

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday January 5, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bob Effa, Bill Felts, Ken Giesser, Chuck Honeycutt, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: none

Board Members absent without excuse: none

General Membership present: Buff Hendrickson, Dave Lentz, Chris Weiland

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

- Quorum established

2. President's Report – Laurie Banks

- a. A handout of **Robert's Rules for Small Boards** was distributed to attendees as the guidelines to follow at our Board of Directors meetings.
- b. A handout identifying the major income and expense accounts of our club was distributed to familiarize current and new BOD members with the financial accounts of our club. (One significant item overlooked in the expense list was the Bittner Scholarship, though its account was a listed asset).
- c. A handout of **Ladder of Motions in Order of Rank** was distributed to be used with Robert's Rules for meeting conduct and facilitation as well as to explain all attendee's rights.
- d. Meeting agenda was presented and proposed as a tentative order for BOD meetings
- e. Laurie discussed expectations for Board Members
The organization chart is on the club website. Each Director is responsible for representing their sub-committees at Board meetings. Monthly the Director is to contact their sub-committee chairpersons and bring updates, issues, concerns, and ideas to the meeting. All BOD members are encouraged to attend as many club activities as possible – to participate, take pictures for newsletter/website, and listen for ideas.
Do not spend money without Board approval unless within budget authorization.
Strive to make time in Board meetings for discussion of new ideas by keeping reports and comments concise.
- f. New Tri-Fold Recruiting Documents are in hand.

3. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting – Phil Shipley

- December's minutes were approved
- Comment on minutes concerning item 5e. Action to implement Motion 120114c needs to be taken – Laurie will notify Phoebe Larne to update CFFU Organization Chart to include the annual Fish Derby as a committee under the President Elect. Action 010515a.

4. Treasurer's and NCCIFFF Report – Jim Berdan

- a. Status of Treasury
 - Jim reported on and provided hard copies of:
 - Income and Expense Report for the month of December 2014
 - Year to Date Expenditures (this instance happens to be for the year 2014)

- Statement of Financial Position as of January 2, 2015
- 2014 Annual Budget Worksheet with committee's financial balances
- At the December meeting, Jim presented a draft budget for 2015 to be used as a working budget until the BOD approves as official budget.
 - Question from the floor: a few accounts (i.e. Annual BBQ, Logo Sales) are designed to be break even events yet are given a budget – is it necessary to be budgeted? The consensus was yes, the activities may incur start-up fees that would then need Board approval.

5. New Business

- a. Discuss and adopt Final Budget for the 2015 Board – Jim Berdan
 - Motion 010515a: Jim made motion to accept proposed budget as final for 2015. Passed with unanimous yes vote. See attachment a.
- b. Discuss for approval of Dave Lentz as a candidate for President Elect
 - Dave's background: CFFU member since 1989, fly fisher since 1970's, degrees from both Utah and Montana State colleges, Native Trout Conservation Coordinator for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife specializing in restoration and recovery.
 - Motion 010515b: Rich Kendall made the motion to approve Dave Lentz as candidate for President Elect. Passed with unanimous yes vote.
 - Actions:
 - Laurie to announce to January's General Membership meeting (Action010515b)
 - Candidate announcement to be placed on website and next newsletter (Action010515c)
 - Candidate to be ratified at February's General Membership meeting (Action010515d)
- c. Discuss for approval the list of speakers proposed by Ken Giesser, Programs Director.
 - Four speakers on the list require speaking fees greater than the amount (\$300) authorized per speaker and therefore needs Board approval. See attachment b.
 - Motion 010515c: Ken Giesser made the motion to accept the list as presented. Passed with unanimous yes vote.
- d. Discuss for approval of augmenting the budget item Newsletter by \$100 to provide funds to print additional copies of club newsletter for distribution by Buff Hendrickson for recruiting purposes.
 - Motion 010515d: Chris Weiland made the motion to increase the Newsletter budget to \$500. Passed with unanimous yes vote.
 - Also at this time, copies of the new recruiting Tri-fold pamphlet were distributed to attendees.
- e. ISE and Rod Raffle
 - Rich Wilson informed the Board that Buff Hendrickson and Larry Lee have built an 8 weight fly rod for the club to auction off.
 - Rich informed the Board that the cost of securing a booth at the ISE has been increasing from \$25 to \$50 each year and fund raising at the ISE has not been very productive so Rich suggested that they begin ticket sales at the General Membership meeting January 6, as well as at the ISE. Board was in agreement.
- f. Formation of an audit committee.
 - Laurie informed the Board that per club bylaws, we are required to have an audit performed on our books within 90 days of the close of a fiscal year. An audit committee must consist of one director and 2 members. Craig McCulloch will take the director position and will recruit two other members to complete the audit and report back to the Board by the April 2015 BOD meeting. Action 010515i.
- g. Discuss for approval of the California Auto Museum (CAM) as the site for the 2015 Annual Dinner and authorize down payment.
 - In an effort to increase interest and excitement for the annual dinner, new locations were researched and the CAM was determined to be a worthy site. The CAM has ample parking, more than adequate space for auction tables and dinner tables, and entrance to the museum will be included with an event ticket.
 - Concerns voiced but determined to allow dinner committee to resolve:
 - Is there a booking fee?

- Who needs to supply plates, flatware, etc?
- Is there a set-up or clean-up fee?
- Who is responsible for final clean-up?
- Committee members will need time and space to set-up:
- How early can we enter?
- Is there a secure area to place auction/raffle items?
- Is there security?
- How late can we remain for removal of items?
- Can we section off space and keep public away?
- Concern voiced but determined the Board would take immediate action. The CAM provided two different rates depending upon the night of an event. Sunday evenings are \$500 less than a Saturday evening. The Board determined to take an informal poll at the General Membership meeting to gauge member desire in the hope the event can be held on a Sunday and save the club additional expense.
- Currently, the Annual Dinner committee does not have a chairperson. However, there are five members (Sam Yee, Chuck Honeycutt, Laurie Banks, Meloney Welborn, Don Wallace) willing to be on the committee.
- Motion 010515e: Laurie Banks made the motion to accept the CAM as the location for the 2015 Annual Dinner and to authorize spending for down payment. Passed with unanimous yes vote. Action010515e: Inform Elks Club of our decision to cancel our booking of their site.

6. President-Elect's Report – Vacant

- a. Youth Programs – Gary Howard
- b. Annual Dinner – Vacant
- c. Annual Fishing Derby (Gibson Ranch) – Tim AuYoung

7. 1st Vice-President's and Annual BBQ Report – Chuck Honeycutt

- a. Annual BBQ – Bogel Winery was considered but probably won't work due to pricing and time availability. Chuck will speak with Howard Ross about returning to his place. Also considered was Camp Pollock which is under renovation but other concerns include tables, equipment and clean up. The Annual BBQ does have a budget of \$1500 and it is likely expenditures will be required. Suggestions for locations are welcome.
- b. Annual Swap Meet / Chili Cook Off – Chuck is considering suggesting holding the annual swap meet and a chili cook off prior to the March General Membership meeting as an attempt to get more participation and generate more sales. Action010515f: Chuck with check with the Conzelmann Community Center about the use of the other rooms in the facility.
- c. Library – Jim Kelley
- d. Webmaster – Phoebe Larne
- e. Newsletter Editor – Chris Weiland
- f. Mentoring Program – Andy Penn

8. 2nd Vice-President's Report – Craig McCulloch

- a. Coachman Program – Sam Yee
- b. Fly Tiers Exchange – Don Wallace
- c. Logo Sales – Glenn Yee, Morrie Weisbart
- d. Fly Tying Demonstration and Classes – John Daniels
- e. Refreshments – Bev Lorens will be chairperson for refreshments for 2105. Action010515g: Craig will check with Conzelmann Community Center about year round use of the kitchen.

9. Past-President's Report – Bob Effa

- a. FITC – Brandie Herron
- b. SARA – John Barris

10. Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship – Bill Felts

- a. The next American River clean-up is scheduled for January 24. Parking permits will be provided and Carl Lang has volunteered to watch the parked cars. Rossmoor River access.
- b. Bittner Scholarships applications are due to UC Davis by January 31. Copies of the applications will be provided to Bill after that date. The selection committee should have a decision by March and present the winning candidate to the club at the May General Membership meeting.
 - Comment: the club should consider raising the amount of the award.

11. Programs – Ken Giesser

- January speaker, Jon Baiocchi, is set and is expected to provide an excellent presentation.
- Conservation is the topic for July but a speaker has not yet been booked. Ken will be prospecting speakers at the Pleasanton Fly Fishing show in February. Ken mentioned the July meeting could be an opportunity to share the podium with the Bittner Scholarship winner.

12. Outings – Rich Kendall

- SAFE is the 3rd Saturday of each month. Question: what is the turn out for SAFE outings? Consensus was SAFE has low turnout. Action 010515h: Rich will consider renaming the outing and how to promote them.
- There are two outings scheduled in February: Baum Lake and Lower American River access points.
- Rich would like all Fishmeisters to speak about their outing at a General Membership meeting in order to promote excitement and participation.

13. Tech Services – Carl Lang

14. Conservation Policy – Keith Pfeifer

Keith's goal for the year is to present as much information as possible:

- Research and share information concerning fish, water, and habitat issues within California,
- Legislation at the state level,
- A monthly column in the club newsletter, providing resources such as links and websites,
- Distribute information periodically via the club listserv,
- Publish resource information on the club website about conservation groups.

Discussion:

- A request was made to summarize large articles for the membership but still include a link to the source of data for those that like more detail.
- Keith will look to membership for topics and issues with priority being issues close to home but will look out of state as well when germane. Ideas currently under consideration:
 - Restoration of the delta (Keith will attempt to provide differing views on political topics)
 - Berryessa Snow Mountain as a potential national monument.
 - Klamath River dam removals
 - Piute Cutthroat Trout
 - Pebble Mine
 - RIM fire destruction and effect on habitat
 - Cal Trout restoration efforts
 - Effect of draught on habitat and fisheries

- Laurie commented that the club has many members doing very interesting work that is related to our club's interests and would like to have some folks give the club a short update on what they are doing.
 - For instance, Keith's background: degrees in pharmaceuticals, marine biology, and environmental toxicology.

