grass Valley

Minutes

Present: Jimmie, Larry S., Mike C., Clay, Sheila, Tom P., Diane

Excused: Larry U., Frank R.

Guests: Tim Ackerman

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm
2. **Agenda Approved as modified** to add proposed letter to FERC and discuss dues.
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2019:** Moved Larry S; Seconded Diane; Approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mike submitted Income and Expenses through July 29 and reported the club is well within the budget for 2019. He asked that the club raise the rate only for Family Dues from \$57 to \$60 annually, explaining it simplifies his bookkeeping and keeps the family rate at or under the rate two individuals would pay. Mike moved to make that change; Sheila seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.
ACTION: Brochures need correcting.
5. **Correspondence:** Mike reported no new correspondence but see discussion below of request by email from NCFI that the club send a letter to FERC in support of the Klamath Dam removal project.
6. **Committee reports:**
 - A. **Membership:** Mike reported there were two new members this past month. Current total membership is 186.
 - B. **New Members:** Tim reported that there are half as many new members as there were this time last year, but membership remains steady as most members did renew. Larry asked whether there is any follow-up with new members re whether they are getting what they expect or not. Tim responded that most members will say when asked that they love the club but are very busy. Tim asked that the Board prepare a questionnaire about members' interests to aid the New Members committee in presenting the club to potential new members and to determine the interests of existing club members.
ACTION: Sheila will work on a questionnaire with Tim (Larry S, and Bill Burden have expressed interest also) to bring to the board at next meeting.
 - C. **Conservation:**
 - Frank reported by email to Tim that the Conservation program for the September general meeting is set. Confirmed program guests are SYRCL, SSI, BYLT, TU, Cal Trout and the Wolf Creek Alliance, and they will speak briefly on Protecting the Yuba River Watershed. Tim and other members

would have liked to have Fish & Wildlife as well as other agencies there, but Frank thought there would not be enough time. A discussion of how to handle the timing ensued, as time after the speakers is needed to allow members to visit tables each group has been invited to provide.

ACTION: Jimmie, as President and Chair of the General Meeting will work out the timing with Frank.

- The Great Yuba River Clean-Up is September 21. Conservation will have a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. A site leader is needed for the event as Frank is out of town.
 - The Wounded Veterans event at the Horseshoe Bar Preserve is October 3rd to 5th. The Club will pass the hat at the October meeting. A chair is needed for this event as well.
 - Since Bob Winters stepping down, a new Committee Chair is needed for the Boy Scouts too.
 - Yuba Fest is October 12.
- D. Programs:** Dave Ackerman not present, so no report.
- E. Fishouts:** Tom Grant not present. Diane reported on the Webber Lake fishout that there was no water at the campground, but that issue should be fixed by next year. She also reported that fishing at the lake was not very good, but fish were caught on the Little Truckee.
- F. Trout in the Classroom:** Neither Larry Uno nor Robin DeNegri were present. Diane reported that everything is on track for another successful year with 10-12 tanks available.
- G. NCFI:** Clay reported that NCFI is looking for a newsletter editor (Rivermouth newsletter is published four times a year). That person could also serve as Communications/Outreach Chair. The NCFI Board now has 12 members and is looking to have a total of 16. GCFI fills 5 or 6 seats on the board, so new members should come from other affiliated clubs. Clay also reported that NCFI has become a sponsor of Yuba Fest in addition to Fly Fishing Traditions and GCFI. Clay had Yuba Fest flyers for anyone who wanted to post them anywhere. A more detailed report on Yuba Fest is below in its committee report.
- H. Fly Fishing 101:** Tentative dates for next FF101 is Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17, and the new class can be marketed at Yuba Fest on October 12. A fishout for new members should occur afterward so “graduates” can try out their new skills on the water. Larry said there might be interest in a Lake Wildwood-Penn Valley class, and SYRCL is still interested as well. Clay suggested that non-member registrants should pay \$40 per person for class and get a 1-year GCFI membership. Jimmie suggested that an anonymous questionnaire about the class be completed at the end of class. Other suggestions included providing attendees a list of resources, such as books, DVDs, mentioning that some are available through the club and using a shout-out to market FF101 to members.
- I. Workshops and Clinics:** Because of poor attendance, Clay is redesigning how these would fit into an Education program, perhaps by presenting the NCFI

casting challenge or clinics on different techniques, like dry fly fishing or nymphing, or a class devoted entirely to entomology.

