

**GOLD COUNTRY FLY FISHERS
BOARD MEETING**

*Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 2:00 pm
At Mike Chapel's Home, Grass Valley*

Proposed Minutes—For Approval

Call to order: 2:08 pm

Present: Jimmie, Clay, Larry S, Mike C, Sheila, Diane, Frank

Guests: Bill Burden, Tom Grant, Peter Burnes

Excused: Tom Page, Larry U.

Approval of Agenda: Approved with addition of New Business Item B.

Approval of Minutes from September 25: moved by Diane, seconded by Mike C, approved.

Treasurer's Report—Mike Chapel:

We are in good shape, but it should be noted that Yuba Fest anticipated income is short by \$500, but that should correct itself when final numbers are in. Holiday Party expenses seem high, but that is due to \$400 of last year's expenses showing in this year's income and expenses. The Treasurer will correct that.

Correspondence—Mike Chapel:

We received a thank you letter from SYRCL and a flyer for the upcoming Film Festival. We also received a request dated October 22 for information on our expenses and sources of income from the California Attorney General, to which we responded on October 30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership—Mike Chapel reported that GCFF membership is nearing 200. He also reported that we have new Membership Co-Chairs: Pam Kline and Debbie DiSanto.

New Members—Tim Ackerman was not present; no report.

Conservation Education—Frank Rinella

Due to the power outages, the Conservation Education Committee meeting had to be postponed and will be rescheduled shortly. At its next meeting, among other things, the CE committee will consider recommending the board approve a \$200 donation to cover food at the Kids Fishing Day event in Auburn on 12/14. Frank requested volunteers for that event. A Co-Chair continues to be sought for this committee.

Programs--Dave Ackerman was not present. No report.

Fishouts--Tom Grant: Tom reported that a small group of fishout leaders would be meeting to brainstorm the 2020 fishout schedule and leaders. It was suggested that Fishouts should include some instruction at start, that perhaps mentors attending could do that or be invited for that purpose. Tom will communicate with committee chairs about coordination among committees, such as Fishouts, Mentors, Clinics & Workshops, etc.

Trout in the Classroom--Larry Uno was not present. Diane reported on behalf of Larry that an issue with the poor condition of salmon eggs delivered and the challenge of maintaining the tanks during the winter break caused several teachers to drop out in the fall. Two new aerators have been purchased, and 3 classrooms have been added for the Spring. The total classrooms with tanks are now ten. At the teachers' requests, the focus will be on steelhead.

NCCFFI--Clay Hash

The Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International is seeking to expand its board. Individuals who want to serve on that board would need to be members of FFI. The work involves a monthly telephone conference call, 4 face-to-face meetings a year, and signing on to help in various areas like education, outreach, communication or conservation. If anyone is interested, he/she should speak to Larry S, Frank or Clay. And always keep in mind that articles, pictures, etc., would be appreciated for NCCFFI's newsletter. Speak to Clay.

At a debriefing of Yuba Fest 2019, it was determined that Yuba Fest 2020 may morph into something more like the original Yuba Fest. Any GCF members wishing to join the organizational committee are invited to contact Clay. The Yuba Fest 2019 Organizing Committee is grateful for all the volunteer help it gets from GCF members. If interested, speak to Larry S, Frank or Clay.

Fly Fishing 101--Clay Hash

Class is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday November 16 and 17. There will be a newsletter article with details and sign-up is possible on the club's website as well as at the upcoming General Membership meeting.

Workshops and Clinics--Clay Hash

A Fly Casting Clinic will happen on November 23 at Pioneer Park in Nevada City from 9:00 to 12:00. The clinic will be for all levels. A course for the FFI Fly Casting Challenge program will be set up. Participants can practice your fly casting skills to earn bronze, silver or gold level certifications. Congratulations to Sam Higginbotham, who at Yuba Fest 2019 achieved Bronze. Sign-ups are on the club's website and will be possible at the November General Membership meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Elections and Nominating Committee—Larry Strauss
The slate is set. So far there are no competing nominations so a voice vote for the entire slate may be possible when the elections occur at the November 5 General Membership meeting. The slate is:

Larry Strauss, President
Mike Chapel, Treasurer
Jimmie Marchio, Past President
Mike McKinley, Director First Year

Bill Burden, Vice President
Richard Fetterman, Secretary
Rich Tortosa, Director First Year

B. Yuba Fest Review—Clay Hash

Marketing was amazing. Widespread and reached 1,500 staff at Marysville schools and all of NCCFFI's affiliated clubs throughout Northern California and Nevada. And there was a write up in The Union.

Turn-out was lower than expected. According to Frank, there were about 85 visitors, 40 or so volunteers, and 9 booths. Expenses are becoming lower each year because equipment has already been purchased or is on hand. Marketing is a major expense that will continue.

Frank offered that SYRCL's Yuba River Clean-Up is a great opportunity to market Yuba Fest to 900 people present at the Clean-Up After Party. Peter and Clay mentioned that the Yuba Water Agency could be helpful and that a FF101 class for SYRCL members also could help spread the word.

C. Holiday Party—Peter Burnes

The Holiday Party is on track both with great donations and with volunteers.

D. Roles & Responsibilities (Procedures Manual) Update—Clay Hash/Tom Grant/Sheila Weintraub

Sheila and Tom reported that all descriptions are in. All that is left to do is to index and print them. The final should be ready for submission to the Board within about a week. The Board asked what was expected of the Board when the Manual is received. Tom suggested a short review by the Board, then revise or approve (formally adopt), and post it on the website. The Board requested that the Committee make written recommendations for how the Procedures Manual should be used and updated, and the Committee promised to do that.

New Business:

A. 2020 Planning Meeting—Larry Strauss

Larry will host a 2020 planning meeting on Nov 22 from 5-7:30 pm at the Madelyn Helling Library community room. The planning session will focus on ideas for 2020. Mike C suggested that we should discuss and differentiate between "What do we have to do?" and "What do we like to do?"

B. Places to hold Board Meetings—Sheila Weintraub

Since meeting at Reel Anglers is no longer necessary, Sheila suggested we all look for places to hold future board meetings. Larry S suggested he would like them to be consistently at one place.

Next Board Meeting:

1. 2020 Planning Session 11/22/19, 5-7:30 pm at Madelyn Helling Library.
2. First meeting of 2020: Thursday, 1/2/20 at a time and place TBD.

Adjourn: 4:12 pm