15. Public Affairs and New Members Liaison – Jim Walker

Discussion:

- New Members Liaison is a new title, something clear and obvious for new members to recognize as a source of help.
- Jim will be paired with Andy Penn (Mentoring Program) to create more opportunities for new member involvement.
- Rich Wilson requested that experienced club members hang out near the entry table at club meetings to be available to show new members and visitors around the room and introduce them to other folks.
- Ken Giesser will add Jim to his list of members receiving advanced copies of upcoming speakers and descriptions of the program in the event Jim can share the information outside of the CFFU news sources.
- Bob Effa complimented the new member questionnaire as a source of information (i.e. Motivation for joining the club, other skill sets that could be used within the club) for getting new members plugged in.
- The February social agenda is to recruit mentor volunteers and hook them with new members so Andy can get the mentor program off the ground.

16. Membership, ISE, New Member's Meeting – Rich Wilson

- Next new member orientation meeting will be February 11 at the church. This is generally the largest new member meeting of the year and is the one to attend. We currently have 305 members but 153 of those have yet to pay dues for 2015. Anniversary badges will be on his table for pick up at January's GM meeting.
- The ISE starts Thursday, January 08. Rich and Howard Ross will set up the CFFU booth Tuesday.
- At the December GM, 42 flies were given away and for the first time Rich was drawn for the \$30 gift certificate!

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley
Secretary

Attachment A

Attachment B

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday February 2, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bob Effa, Bill Felts, Ken Giesser, Chuck Honeycutt, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Keith Pfeifer

Board Members absent without excuse: none

General Membership present: Larry Coulter, Bill Montalvo, Morrie Weisbart

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

Quorum established

2. President's Report – Laurie Banks

- a. Laurie expressed thanks to the Board members for their participation in recent club activities.
- b. Morrie Weisbart with our Logo Sales presented the Board with cost estimates for purchasing new window clings and sew on patches with the CFFU logo as current supplies have been exhausted. Morrie also recommended purchasing the items from vendor All Awards, a different vendor than in the past.

All Award quotes:

Clings: Quantity of 1000 price is \$1.28 each. Quantity of 1500 price is \$0.91

Patches: For a quantity of 500 the price is \$1.75 each.

Discussion: What average quantities of each does the club use in a year? Usage is roughly 100 each per year. Can the size of the patch be reduced? Probably, Morrie will investigate. All agreed to pursue purchase of clings first while patch investigation is under taken. The logo itself will be modified by changing the background color, make the hook barbless, and add the year the club was established.

Motion 02022015a: Laurie motioned the club should order 1500 window clings and to increase the Logo Sales budget line item by \$1365 to cover the purchase. Motion carried.

- c. Annual dinner update. Laurie reported that a \$500 down payment has been made to the California Auto Museum (CAM), reserving Sunday, November 15, for the club's annual dinner. CAM contact affirmed that we can enter by 9:00am if not earlier and can stay as late as 11:00pm. CAM has tables and chairs. Table clothes are best obtained through a caterer. We will be responsible for cleaning/removing only those items that we take in. CAM has a 1250 square foot room that can be secured and that we can use. A chairperson is still needed for this committee.

3. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting – Phil Shipley

Motion 02022015b to approve January's minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Should documents with sensitive content (e.g. costs/budget/actions) be published on our website. Action 02022015a: Phil will contact Phoebe about current web policy.

4. Treasurer's and NCCIFFF Report – Jim Berdan

Jim reported on and provided hard copies of:

- Income and Expense Report for the month of January 2015
- Balance Sheet as of February 1, 2015
- 2015 Annual Budget Worksheet

5. President-Elect's Report – Dave Lentz

- a. Youth Programs – Gary Howard
- b. Annual Dinner – Vacant
- c. Annual Fishing Derby (Gibson Ranch) – Tim AuYoung

6. 1st Vice-President's and Annual BBQ Report – Chuck Honeycutt

- a. Chili cook off prior to the March general membership meeting. Any willing persons can bring their favorite chili in crock pots for the contest. Some supplies will need to be obtained (bowls/cups, spoons, napkins).
Action 02022015b: Chuck will further estimate needs and costs.
- b. Annual Swap Meet – John Mott will assist organizing a swap meet to be held prior to the April general membership meeting as an attempt to get more participation and generate more sales. Goal is to hold the swap between 5:30pm and 6:45pm in the room on the other side of the Conzelmann Community Center kitchen. Items to be sold will be restricted to fly fishing equipment.
- c. Annual BBQ has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 12 at the home of Howard Ross once again. The number of attendees will be limited to 50. The OTTERS will help set-up, volunteers will be asked to help clean-up – including to “take a bag home”. Proposed schedule is:

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Social Hour
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Drawing/Raffle (Some discussion of legality and Attorney General reporting requirements)
- d. Library – Jim Kelley
Bill Montalvo reported the library recently received many new items that will be presented at the general membership meeting.
- e. Webmaster – Phoebe Larne
- f. Newsletter Editor – Chris Weiland
- g. Mentoring Program – Andy Penn

7. 2nd Vice-President's Report – Craig McCulloch

- a. Coachman Program – Sam Yee
- b. Fly Tiers Exchange – Don Wallace
- c. Logo Sales – Glenn Yee, Morrie Weisbart
- d. Fly Tying Demonstration and Classes – John Daniels
- e. Refreshments – Bev Lorens

8. Past-President's Report – Bob Effa

- a. FITC – Brandie Herron: seventeen Styrofoam enclosures have been completed for insulating tanks. There are 3 teachers buying their own equipment. Due to the low return of steelhead this year, CFFU will not receive any steelhead eggs from this run. Dave Lentz reported that only 30 steelhead have returned to the hatchery, the average is 400 to 500.
- b. SARA – John Barris

9. Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship – Bill Felts

- a. We had 30 members participate at our last American River clean-up on January 24. Action 02022015c: Craig will send some photos to Bill.
- b. The Arden Arcade Creek clean up is scheduled for April 18, roughly 9:00am to 12:00pm.
- c. Bittner Scholarship applications should be sent to CFFU within a few weeks. The selection committee should have a decision shortly after that.
 - Comment: the club should consider raising the amount of the award, perhaps by \$500.

10. Programs – Ken Giesser

- February speaker, Rob Anderson, is set and is expected to provide an excellent presentation on fishing Pyramid Lake, Nevada.
- In the works for the July speaker on Conservation is Jessica Strickland of Trout Unlimited representing the Mammoth Lakes area and the east side of the Sierra. Jessica may also be able to provide information on fishing opportunities in her area. Additionally, Ken is in discussion with Kevin Mather that may share the meeting with Jessica. Kevin may challenge the club to another conservation effort similar to Prosser Creek last year. Ken would have Kevin work with Bill Felts (Conservation Programs director).

11. Outings – Rich Kendall

- There are two outings scheduled in February:
 - February 7 - Lower American River access points
 - February 20-23 - Baum Lake
- Last month's SAFE outing to Collins Lake had only 2 attendees – Rich and Jim Walker

12. Tech Services – Carl Lang

The January Tech Thursday "Fly Rod, Reel & Line Maintenance" with Andy Guibord had a fine turnout. February's event will be rod building with Larry Lee. The March session will be a showing of the movie Damnation.

13. Conservation Policy – Keith Pfeifer

Keith was unable to attend and will email articles to membership.

14. Public Affairs and New Members Liaison – Jim Walker

Posting (?) at Keine's is completed and the next new members meeting is scheduled.

15. Membership, ISE, New Member's Meeting – Rich Wilson

- Next new member orientation meeting will be February 11 at the church. We have received 8 new applications this year – 6 singles and 2 families.
- Membership dues notices will be produced and sent soon (currently 313 on roster but 131 have not yet renewed).
- The International Sportsman's Expo produced \$549 income for the club: \$399 from fly rod raffle; \$90 from (3) new member apps; \$60 from (2) renewals. Also, gave away nearly 500 of the new brochures.
- Last month's general membership meeting gave away 52 flies and Meloney Welborn won the \$30 gift certificate.

16. Old Business

Action items from January Board of Directors meeting were reviewed.

17. New Business

- a. Rich Kendall led discussion of fishmeister and SAFE issues. As Outings Director, Rich encountered reluctance of membership to become a fishmeister. Rich would like to simplify the requirements of being a fishmeister to see if that will encourage more participation. Board discussion settled upon 1) selection of a location, 2) knowledge of fishery, and 3) paper work.

Several member names that have prior fishmeister experience were listed. Theorized issues include having to write and present reports, taking photos, and organizing food/potlucks.

Discussion of SAFE (Sacramento Area Fishing Expeditions) briefly addressed whether to continue the outings or how to better promote. Perhaps we should label them as “Non-fishmeister” or “No Host” events, just show up, meet other members and have a good day. Rich asked whether February’s SAFE outing should be dropped since another event is scheduled but no conclusion was reached.

- b. The current attempt to create two beginning fly tying classes failed to fill and the thought is the fee was too steep. The Board agreed to reduce the fee to a minimal charge of \$5 to help cover the room charge. Class size would be limited to 8 (if helper(s) available).
- c. FITC related topic – have the club provide transportation funds for a limited number of classes that have participated in the program and are now ready to release the fry. Bus transportation runs about \$250. We would need to develop a process for selecting who – develop an application and decide based upon need. Discussion included what budget item (Proctor Youth or Susan Sylstra) to which the funds would be accounted – the dust settled on the Susan Sylstra Memorial Fund (Laurie read a description of the origin of the fund and its desired use which includes FITC). Action 02022015d: Bob Effa will discuss further with Brandie for more information.
- d. Agenda item not discussed
- e. Development of a Fly Fishing 101 class received positive response. The class could be geared for newer members with a beginner’s focus where as the Coachman Award program includes more advanced activities and skills. Laurie discussed with Carl Lang about coordinating Tech Thursdays to present “101” topics as well as Coachman topics.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

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Board Members absent with excuse: Jim Walker

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General Membership present: Bill Montalvo

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm
Quorum established

2. President's Report – Laurie Banks

- a. Annual dinner update. Laurie is still acting as chairperson until someone steps up.
- b. Fly Fishing 101 class. Laurie sent an email blast about the club hosting a fly fishing class for beginners. Almost immediately she received responses from 2 new members that want to take the class. Instructors will be Bill Mantalvo, Jeff Howard, and Tim Landrus.
- c. Knot tying. Laurie has received suggestions to have someone provide knot tying lessons at the general meetings. Sam Yee has done so in the past multiple times and could be approached to do so again.
- d. Last month those members attending the general membership meeting and parked at Home Depot received warning tickets for parking there. Laurie spoke with the manager and will attempt to speak with the Security Company prior to the March general membership meeting to avoid further issues.

3. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting – Phil Shipley
Motion 03022015a to approve February's minutes. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's and NCCFFF Report – Jim Berdan

Jim reported on and provided hard copies of:

- Income and Expense Report for the month of February 2015
- Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2015
- 2015 Annual Budget Worksheet as of March 1, 2015

The club has just received its insurance bill and funds are available for payment. The club does have liquor liability coverage. Our rates are nearly half previous rates since joining a non-profit group.

The NCCFFF had two booths at the recent Fly Fishing Show in Pleasanton, CA. The show seemed to have fewer attendees this year. Jim will attend a NCCFFF Council meeting being held in Davis this coming Saturday, March 7. General topics include conservation discussions and grant requests.

5. President-Elect's Report – Dave Lentz

- a. Youth Programs – Gary Howard

Dave spoke with Gary about two upcoming programs. Gary is somewhat discouraged due to a lack of volunteers to help at the events. The next possible event is a Boy Scout gathering at Beale AFB that requires background check applications by March 23. This event generally requires 7 to 8 volunteers. Dave made Motion 03022015b to forgo participating in the Boy Scout event due to the short time period. Motion carried. The second possible event to participate in is the SMUD Solar Regatta held at Rancho Seco Park. This event requires fewer volunteers and is farther out.

b. Annual Dinner – Vacant

c. Annual Fishing Derby (Gibson Ranch) – Tim AuYoung

Dave will take all flies donated for the AFS that Tim has been collecting.

6. 1st Vice-President's and Annual BBQ Report – Chuck Honeycutt

a. Chili cook off prior to the March general membership meeting is all set. Currently there are 8 entries.

b. Annual Swap Meet – John Mott will assist organizing a swap meet to be held prior to the April general membership meeting as an attempt to get more participation and generate more sales. Goal is to hold the swap between 5:30pm and 6:45pm in the room on the other side of the Conzelmann Community Center kitchen. Items to be sold will be restricted to fly fishing equipment.

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5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Social Hour

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Dinner

d. Library – Jim Kelley

Bill Montalvo reported the library will soon be obtaining another bin to store materials.

e. Webmaster – Phoebe Larne

f. Newsletter Editor – Chris Weiland

g. Mentoring Program – Andy Penn has scheduled a Mentoring outing for March 21 at Rancho Seco Park.

7. 2nd Vice-President's Report – Craig McCulloch

a. Coachman Program – Sam Yee

b. Fly Tiers Exchange – Don Wallace

c. Logo Sales – Glenn Yee, Morrie Weisbart

The window stickers should be available by the April general membership meeting.

d. Fly Tying Demonstration and Classes – John Daniels

Jim Berdan completed a 3 session class last week with 6 students. Classroom rental is \$20 and the entry fees totaled \$30, so the rental was covered.

e. Refreshments – Bev Lorens

8. Past-President's Report – Bob Effa

a. FITC – Brandie Herron

b. SARA – John Barris

9. Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship – Bill Felts

a. There will be five (5) Bittner Scholarship applications for CFFU to select a recipient. The selection committee (Bill, Carl Lang, and Michael Wall) will present the award winner at the April or May general membership meeting.

b. The Arden Arcade Creek clean up is scheduled for April 18, roughly 9:00am to 12:00pm.

c. Craig McCulloch made Motion 030220125c to increase CFFU's contribution to the scholarship by \$500, making CFFU's contribution \$2500, effective March 2, 2015. With an additional \$500 contributed by the Bittner family the award total will be \$3000. Motion carried.

10. Programs – Ken Giesser

- March speaker, Andrew Harris, is set and will be speaking on fishing the Lower Sacramento River without a bobber.

11. Outings – Rich Kendall

The February 7th outing covering the Lower American River access points with Joe Vasquez was very well done and well attended.

A couple upcoming events include:

- New member outing on March 21.
- Pyramid Lake outing April 17 – 19, led by John Daniels
- Feather River drift April 25, organized by Val Adams.

12. Tech Services – Carl Lang

The February rod building session with Larry Lee had a good turnout. The March session will be a showing of the movie *Damnation*.

13. Conservation Policy – Keith Pfeifer

- Keith is following up on the status of the McCloud River after it experienced a large mud slide last year. He received some information from Cal Trout that states the river is fishable. Before he sends a statement to our members he will confirm this status with other contacts.
- Keith recently learned about the group Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead. He attended a presentation about licensing, water permits, and in general water quality led by a representative from the Central Valley Water Board. There are two dams of concern that block the migration of salmon and steelhead. Keith will further research this group's policies and goals as a group that CFFU may want to interact with more.
- Keith also followed up on the Berryessa/Snow Mountain National Monument effort. Keith spoke with a Sara Husby, an Executive Director of Tuleyome in Woodland. Tuleyome is a Miwok word for "deep home place". She said there are two bills in Washington DC, one in the House and one in the Senate. Representative Thompson from Napa is leading the House bill. Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer have co-authored the bill in the Senate. If a bill doesn't pass in Washington then the Director of the Department of the Interior and/or President Obama does have the authority to declare an area as a national monument.
- Keith followed up with John Barris about his concerns with the American River Parkway. Keith further corresponded with Sara Stevens of SARA (Save the American River Association). The primary issues include:
 - A SARA law suit against the County of Sacramento concerning use of the parkway
 - Closing the river to fishing due to low water flows and subsequent raise in water temperatures and its effect on the spawning runs of salmon and steelhead (this year very small numbers of steelhead returned to spawn)
 - A proposed City of Folsom and Lake Natoma Water Front project. This project proposes to develop the south side of the lake with concrete walkways and steps to the water. The impact of the construction could be extensive.
 - Housing development south of the Highway 50 corridor. The concern is about water source for this development and the impact of water quality.

14. Public Affairs and New Members Liaison – Jim Walker

Jim attended a new members meeting with Laurie. When he was a new member he thought it would have been nice if someone from the club would reach out to him - so he did so to all of our new members with a personal phone call to each.

15. Membership, ISE, New Member's Meeting – Rich Wilson

- Next new member orientation meeting will be May 13 at the church. We received 8 new single members last month. Rich recently received emails from 5 single members and 1 family that they would not be renewing their membership.
- Membership dues notices were sent and 14 renewals have been returned thus far. Now standing at 314, 98 have not yet renewed. One member has had a mix up with paying by cash – Rich made Motion 03022015d to waive dues for this member. Motion carried.
- The fly rod shown at the International Sportsman's Expo will be presented to Bob Betatti at the next general meeting.
- Last month's general membership meeting gave away 66 flies and George Lazar won the \$30 gift certificate.

16. Old Business

Action items from February Board of Directors meeting were reviewed.

17. New Business

The BOD had an open discussion on the topic of CFFU's support of regional conservation groups.

The many ideas and comments shared included:

- Historically the club considered requests on a case by case basis. An organization would provide a presentation to the BOD and then the merits of support would be discussed and decided. The decisions would be documented within the meeting minutes.
- Perhaps the club should consider a fixed list of groups to support.
- The scholarships we provide should also be considered under this topic.
- Some of the criteria considered by the BOD was how closely the requesting group aligned with CFFU's goals and policies.
- Has the club put a limit to donations in the past?
- The club should protect its funds and base donations in any given year upon the income of that year.
- Other clubs have received publicity due to their generosity.
- There are multiple ways to donate to other groups:
 - Member participation projects
 - Letters of support to various groups (i.e. government entities, Boards, Associations)
 - Financial – one time gifts as well as on going
- Primary focus would be local or regional groups rather than national or international entities.
- Our club shouldn't overlook internal efforts, such as subsidizing the annual BBQ and paying the parking fee for the ISE volunteers.
- Perhaps we can look to increase the scholarship amounts and creating more scholarships. Historically we've given to PHD candidates only; perhaps we can add something for Masters students.
- A suggestion to add as a selection criterion would be a requirement to see some return on our investment (i.e. a local effort that can readily be followed up upon to see that the funds were used as intended and see the benefits gained).
- Revive the effort to have a dedicated bench placed along the American River Parkway. The County denied the effort earlier; perhaps it's time to try again.

- A recommendation was made to create a committee to define a policy or procedure with parameters to control spending and guidelines for selecting groups, projects, and amounts. Also the BOD should consider setting an overall budget reserve limit.
- The Susan Sylstra fund has a good amount and the BOD should do something with the funds and honor Susan. (e.g. Funding buses for FITC)
- It was suggested the BOD create a portfolio of activities and groups that we could support. Actually, Keith Pfeifer has already started a list through his Conservation Policy research.
- Several members reiterated support for determining who/what to support on a case by case basis and a desire to keep the focus at a local level. Also, to keep in mind the effect of participation would have upon the CFFU membership.
- In lieu of funding, some groups prefer volunteers and others want members to join or to participate in their offerings.

The above mentioned committee will start with Keith Pfeifer, Jim Berdan, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, and Ken Davis.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley
Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday April 6, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bill Felts, Ken Giesser, Rich Kendall, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, and Jim Walker

Board Members absent with excuse: Bob Effa, Chuck Honeycutt, Carl Lang, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent without excuse: none

General Membership present: Bill Montalvo

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

Quorum established

2. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 04062015a to approve minutes from the March BOD meeting. Motion carried.

3. Committee Reports

a. Audit Committee – Craig McCulloch

The Audit Committee completed a review of the financial records of the club. The Committee found the records in order and thanked our Treasurer, Jim Berdan, for his work. Of the eleven areas of interest reviewed, only one area, Written Procedures for Payment of Speaker Expenses, was found to be necessary to make a recommendation for changes. The forms and procedures as documented were confusing and difficult to follow. The Audit Committee helped form another committee to review and rewrite the forms and procedures. The committee doing the review will provide an update to the BOD in May.

b. Conservation Committee – Keith Pfeifer

- Just held inaugural meeting on March 26 with Keith, Ken Davis, Dave Lentz, Jim Berdan and Carl Lang. Laurie attended as an interested party. Keith shared information he received from conservation representatives, Lowell Ashbaugh and Mel Odemar, from the Davis and Granite Bay Fly Fishing clubs, respectively.
 - The Davis club does have a formal budget for conservation efforts with their Board approval. Their funds are allocated between Community Outreach and Education and Conservation programs with 501 C3 agencies.
 - The Granite Bay club conservation committee is an ad hoc group that meets four times annually and any member can attend meetings or events. They too have a budgeted amount with the bulk going to college scholarships.
- CFFU Conservation Committee consists of four Board Members and one non-Board Member. The initial members recommend the committee become a standing committee for three reasons: a good forum for developing potential grants for conservation funding, allow consistency in decision making, and allow consistency in following up on funded projects. The functions of the Conservation Committee need to be further discussed before making recommendations to the Board and most likely will be garnered from other Northern California fly fishing clubs. Additional “to dos” include developing the committee’s mission and responsibility statement, develop a process for

allocating funds (how to: advertise, select, determine amounts, present to BOD for approval). The next meeting is scheduled for April 30.