- J. Yuba Fest:** Date is October 12, 9 am to 4 pm. Clay reported that volunteers are needed for (1) helping Dave Ackerman at the BBQ, (2) fly tiers to tie flies for use on Yuba River, (3) mentors to help with casting instruction and the challenge, (4) Larry Lack, fishing guru and member of the Mount Tamalpais Fly Fishers, will bring people for youth program but could use additional volunteers, (5) volunteers needed for set-up and tear-down on event day. Clay further reported that Yuba Fest is on track to be revenue neutral, that it is not trying to be a fundraiser, that any monies made beyond what are needed will be set aside for next year's Yuba Fest. Yuba Fest will be marketed far and wide, including the Sierra region to Sacramento to Chico. It will offer fly fishing lessons to youth and women especially, as well as conservation ideas and education. Tim reported that Ralph Wood and Rocco Fasone will be tying. Jon Baiocchi will provide his entomology equipment. Clay reported that tiers will be demonstrating Yuba River flies, and that Women's Connect will be there to tie, and our Damsels would like a fly tier or two to join them. Clay is also considering an after-event party, perhaps at the 1849 Brewery which might make significant donations to the event.
- K. Holiday Party:** Peter reported by email that the party is on track, items and discounts have been received, and a new letter is going out next week.

7. Old Business:

- A. Strategic Plan Process Steering Committee Update:** Jimmie reported that he believes the club is doing quite well and our strategic planning could be set aside for now, tabled until the Procedures Manual work is completed. Jimmie sees the Procedures Manual work as most important currently.
- B. Roles and Responsibilities (Procedures Manual) Update:** Clay Hash/Tom Grant/Sheila Weintraub. Sheila reported that work is proceeding, that it takes time to review, rewrite, and send to appropriate members for their review. When asked, Sheila hesitantly promised to try to have a Procedures Manual completed and ready for board review by the end of the year. She will review what's left to be done and try to bring a more definite end date to the board by next meeting.
- C. Report on Alta Sierra C.C. youth fly fishing summer camp.** Due to the Country Club's failure to follow up, this camp did not happen this year, but perhaps will next year.

8. New Business:

- A. Newsletter Distribution Method:** Jimmie would like to establish a board-approved method for distributing the newsletter. Motion was made, seconded and approved. The distribution method for the newsletter now is: (1) Mike C. will email the newsletter as an attachment to the most current and complete email list of members, (2) Peter will post the newsletter to the website, and (3) Larry S. will include a link in a timely shout-out.
- B. Fishout Schedule On-line:** Tabled at request of Tom Grant.

C. Elections: Pursuant to our Bylaws, a Nominating Committee is to present a slate of candidates seeking to become officers or directors to the General Membership in October of each year. Larry S. volunteered to chair such a Nominating Committee and will assemble his committee soon. The following are the positions that need to be filled for 2020: Vice President, Secretary, two Board members and (not technically required but needed) a newsletter editor. So far, the following individuals have expressed interest: Bill Burden as Vice President; Mike McKinley and Sheila as board members. Sheila would also like to be newsletter editor if Bill gives it up.

D. Impromptu subject: Timely Posting of Board Minutes to Website: The subject came up again about whether or not draft minutes could be posted on-line in view of the fact that, for instance, the May 1, 2019, minutes were only approved on July 31 and won't be posted until early August. Mike moved that draft minutes be posted on the website, and Diane seconded. Upon discussion, Mike amended his motion, and Diane seconded the amended motion, and the motion passed with Clay abstaining and Larry opposed.

THE APPROVED MOTION: In order to get minutes of board meetings posted online within two weeks of a board meeting, minutes will be drafted by the Secretary, marked clearly as "DRAFT ONE" and sent to board members and attendees for their review and discussion on-line. Any discussion a member wishes to have should be in an email to everyone in the original email (reply all). The email sending the minutes will have a short-term deadline for response, and the Secretary will follow up if no response is received. Subsequent drafts if needed will be numbered sequentially. Once all have responded and all discussion has resolved any issues, the Secretary will send the revised minutes clearly marked "DRAFT FOR APPROVAL" to all for approval by a majority, again with a short-term response deadline. The Secretary will follow up with non-respondents, and when all votes have been received, and a majority has voted to approve, the Secretary will forward the approved minutes to the webmaster to be posted on the GCFE website.

E. FERC Letter: Mark Rothwell emailed requesting that the club write a letter supporting the Klamath Dam removal project and the KRRC's license transfer and surrender applications currently before the FERC. Sheila moved that Jimmie, as President, write such a letter, sign it and send it on GCFE letterhead. Mike seconded, and the motion was approved with Diane abstaining.

9. Next Board Meeting: August 28, 2019, 2:00 pm at Reel Anglers

10. Adjourn: 4:23 pm