- Open discussion/Questions/Comments: will this committee get involved with political advocacy or lobbying? Or simply submit position letters? Some organizations encourage their membership to get involved individually rather than risking the club's non-profit status. Perhaps CFFU should increase their support of other organizations that get politically involved (i.e.: Trout Unlimited and/or Cal Trout) assuming their intentions aligned with CFFU's.

4. Old Business – no outstanding items.

5. New Business

June's speaker will be Hutch Hutchinson, from Colorado. Hutch will also be willing to come a day early and provide an "on the water clinic" for casting. This would conflict with the regularly scheduled BOD meeting. Motion 04062015a: To accommodate the Monday "on the water" clinic, a motion was made to schedule the BOD meeting at 4:30pm on June 2 to be held in the Conzelmann location (prior to the general meeting). Motion carried.

Actions:

04062015a: Secure another meeting room for Tuesday, June 2 at Conzelmann. Back Patio

04062015b: Inform Phoebe to place an announcement on our website about the re-scheduled BOD meeting.

04062015c: Broadcast an invitation on the Listserv to the general membership inviting them to the "on the water clinic" on Monday, June 1.

04062015d: Get a head count and make restaurant reservations for any that wish to dine together.

6. Laurie Banks: President

- a. Fly Fishing 101 class was held March 14 and went well. Tim Landrus will take the lead from this point and will schedule classes as needed.
- b. Calendar Social was held. Guidelines are being developed for photo submission and sells of calendars could become a potential fund raiser.
- c. Keith Winkle is taking the lead on organizing and scheduling fly tying sessions for those that cannot meet with the OTTERS. April 12 will be an organizational meeting.

7. Treasurer's and NCCFFF Report – Jim Berdan

Jim reported on and provided hard copies of:

- Profit and Loss Report for the month of March 2015
- Income and Expense Report for January 2015 through March 2015
- Balance Sheet as of April 2, 2015
- Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison as of April 2, 2015
- 2015 Annual Budget Worksheet as of April 2, 2015

At this point in the year, we are financially ahead of last year.

The NCCFFF will be putting on a fly fishing expo on April 19 at the Canyon Creek Resort, Lake Berryessa, to benefit Putah Creek Trout. The expo will include fly casting and fly tying events. Jim will be tying at the expo.

The NCCFFF will also send representative(s) to Redding to attend a public hearing concerning the closure to fishing of the Lower Sacramento River between Keswick Dam and the Highway 44 overcrossing in order to protect spawning winter run Chinook salmon.

8. President-Elect's Report – Dave Lentz

- a. Youth Programs – Gary Howard
- b. Annual Dinner – Laurie is still acting as chairperson. Donations are starting to come in and may soon become a storage concern. Laurie may need help storing the items. Laurie also mentioned the Bylaws state only board members may hold such items - but enough members were present that mentioned they have space and can help.
- c. Annual Fishing Derby (Gibson Ranch) – Tim AuYoung
Dave commended the club for the large number of flies donated for the American Fisheries Society.

9. 1st Vice-President's and Annual BBQ Report – Chuck Honeycutt

- a. Annual Swap Meet to be held prior to the April general membership meeting is ready to go.
- b. Annual BBQ has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 12 at the home of Howard Ross is ready to go.
- c. Library – Jim Kelley
Bill Montalvo has supplied a PowerPoint slide for the general meeting. Bill also reported new storage bin has arrived.
- e. Webmaster – Phoebe Larne
- f. Newsletter Editor – Chris Weiland. Our current newsletter is very large, due to many photos and excellent committee reports.
- g. Mentoring Program – Andy Penn. The Mentoring outing on March 21 at Rancho Seco Park had a good turnout with approximately 8 new members. One of which caught his first fish on a fly during a casting lesson.

10. 2nd Vice-President's Report – Craig McCulloch

- a. Coachman Program – Sam Yee. Laurie spoke with Sam about revising the Coachman qualification program by incorporating outings, the socials, and Tech Thursday topics - perhaps including more “on the water” testing and verification of learning and “catching”. We may begin having a casting contest to increase fun level.

Aside comment: There is a casting course on the Deschutes River in Bend, OR near the Orvis Fly Fishing store that is fun, yet difficult. Something similar would be fun to have here for the club.

- b. Fly Tiers Exchange – Don Wallace. With the merger of American Fly and Kiene's, we will no longer be receiving \$30 gift certificates and the club will now be providing a \$100 gift that will be drawn less frequently.
- c. Logo Sales – Glenn Yee, Morrie Weisbart
- d. Fly Tying Demonstration and Classes – John Daniels
- e. Refreshments – Bev Lorens. Hot dogs will be available prior to the April meeting.

11. Past-President's Report – Bob Effa

- a. FITC – Brandie Herron
- b. SARA – John Barris

12. Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship – Bill Felts

- a. The Arden Arcade Creek clean up is scheduled for April 18, roughly 9:00am to 12:00pm. Meet in the parking lot at the Bridge Street entrance at 8:30am (coffee and donuts to be provided). Participants should be able to help at the creek and still be able to attend the American Fly / Kiene's open house afterward.

- b. The Bittner Scholarship was awarded to Meredith Nagel, a doctoral student at UC Davis. Meredith is leading a study of the affects of temperature and food supply on the Delta Smelt (an indicator species for health of the fishery) population. Meredith also works for the UC Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture. Meredith will be invited to speak at the May general membership meeting.

13. Programs – Ken Giesser

The April speaker, John Sherman will present his program for fishing the Delta. The upcoming speakers are:

May – Lance Gray presenting Tenkara fishing

June – Hutch Hutchinson providing casting instruction

July – Jessica Strickland from Trout Unlimited will present fishing the east side of the Sierras, principally the Mammoth Lake area. Even though TU doesn't charge a fee for providing a speaker, Ken would like to provide a stipend to cover fuel expenses. Ken also is encouraging CFFU to increase our support of TU and Cal Trout.

14. Outings – Rich Kendall

April has two outings scheduled plus a SAFE outing:

- April 10 – 12, Pyramid Lake, led by John Daniels
- April 18, SAFE outing to Lake Pardee
- April 25 - 26, Feather River drift, organized by Val Adams.

We have had a cancellation of an outing to Davis Lake primarily due to expected draught conditions this summer. As a fly fishing club we may need to take the lead and act as an example concerning fishing during draught conditions by not fishing when water temperatures are too warm for safe release of fish.

15. Tech Services – Carl Lang

16. Conservation Policy – Keith Pfeifer

Keith visited Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead group and heard a spokeswoman from federal Fish and Wildlife division of NOAA speak on the social science of salmon – a presentation of the historical journey of salmon and humankind with emphasis on saving salmon.

Keith also attended his first meeting of the American River Group (ARG) on March 19, a group that meets with the Federal Bureau of Reclamation to discuss water releases from federal dam projects. This meeting was very well attended by a variety of private and governmental stakeholders (municipal water districts, fish and wildlife). A spokeswoman, Randi Field, gave a presentation on the status of Sacramento valley steelhead and water releases:

- Hatchery steelhead had a count of 134 fish
- To maintain a healthy return of steelhead, 150,000 to 200,000 viable eggs are needed to meet their quota for the next three to four years
- Hatchery water temperature needs to remain in the 53° to 55° range
- DFW also has salmon fry traps out in order to gauge hatch rate and the current counts are significantly less than one year ago
- Worries are upon the non-existent snow pack.
- Valley water supplies are only 25% of the historical mean.

- The desired flow rate for salmon to migrate to the ocean is 7200 cfs; on March 15 the flow was 5500 cfs.
- New Melones may go dry this year, but at this point, Shasta, Oroville, and Folsom Lakes are better off than last year but have no snow to maintain inflow.
- Other concerns are salinity levels in the lower delta.
- The water temperature for steelhead redds is ideally below 57°. The Reclamation used a method of “pulse” releases in order to minimize continuous releases to keep the water temperature within the proper range. Lowell Ashbaugh announced an estimated 85% successful steelhead hatch rate.

17. Public Affairs and New Members Liaison – Jim Walker

Jim had an announcement about our Fly Fishing Equipment swap meet posted on Kiene’s website for buyers only and also delivered a hard copy flyer to Sportsman’s Warehouse on Sunrise Ave for display.

18. Membership, ISE, New Member’s Meeting – Rich Wilson

Adjourn at 8:26 pm

Phil Shipley
Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday May 4, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bill Felts, Ken Giesser, Rich Kendall, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Bob Effa, Chuck Honeycutt, Carl Lang, and Dave Lentz

Board Members absent without excuse:

General Membership present: Bill Montalvo

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

Quorum established

2. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

Annual dinner gifts and donations are coming in.

3. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 05042015a to approve minutes from the April BOD meeting. Motion carried.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCFFF

- Finances are in order with little change since April.
- The next NCCFFF Board Meeting will be held June 5, 6, and 7 at the Lake McCumber Boy Scout Grounds.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect – absent

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue - absent

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President

- Refreshments – Bev will need help as she will miss the July and August board meetings.
- Logo Sales – Glen and Morrie have the new window stickers and they will be available for members beginning with the May general meeting.

8. Bob Effa: Past-President – absent

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship

- Bill sent a letter to Beth Bittner thanking her for her donation. The new recipient, Meredith Nagel, will be scheduled to speak at a future general membership meeting.
- The Arcade Creek Clean-up on April 18 went well. About a dozen members of the club participated and picked up a variety of items – from tires to a baby carriage.
- Bill has re-initiated an effort to contact the American River Parkway Foundation to gain permission to place a bench somewhere along the parkway.

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- Lance Gray will be presenting the Tenkara method of fly fishing at the May general meeting.
- In June, Hutch Hutchinson will be presenting casting on the lawn for the general meeting as well as a demo on the water the night before (Monday). The Monday session will require us to reschedule the BOD meeting. Action 05042015a: Laurie will check with Jaden at the Conzelmann Center for a meeting room for the BOD prior to the Tuesday regular meeting.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

We have three outings over the next three months:

1. May 23, Yuba River with Jeff Howard
2. June 13-15, Eagle Lake with Dennis May and Bucky May
3. July 23-26, Tuolumne Meadows (Yosemite area) with Paul Wisheropp

The new strategy for the SAFE outings will be to seek a fishmeister and make the event a formal outing. The first will be the Fuller Lake event on July 18. Rich Kendall and Jim Walker will be the fishmeisters.

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services – absent

In June, Ken Davis will show bugs. In July, Jim Berdan will show how to tie married wings.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

- The Conservation Committee met for the second time. The agenda included:
 - Working on their mission statement
 - Defining their organizational structure
 - Defining their meeting schedule (will meet as needed).
 - Developing guidelines for funding other groups or projects with a 501 C3 status
 - Deciding that any donation given must go to a specific project and not to a group for its general use (except groups CFFU already supports in general; i.e. Cal Trout)
 - Determining to start with local groups such as Save the Auburn Ravine for Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS) and/or the Secret Ravine group.
 - Solicit from our general membership suggestions for projects or groups to consider (listserv message)
 - Developing a screening tool to facilitate selections – will consider the Council of Federation Fly Fishers' application as it requests beneficial information for these decisions
 - Begin discussions to determine an annual budgeted amount for funding conservation organizations and others with similar goals – such as organizations that help military veterans with fly fishing as a rehabilitation tool or Casting for Recovery for breast cancer survivors to mention two possible groups.
- Keith attended another meeting of the American River group that meets at the Bureau of Reclamation building. The focus was on estimating/forecasting the survival of fish. Some of their projections:
 - April had hot winds, low water flows, higher water temperatures in the lake and river and therefore raised the concern for salmon and steelhead smolt survivability. The Bureau released a pulse of water that seems to have helped the smolt survive.
 - There is still concern for fish migrating down river as well as fish still in the Nimbus hatchery so plans are being developed to physically move the fish if necessary.
 - Several Sierra lakes are 40% lower than last year (Ice House, Loon, Hell Hole)
 - Current snow pack is but 5% of normal

- This year's drought is expected to be worse than the 1976 and 1977 droughts.
- Dam releases to minimize intrusion of salt water (Folsom, Nimbus, Shasta) and hopefully the timing of the releases will assist down running fish.
- Keith received an email from SARSAS explaining that the Nevada Irrigation District is requesting proposals for fish passage options for the Hemphill Diversion Dam – an obstacle keeping salmon from miles of spawning habitat.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

Jim called and welcomed the new members that signed up at the Kiene's open house.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

- The next new members' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13.
- New members this month include two single and 1 family memberships.
- As a result of non-payment, 46 members have been expunged from the roster.
- As of today, we have 279 memberships.
- The ISE application will be sent this week, along with the anticipated booth fee.

16. Old Business

- The rescheduled Board meeting will need to be announced to the general membership 30 prior to the new date. Action: 05042015b Send email message to membership announcing a change in Board meeting schedule with new date, time, and location.
- Ken Giesser requested that Hutch Hutchinson be paid for his efforts for the Monday "on the water" casting demonstration. Action: 05042015c Laurie will speak with Carl Lang whether the Tech Thursday funds can be used to pay Hutch a stipend for the "on the water" casting clinic. If funds are available and Carl is in agreement then the Board will not need to take any budgetary action.

17. New Business

- Tonight is the last BOD meeting to be held at the River Park Drive location. A new location must be secured starting in June. Locations considered: Conzelmann Community Center, the Northminster Church, a restaurant. The Conzelmann Community Center was determined to be the best option. Action: 05042015d Laurie will speak with Jaden about reserving a room for future BOD meetings.
- The ideas for the chili cook off and the swap meet were great, any other ideas?
 - Knot tying and strength testing
 - Casting contests: distance, accuracy
 - Ice cream
 - BBQ
 - Smoked fish
 - Demonstrating fly action via an aquarium with moving water
 - Resume use of a projector during fly tying demonstrations
Action: 05042015e find the video camera and begin using it again
 - Research improving our projection equipment. Action: 05042015f.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley, Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, June 2, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bob Effa, Bill Felts, Ken Giesser, Chuck Honeycutt, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: N/A

Board Members absent without excuse: N/A

General Membership present: Larry Coulter, Betty Pfeifer, Robert Rountree

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 4:30 pm

Quorum established

2. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

Laurie is acting as the Annual Dinner Chair since no other volunteer is available.

3. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 06022015a to approve minutes from the May BOD meeting. Motion carried.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCFFF

- The month of May had more expenses than income due to a few larger payments – Bittner Scholarship, Logo Stickers, and ISE booth fee.
- The next NCCFFF Board Meeting will be held June 5, 6, and 7 at the Lake McCumber Boy Scout Grounds. Lowell's objective is to convene all club conservation representatives in a session to identify common goals and possible solutions.
- On July 17, the organization Veteran's First Fly Fishing is working with the Menlo Park Veteran's Administration Hospital to host a fly fishing outing at Rancho Seco Park. They are looking for help with providing lunch to approximately 25 participants.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect

Dave spoke with Gary Howard about Youth Programs. Gary continues to be discouraged about the lack of volunteer support for the youth events. He is reluctant to commit the club to events due to this concern.

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue

Chuck "survived" the BBQ at Howard's home. He will be turning in expense receipts tonight, which also includes some expenses for the Chili Cook Off. It appears we went over budget by \$50.

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President

- Refreshments – Craig will follow-up with Bev whether she has found volunteers to handle refreshments for the meetings she will miss (July and August). Action 06022015a.

8. Bob Effa: Past-President – No report

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship

- The next American River Clean-up for the club will take place June 27, 9:00am, at the Rossmoor River access point.
- Bill will miss the next General Membership meeting and will need someone to introduce the newest Bittner Scholarship recipient, Meredith Nagel, to the club and she will provide a 15 minute overview of her project. She will be scheduled to speak during the 8:00pm segment of the meeting.

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- The on the water clinic and dinner last evening was a fun event.
- One of the upcoming speakers is from the Eastern Sierra chapter of Trout Unlimited. TU does not charge our club for speakers. Last year we gave TU a \$200 gift out of the general fund as a good will gesture and would like to do that again. After a short discussion, Ken made the Motion 06022015a: To donate \$200 to the California Field Office of Trout Unlimited in Truckee, California. Motion carried.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

We have five outings over the next four months:

1. June 13-15, Eagle Lake with Dennis May and Bucky May
2. July 18, Fuller Lake with Rich Kendall and Jim Walker
3. July 23-26, Tuolumne Meadows (Yosemite area) with Paul Wisheropp
4. August 20-23, Mammoth Lakes area with Jeff Howard
5. September 4-6, Davis Lake with Robert Rountree

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services

- The entomology program by Ken Davis was excellent and had a great turnout.
- The June program will be Jim Berdan showing how to tie married wings.
- The July program will be the on the river entomology program and BBQ.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

- The Conservation Committee did not meet in May but they did continue to work on documenting their general guidelines.
- The next meeting of Save the Auburn Ravine for Salmon and Steelhead (SARSAS) will discuss "Planning fish passage in the Auburn Ravine".
- On May 11, Keith attended a new event at the State Capitol sponsored by the group Friends of the River. Some of the other groups in attendance included:
 - American River Conservancy
 - Save the American River Association (President Steve Green)
 - Tuolumne River Trust (Goal: to obtain wild and scenic status for the Clavey River, a tributary to the Tuolumne River. Another goal is to restore the Hetch Hetchy valley.)
 - Committee to Save the Mokelumne River (Goal: to obtain wild and scenic status for the Mokelumne River).
 - South Yuba River
 - Foothill Conservancy (Representing the Amador and Calaveras Counties).
- On May 21, Keith attended another meeting of the American River group. Some of the facts shared at this meeting includes:
 - The timing of the rain received this spring has helped keep the lake and river temperatures lower than feared.

- Some steelhead trapping statistics captured out of redds:
 - 2013 2200 steelhead counted
 - 2014 586 counted
 - 2015 April count of 24
 May count of 23
 These low counts eroded the confidence in their data and trap location in relation to redds has been questioned.
- Central Valley Stream reports a large volume of juvenile salmon.
- Current precipitation statistics:
 - Rainfall 61% of normal
 - Snow pack 3% of normal
 - Run off 48% of normal
- Lake capacities:
 - Hell Hole 52% of normal
 - French Meadow 44% of normal
 - Loon Lake 47% of normal
- Folsom releases will continue through August to accommodate rafting. After August the expectation is to drop flows to 500 cfs and the American River temperature could rise to 72 degrees. The low flows and high temperature could doom the steelhead. One Dept. of Fish and Wildlife representative theorizes the steelhead will not enter the system with those conditions and therefore limit the feared mortality.

Action 06022015b: Dave Lentz will invite the DFW Steelhead Coordinator to speak to our club in the near future.

- Keith plans to attend the Federation Retreat this month. Club conservation representatives will be meeting.
- Keith received an email from SARSAS explaining that the Nevada Irrigation District is requesting proposals for fish passage options for the Hemphill Diversion Dam – an obstacle keeping salmon from miles of spawning habitat.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

Jim called and welcomed the new members that have signed up.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

- In May, we signed up 2 new single memberships.
- We now have 283 members.
- The next new member meeting will be held August 12.

16. Old Business

- Location of club's video camera? Jim Berdan believes the camera is in the possession of one of our members. Action 06022015c: Contact this member to confirm he has the camera and have it available at the general membership meetings for projecting the fly tying demonstrations.
 - Related item: Setting up the video camera for the demonstrations requires a longer video cord than we currently have. Action 06022015d: Purchase a video cord long enough to enable projection of the fly tying demonstrations.

17. New Business

- A fishing guide, Ernie Gullie, approached Jeff Howard offering his services during our club's Crowley Lake outing. Ernie's offer was to provide a "how to" clinic at a \$250 rate. Jeff is proposing that any willing participants cover this cost if Ernie is booked.
Action 06022015e: Check with Jeff Howard to clarify guide Ernie Gullie's offer during our club's Crowley Lake outing and Jeff's thoughts.
- We need to obtain a new location for our BOD meetings. Options: Conzelmann or Club House in Laurie's complex. Action 06022015f: Laurie will check with Conzelmann about room availability and any additional cost. (Club House will not have a direct cost). [Update: Action 06022015f has been completed and the decision to go with the Club House has been made.]
- Dave Lipscom of the Diablo Valley Fly Fishing Club has contacted CFFU requesting participation in a Project Healing Waters event. Diablo Valley is working with the Mather Veteran's Administration Hospital and is contacting the Sacramento area clubs for assistance. Comment: Gary Howard has attempted to work with the Mather VA in the past and things did not work out. Action 06022015g: Speak with Dave Lipscom of Diablo Valley about Mather Veteran's Admin Hosp involvement with Project Healing Waters for further information and back ground. Concerns: What would we be buying into, what are the vet's conditions, and shouldn't Healing Waters be the organizer rather than the local groups?
 - Project Healing Waters is a nationwide program
 - Fund raising efforts
 - Rod building
 - Previous efforts required an obligation of 1 on 1 volunteers.
 - The majority of the vets will be dealing with PTSD.
- Buff Henderson's donation of a custom built lady's rod for raffle, with proceeds going to Casting for Recovery. Currently CFFU does not support this organization. Phoebe has set up a link on our website that can be used to donate straight to CFR for those that do not wish to buy a raffle ticket but do want to support CFR.
- Laurie discussed an email from guide Tom Peirano with Nor Cal Fly Guides. Tom offered up to 10 trips at a rate of \$250 per trip. Action 06022015h: Craig McCulloch will contact Tom for more information and conditions.

Adjourn at 5:40 pm

Phil Shipley, Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bob Effa, Ken Giesser, Chuck Honeycutt, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Bill Felts

Board Members absent without excuse: N/A

General Membership present: N/A

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

Quorum established

2. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 08032015a to approve minutes from the June BOD meeting. Motion carried.

3. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

Annual Dinner update: the leading caterer at this time is Buckhorn restaurant. The next committee meeting will be held August 27. Club members can help by donating more items to be sold at the dinner.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCFFF

- Treasurer's report was emailed to members for review – no questions. Action: 08032015a for the Audit committee to complete their recommendation to rework the policy and procedures documentation outlining speaker reimbursement. Action: 08032015b Craig McCullough to provide an update in 2 months, at the October BOD meeting.
- The NCCFFF will be holding their annual fly fishing fair in Bend, OR the second week of August. This will also be their 50th anniversary. Actually, CFFU was one of five clubs initially involved with the Federation. The Veterans First Fly Fishing group from the Menlo Park VA Hospital will be sending 10 vets and staff.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect

- No update from Youth program. Laurie did speak with Tim AuYong about the Gibson Ranch Derby and will allow Tim time during the September general meeting to discuss the derby and show some pictures.
- Dave will be working to form a nominating committee – he believes it must be in place 3 months prior to the general meeting at which the membership vote for new officers. Dave is aware of at least 5 vacancies, 2 of which are non-BOD positions. Buff Hendrickson was mentioned as a possible member as he was the committee chair last year.
- Dave reminded the Board that even as President Elect, the year 2016 will not be a good year for him to hold the office. Dave feels confident that 2017 will be a better year for his involvement. Dave hopes that current members will be willing to stay in office another year.

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue

Action: 08032015c Chuck will ask Andy Penn whether he is planning another mentoring outing this year, perhaps on a river.

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President

- Refreshments – the August general member meeting will have a taco night, along with the usual cookies and coffee.
- Sam Yee reported to Craig on an event a few members of our club attended at Camp Pollock on July 11. The event was called a GlampOut and was sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. This organization now owns the Camp Pollock grounds. CFFU provided fly tiers and casting demonstrations.
- Coachman Award – we currently have 10 – 20 people on the list working toward earning their Coachman pin. Often casting is one skill that presents a challenge for getting checked off. Chuck Honeycutt will arrive early to the August general meeting to assist with casting “check offs”.
- Craig updated the Board on his discussion with Tom Peirano of Nor Cal Fly Guides. Tom had proposed selling 10 guided trips to CFFU for \$250 per trip and suggested that our club could then re-sell the trips at a fund raiser. The Board considered negotiating a lower price or fewer trips but ultimately decided not to accept the offer at this time. Action 08032015d Craig will notify Tom of our decision.

8. Bob Effa: Past-President – No report

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship – No report

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- The August meeting will feature two speakers. Harold Kessimeyer speaking about the Rogue River and retired fishery biologist Dennis Lee speaking about half pound steelhead.
- The September meeting will feature Dan LaCount from Truckee speaking on streamer fishing. Dan will also be the fly tying demonstrator prior to the meeting. Harold Kessimeyer will introduce Dan at this meeting in Ken Giesser’s absence.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

The Fuller Lake outing went well. A question arose from this outing – is there a budget item for outing food? The answer is outings are to be self supporting. The real reason for the question is Rich is having difficulty finding fishmeisters and out of pocket expenses may be one deterrent.

Upcoming outings:

1. August 20-23, Mammoth Lakes area with Jeff Howard
2. September 4-6, Davis Lake with Robert Rountree

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services

- The August Tech Thursday will feature Craig Williams and Ron Rabin demonstrating how to tie the short line nymphing leaders used in the Upper Sacramento.
- The September Tech Thursday will feature Swinging for Half Pounders with Andy Guibord.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

- Keith (and others from CFFU) attended a NorCal Conservation Conference in June. The Council met on Saturday and club Conservation Chairpersons led by Lowell Asbaugh met Sunday.
 - The Council stressed a couple take home messages:
 - a) more participation from Federation members is needed at the Council level because many Council members may soon be retiring;
 - b) more interaction should be occurring between the NCCFFF and clubs on coordinating conservation activities.
 - The issues discussed at the Conservation Chair meeting included:
 - The San Francisco Bay Delta agreement that expires at the end of this year. Included in the agreement is the removal of some dams on the Klamath River and approval to move forward is still floating about in the U.S. Congress.
 - California AB 142 is now supported by some Mokelumne River environmental groups to keep the upper Mokelumne River designated as “wild and scenic”. Also related is Proposition 1 pertaining to creating more dams (Sites Dam) and raising the height of Shasta Dam.
 - The impact of marijuana growing on California north coast streams due to illegal water diversions, use of herbicides, and clear cutting.
 - The threat to the Endangered Species Act by the Federal House of Representative Bill 2898. This bill proposes to eliminate predatory, non-native fish species from the Stanislaus River (striped bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and black bass) implying these fish are the reason for diminished salmon runs rather than reduced water flow. The bill also claims a warm water fishery would meet all federal and state laws and eliminate all efforts to reintroduce salmon into the watershed.
 - Senators Feinstein and Boxer have submitted a new drought bill the tries to address some of the anti-environmental issues within RB 2898 mentioned above. The new bill contains some language concerning:
 - Dredging – is still legal until the issues are resolved in the Court of Appeals.
 - The practice of fracking (a method to increase oil production) was discussed but there is little information available about the practice and its affect on the environment (is expected to be a large conservation issue in the future).
 - Take home message: our fishing clubs should communicate more closely and work together on shared concerns (i.e. Fish in the Classroom – both CFFU and Davis share this interest and inherent challenges).
 - Take home message: fishing clubs should develop ways to motivate members to take action on conservation issues.
- In July, Keith attended a meeting of the American River Group (Bureau of Reclamation).
 - Their priority at this time is the delta water temperature and salinity and trying to ensure adequate water flows for the returning fall salmon and steelhead runs in both the Sacramento and American Rivers. Their job is to coordinate all water releases from Shasta, Oroville, and Folsom and keep all water users downstream happy and salinity controlled.
 - News “just in today”, the California Sport Fisheries Protection Alliance filed a complaint against the State Water Resources Control Board and the Bureau of

Reclamation stating they failed to enforce the requirements to maintain water quality criteria in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin.

- A representative from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) presented a weather prediction for October 2015 through March 2016 – we have a 50% chance of a wet El Nino and a 50% chance of a dry La Nina.
- The topic of July’s SARSAS meeting was Managing Water for You and The Environment. The presentation included methods to reduce, re-use, and recover water. Examples included uses for gray water and techniques for trapping rain water.
- Keith and Bill Templin attended a Placer County Fish and Game Commission hearing. At the hearing, SARSAS made a presentation to gain support from the Commission for a rescue program of fall run Chinook salmon in the Auburn Ravine. The program proposes a physical moving of salmon from below the Hemphill Dam to better spawning areas above the dam. Approval is needed from the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and/or from the Federal Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. SARSAS was seeking to gain the support of the Commission in order to apply more pressure on the Fish and Wildlife departments. The Commission was already in favor. A biologist in attendance stated the Fish and Wildlife group has certain criteria for such action and the SARSAS plan didn’t meet any. For instance,
 - the plan did not have any data showing the habitat above Hemphill is in fact better than the habitat below,
 - physically handling the fish would add stress to the fish and could introduce disease,
 - the fish may have already spawned.

The general feel was the plan would be community supported and it would look bad for the Ca. Dept of Fish and Wildlife if they were not in support.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

Jim called and welcomed the new members that have signed up in the last two months. Jim also had club meeting information posted at Kiene’s.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

We now have 290 members. The next new member meeting will be held August 12.

16. Old Business

- The club’s video camera and cabling has been located and will be in place at our next general membership meeting.
- Casting targets have been purchased.

17. New Business

- The winning ticket, with only a telephone number, drawn from the Casting For Recovery raffle turned out to be Jake Mater’s ticket. Upon contact, Jake said he really just wanted to support the cause and donated the fly rod back to the club. Jake will allow the club to decide what to do with the club. Additionally Buff Hendrickson has built another fly rod to be donated to our club. Possible ideas for the fly rods:
 - Veterans First
 - Sacramento Valley Conservancy
 - Casting For Recovery
- Laurie received a letter from the East Ranch clubhouse coordinator politely asking that groups using the clubhouse compensate the complex for the use of utilities. Chuck Honeycutt made a

Motion 08032015b: CFFU to donate \$20 per month for compensation to the Home Owner's Association of East Ranch for use of the clubhouse. Motion carried.

- Phoebe Larne suggested the club members wear matching/identifying shirts for those members participating in the American River Parkway and/or Creek Week cleanup efforts. Action 08032015e: Laurie will direct Phoebe to research options and costs of a club shirt for cleanup volunteers.
- Following up on an action item, Laurie spoke with Dave Lipscom of Project Healing Water (paid employees, 40% to 60% overhead) and with Ken Brunskill that works with Veterans First (no paid employees, all donations go to veterans). Is CFFU large enough to start and support a veterans program ourselves? Gary Howard attempted involvement in the past but encountered an issue that halted the effort. That issue has now been resolved; a Physical Therapist is on staff. Action 08032015f: Laurie will contact Mather for more information.
- Keith Pfeifer asked the Board if we are to continue involvement with SARSAS, should we designate a club representative to SARSAS similar to our designated representative, John Barras, to SARA. Action 08032015g Laurie will ask Rob Scafe to consider being this representative.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley, Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, August 31, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bob Effa, Chuck Honeycutt, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Bill Felts, Ken Giesser and Phil Shipley

Board Members absent without excuse: N/A

General Membership present: Larry Coulter

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

Quorum established

2. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 08312015a to approve minutes from the August BOD meeting. Motion carried.

3. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

- Annual Dinner update: Buckhorn restaurant will cater the event. Club members can help by donating more items to be sold at the dinner.
- Tim AuYoung suggested having a survey about the dinner and what the membership liked and didn't like about the Annual Dinner.
- CFFU will be in charge of the bar. We have three members that will tend bar.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCIFFF

- Treasurer's report, which is an interim report, was emailed to members for review – no questions.
- The NCCIFFF is still looking for a president.
- The NCCIFFF will be planning a fly fishing fair in March of next year at the Marin Rod and Gun Club on a Sunday.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect

- No update from Youth program.
- Tim AuYong sent out an email on the Listserve about the upcoming Hagan Fish Derby.
- Dave will be working to form a nominating committee.
- Dave reminded the Board that even as President Elect, the year 2016 will not be a good year for him to hold the office. Dave feels confident that 2017 will be a better year for his involvement.
- Dave hopes that current members will be willing to stay in office another year. Dave asked the current BOD who would be staying with the majority staying with the exception of Chuck Honeycutt.
- Laurie reported that Big M has reopened under new management as Lincoln Fisheries and is open only to groups.

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue

- Chuck reported that Bill Montavo donated \$200 to the club for the library. Motion 08312015b: Move \$200 from the general fund to the library fund which was money donated to CFFU for the library. Motion carried.

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President

- Refreshments – Bev mentioned that she will be selling flour tortilla sandwiches for the September 1st General meeting.
- Craig will talk to Sam Yee about encouraging people working toward their Coachman award to get the fly casting part of the program completed before daylight savings ended.

8. Bob Effa: Past-President – No report

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship – No report

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- The September meeting will feature Dan LaCount from Truckee speaking on streamer fishing. Dan will also be the fly tying demonstrator prior to the meeting. Harold Kessimeyer will introduce Dan at this meeting in Ken Giesser's absence.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

- September 5-6, Davis Lake with Robert Rountree was cancelled because of high water temperatures and low water levels.
- October 2-4, Upper Sacramento River with Craig Williams.
- October 18-20, Lower Sacramento River with Bo Nishimura.
- November 8-10, Trinity River outing by Bo Nishimura. Rich will check with Bo and confirm the dates.
- October 10, President's outing at Webber Lake. Ken Giesser will be the fishmeister and Lindy Giesser will do the catering.

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services

- The August Tech Thursday clinic featuring Craig Williams and Ron Rabun demonstrating how to tie the short line nymphing leaders used in the Upper Sacramento went very well.
- The September Tech Thursday will feature Andy Guibord presenting a half pounder clinic on the American River at 4 pm at Glen Hall Park.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

- Keith reports that there was not an American River Group meeting.
- Keith reported that the flows for the American River will be decreasing to conserve water.
- Keith attended a SARSAS field trip to the Auburn Ravine to check on the creek. Later they were shown the Hemphill dam that SARSAS would like removed to help with the salmon and steelhead spawning. SARSAS believe the spawning below the dam is not conducive to healthy spawning for the fish. The area above the dam is better for the fish to spawn.
- SARSAS would like monetary help from CFFU and have CFFU write a letter to the various agencies involved to help support the movement.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

- Jim has club meeting information posted at Kiene's.
- Jim handed out a questionnaire and asked the membership to look it over.
- Craig noted that on a website, Survey monkey, they have a survey we could use. The website would work with us to develop our survey.
- Laurie noted that at the new members meetings we give out surveys but that info is not used to its full potential.
- Laurie asked to get the info out for our Annual Dinner to other clubs and fly fishing shops.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

- We now have 291 members.
- The next new member meeting will be held November 18, not November 11 because of Veterans Day.

16. Old Business

- Craig will update the board next month concerning the policy procedures on the audit committee.
- Laurie checked into the Veterans Program. She called Laurie Sheerer at Mather Field and she is the Peer Specialist. CFFU will get some ideas to Laurie Sheerer.
- Action Item: Laurie B. will write up some ideas and present it to the board in October.

17. New Business

- a) Library money from Bill Montalvo. Item was taken care of.
- b) Books of value from Library. It was discussed that Chuck could get with Jim Kelley about the books. It was suggested taking care of this in 2016. Chuck suggested having Jim come to the October or November board meeting with suggestions on what to do with the books. The money will probably go back into the Library fund.
- c) 20 copies of *I Know Bill Shadde*/ 40 copies of *Beginning Fly Tying*. CFFU should keep a couple copies of the *Beginning Fly Tying* for our fly tying classes. Rich suggested setting out the books after the Annual Dinner so they could be sold as gifts for Christmas.
- d) T-shirts for members who clean creeks/or help at derbies (Phoebe). Not dealt with at this time. Will wait for Phoebe to get back from vacation.
- e) Ideas from the IFFF conclave (Casting Course, Iron Tyer). Laurie suggested we get more help with the casting before the general meetings. Laurie also suggested having the Iron Tyer challenge before the December meeting in which tiers would be given a bag of materials to tie a fly and have so many minutes to tie the fly.
- f) President's outing. Laurie will send out the information to Phoebe and Chris.
- g) Conservation fund. It was discussed to set aside money for a conservation fund. The Conservation committee made a suggestion that CFFU would solicit conservation groups to fill out an application with a specific project to obtain grant money from CFFU. The Conservation committee will discuss this at the meeting in October. It was suggested that the Conservation committee make a recommendation for a budget for next year, 2016.

Adjourn at 8:25 pm

Chris Weiland, acting Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, October 5, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Ken Giesser, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Bob Effa, Chuck Honeycutt

Board Members absent without excuse: N/A

General Membership present: Meloney Welborn

Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm
 Quorum established

1. New Business

a) Nominating Committee Chair, Meloney Welborn, presented the following slate of proposed officers and directors for Board approval to present to the general membership in November for ratification.

OFFICERS		DIRECTORS	
President	Laurie Banks	Conservation Policy Dir.	Keith Pfeifer
President Elect	Dave Lentz	Community Services Dir.	Bill Felts
Past President	Bob Effa	Membership Director	Richard Wilson
1 st Vice President	Beth Ison	Outings Director	Rich Kendall
2 nd Vice President	Craig McCulloch	Programs Director	Ken Giesser
Secretary	Phil Shipley	Public Relations Dir.	Jim Walker
Treasurer	Jim Berdan	Tech Services Dir.	Carl Lang

Motion 10052015a was made to approve the above slate of names for CFFU 2016 officers and directors for presentation to the general membership for ratification. Motion carried.

b) Laurie presented Phoebe Larne’s research into obtaining t-shirts for CFFU members to wear during public service activities (i.e. Creek clean-ups and fishing derbies). The price would be dependent upon quantity ordered. A couple issues discussed included sizing and budget accommodation. Action 10052015a: Laurie will speak further with Phoebe about moving forward with t-shirts.

c) Bev Lorens, current volunteer to organize refreshments for monthly general meetings, is asking the Board whether the club likes what she is doing and whether the club is okay if she is generating less income than previous years. The Board’s response is positive to both questions. Actually, the current income is very close to past averages. Action 10052015b: Craig will pass a suggestion to Bev to try spaghetti.

d) Based on our by-laws, it is time to form a budget committee. Action 10052015c: Jim Berdan will form a budget committee. Laurie suggested a few ideas for the 2016 budget:

- Increase the Youth Programs line item to the level of 2014.

- Add \$5000 to the Conservation Programs budget line item “Policy”.
- Add a Miscellaneous line item to facilitate one-time expenses (i.e. casting targets).
- Add an East Ranch Meeting Room line item.
- Add a Veterans Program line item.

e) The Granite Bay Fly Fishing club has invited CFFU to join them in a swap meet in December. Action 10052015d: Laurie will offer holding the swap meet at Conzelmann due to larger rooms and more parking.

f) The general focus of the annual Leadership Dinner is for outgoing officers to provide some turnover to incoming officers. This year nearly the entire Board is continuing to serve so the focus will be planning for next year. Also, the dinner will be a pot-luck. Action 10052015e: Laurie will check dates of availability at East Ranch to meet during December.

g) Rich Wilson proposed allowing grandparents to add their grandchildren under the age of 18 to a family membership plan. The current family membership kit will remain the same – two badges and two sets of free flies. Additional badges would have to be purchased. Motion 10052015b to allow inclusion of grandchildren under the age of 18 with a Family Membership (2 badges, 2 fly certificates); additional badges can be purchased at \$7.50. A single membership can be upgraded at any time. Motion carried.

2. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 10052015c after correcting the spelling of Ron Rabun’s last name, approve minutes from the September BOD meeting. Motion carried.

3. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

Annual Dinner tickets will be on sale at the general membership meeting. This year Laurie has given 69 President’s Pins to members that have earned a pin and over 100 members have volunteered at least one time.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCFFF

- Treasurer’s report was emailed to members for review – no questions. A few line items have exceeded their budgeted amount.
 - President’s Expenses. One reason is President’s Pins must be ordered in advance. Motion 10052015d to increase the budget line item President’s Expenses by \$500 to a total of \$1250. Motion carried.
 - Refreshments. Motion 10052015e to increase the budget line item Refreshments by \$250 to a total of \$1000. Motion carried.
- The NCCFFF is looking for a president for its Council. The next fly fishing fair will be held in Bishop, California.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect

- The Fish Derby at Hagen Community Park (formerly known as Gibson Ranch Derby) led by Tim AuYoung had a great turnout – participants and volunteers. The Fish and Wildlife representative, Joe Ferreira, was able to have a significant amount of fish planted and the participants had a great time catching fish. Action 10052015f: Laurie will send a thank you to Joe Ferreira for his efforts in securing such a large fish plant.

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue – no report

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President – no report

8. Bob Effa: Past-President

Rich Wilson gave an update on the FITC. Brandy will be speaking with Joe Ferreira of the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife about the availability of salmon eggs this year and providing Joe with a drop dead date in which we'd need in order to allow time for school teachers to set-up the fish tanks. Action 10052015g: Dave Lentz will contact Ethan Rotman about source of trout eggs as an alternative for FITC.

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship

- Bill informed the Board that Beth Bittner passed away a couple months ago. Beth's daughter wants to continue giving an annual donation to CFFU in her mother's memory. Additionally, the employer of her husband may be able to provide matching funds, which would double the donated amount.
- Bill is working with someone on the American River Parkway Foundation that is coordinating with the County of Sacramento Parks and Recreation to find out whether benches along the American River will be authorized and the acceptable style of bench. This effort is in memory of Susan Sylstra.

Laurie reported she and Bill Felts had discussed his Director title (Conservation Programs), his areas of responsibilities are more community service related, and that the club does not have a Community Services Director. Keith Pfeifer holds the Conservation Policy Director title and changing Bill's title could eliminate some confusion. Motion 10052015f to change the title of Conservation Programs Director to Community Services Director. Motion carried. Action 10052015h: Laurie will request Phoebe Larne to update the CFFU website to reflect the new title of Community Services Director. Action 10052015i: Update the Club Directory to reflect the new title of Community Services Director.

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- Tomorrow's guest speaker will present Dorado Fishing in Baja.
- Ken is beginning to schedule slide presentations for the December meeting. Ken is requesting slide shows to have auto-advance and be limited to less than 12 minutes.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

We have three outings remaining this calendar year:

1. October 18-20, Lower Sacramento with Bo Nishimura
2. November 8-10, Trinity River with Bo Nishimura
3. December 11-13, Pyramid Lake, Nevada, with John Daniels

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services

- The October 15th Tech Thursday will feature Andy Guibord demonstrating how to tie 3 flies for catching half pounders. Bring your own vice, thread, and hooks.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

Keith requested feed-back on the letter he submitted via the club newsletter and whether anyone had heard any updates on the Hemphill Dam removal. He did visit the dam and reported the dam

is about 6 feet tall, a height that salmon could jump but unfortunately there are large boulders immediately in front of the dam preventing any salmon from getting close enough to jump. Relocating spawning salmon from below the dam to above is still a question, including how to then relocate the small salmon to below the dam from above the dam.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

Jim emailed flyers about our annual dinner to area fly fishing clubs. Jim has also been working on a survey to our members for the purpose of determining whether the club is meeting the needs of our membership.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

- We have not picked-up any new members since our last meeting. Our current count is 291 members. The next new member meeting will be held November 18.
- Dues renewal will start November 1.
- The International Sportsmen Expo (ISE) will be January 21-24. Our booth will be in Building C, space 2024.

16. Old Business

- Laurie will be meeting with Laurie Sheer, Director of Psychological Rehabilitation Services, and Maria Ahms, Program Director of Voluntary Services, of Mather Veterans Hospital to continue discussions of organizing a fly fishing program for area veterans. This meeting will take place October 21 at La Bou Bakery on Rockingham Drive, near Mather Field Road, at 1:00pm.
- Audit Committee report will be presented to the Board in November.
- Rich Kendall and Jim Walker have been working on a survey to give to club members to determine what the membership most wants out of the club. They are looking to utilize the on-line survey service called Survey Monkey that can present the survey to those included on a supplied mailing list and then compile survey results. November is the target for presenting the survey.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley, Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, November 2, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Ken Giesser, Chuck Honeycutt, Rich Kendall, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Bob Effa, Carl Lang

Board Members absent without excuse: N/A

General Membership present: N/A

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm
Quorum established

2. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 11022015a to approve minutes, with corrections, from the October BOD meeting. Motion carried.

3. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

Annual Dinner is set to go. Last chance for dinner tickets will be the November general membership meeting or online through November 3. Approximately 80 tickets have been sold to date. Raffle tickets will be available at the November general meeting and also at the dinner. Jim Berdan assisted with providing documentation that CFFU is a 501 (c) (3) organization in order to obtain a liquor license for the dinner.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCFFF

- Treasurer's report was emailed to members for review – no questions.
- The NCCFFF is still looking for a president for its Council. FFF president Phil Greenly will be hosting a meeting of northern California fly clubs with the purpose of securing a president for the Council.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect

Rich Wilson spoke with Tim Au Young about the name being changed from Gibson Ranch Derby to Fish Derby since we no longer go to Gibson Ranch. Also, the other derby will be referred to as Fish Derby Howe Park.

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue

- Chuck informed the Board that Phoebe Larne submitted her resignation as Webmaster for CFFU, effective December 31, 2015. Phoebe has held this post since 2001. Additionally, Phoebe hosted a test website for CFFU for the year prior before going live with the club newsletter.
- Jim Kelly (Library Committee) informed Chuck that our library has many books that are out of publication and may have some value for re-sale to a book dealer. Christie Roberts, club member, has knowledge of the re-sale process and is willing to help. Board discussion

determined to provide the first opportunity to purchase the books to our club members with the proceeds going to the Library fund. Action on this is planned for January or February.

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President

- Sam Yee is looking for substantial assistance or for someone to take over the Coachman Program. Sam would like to remain involved with the casting and knot tying aspects of the program. Laurie has spoken with someone in the club that is a good candidate and is interested in taking over the program.
- The Member Survey discussed at last month's Board meeting is now live. Craig sent the link to the survey to club members via our listserv. We received 9 responses within the first hour. The survey will be active until November 17. Craig is using "Survey Monkey" and purchased a service level for \$26 that allows more than the free offering of 10 questions and maximum 100 responses. The goal of the survey effort is to improve our club's offerings and retention of members.

8. Bob Effa: Past-President

Rich Wilson gave an update on the FITC. Brandy has spoken with Joe Ferreira of the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife about the availability of salmon eggs this year. Eggs will be available but at an unfortunate time – during the traditional Thanksgiving break. The logistics to set up and deliver the equipment while schools are closed resulted with the determination to skip this salmon egg cycle and hope for the best next year. The FITC will now concentrate on the upcoming steelhead cycle.

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship

- Bill reported that it is possible to purchase a bench with a memorial plaque through the Sacramento County of Regional Parks for placement along the American River Parkway. The price is \$2500 and would include the plaque. Motion 11022015b to authorize the purchase of a bench along the American River Parkway with funds from the Susan Sylstra Memorial Fund in memory of Susan Sylstra. Motion carried. Bill will continue to work on the details.
- The next annual Bittner Scholarship process will start up around the end of this year and is normally awarded mid-spring.

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- Tomorrow's guest speaker is Bill Forward will present "Fishing after the Ice Breaks". Bill is a former CFFU Board Member and Coachman Award earner. Bill is currently the Senior Editor of the Sierra Fly Fisherman magazine.
- Ken currently has three slide presentations scheduled for the December meeting. Ken is requesting slide shows to have auto-advance and be limited to less than 12 minutes.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

We have two outings remaining this calendar year:

1. November 8-10, Trinity River with Bo Nishimura
2. December 11-13, Pyramid Lake, Nevada, with John Daniels

Also, two Fishmeisters are advertising for their events occurring next year that require advanced booking:

1. Val Adams is promoting a Fall River outing October 7-8, 2016
2. Meloney Welborn is promoting a Pyramid Lake outing in April 2016.

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services

- The November 19th Tech Thursday will feature Tim Au Young demonstrating how to make fly fishing related Christmas ornaments.
- Carl will welcome suggestions for future Tech Thursday topics.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

- The American River Group, water release control group, announced they will increase flows to support the fall run Chinook salmon from 150cfs to 200cfs.
- Keith presented a draft version of a committee description, mission statement, and operational guidelines for the new Conservation Policy Committee.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

Jim has posted announcements of our speaker for tomorrow and also for our annual dinner on Kiene's forum. The next new member meeting will be November 18.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

- We picked-up three new members last month – 2 single memberships and 1 family.
- We lost one member due to the death of Don Edgar.
- Our current membership is 293.
- Dues renewal will start November 1. Single membership is \$35 and Family is \$45.
- We have two members that have reached the 20 year mark: Gerald Gilbert and Bill Ozawa.
- The International Sportsmen Expo (ISE) will be January 21-24. Our booth will be in Building C, space 2024. Our request to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for fish has been approved.

16. Old Business

a) Laurie, Ken, and Rich met with Laurie Sheer, Director of Psychological Rehabilitation Services, and Maria Ahms, Program Director of Voluntary Services, of Mather Veterans Hospital to continue discussions of organizing a fly fishing program for area veterans. They were quite excited and are working on a Memo of Understanding (MOU) to partner with CFFU. CFFU will commit to providing mentoring, fly tying, and casting sessions. This program may start as early as the end of January 2016.

b) Audit Committee report will be presented to the Board soon.

c) See item 7 for update on the on-line member survey.

d) Reviewed action item list for completed/outstanding items.

17. New Business

a) Budget Committee. Jim Berdan presented the proposed budget for 2016. The proposed budget will have an increase of \$7125 over the 2015 budget. We will have one new item for the Veteran's Program. Our budget process is not a balanced budget.

b) The Leadership dinner potluck will be December 16, 6:30pm, at East Ranch.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley, Secretary

CFFU BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Monday, November 30, 2015
Final Minutes

Board Members present: Laurie Banks, Jim Berdan, Bill Felts, Ken Giesser, Rich Kendall, Carl Lang, Dave Lentz, Craig McCulloch, Keith Pfeifer, Phil Shipley, Jim Walker, and Rich Wilson

Board Members absent with excuse: Bob Effa, Chuck Honeycutt

Board Members absent without excuse: N/A

General Membership present: N/A

1. Call to order and adopt agenda – 6:30 pm

Quorum established

2. Phil Shipley: Secretary

Motion 11302015a to approve minutes from the November BOD meeting. Motion carried.

3. Laurie Banks: President and Annual Dinner Chair

The Annual Dinner netted \$11,109. The venue and caterer were well liked so Laurie will book them again for next year. The live auctioneer proved quite beneficial. The destination items were the largest money making items.

4. Jim Berdan: Treasurer and NCCFFF

- Treasurer's report was emailed to members for review; the report was not final pending banking info due December 1, 2015. Also, a couple questions were asked about the expenses for the line item "Programs – monthly" that will require checking on the timing of expenditures.
- The NCCFFF is still looking for a president for its Council.

5. Dave Lentz: President Elect

- Dave spoke with Gary Howard (Youth Programs), Gary has a couple open slots for fly tying with youth at the upcoming International Sportsman's Exposition (ISE). An announcement will be made at the December general meeting.

6. Chuck Honeycutt: 1st Vice-President and Annual Barbecue

- Jim Kelly (Library Committee) is retiring from the library and will be replaced by Christie and Michael Roberts.
- Phoebe Larnie is retiring Webmaster for CFFU and will be replaced by Morrie Weisbart.
- Chris Weiland will serve one more year (2016) as Newsletter Editor and then retire.

7. Craig McCulloch: 2nd Vice-President

- Paul Wisheropp will be taking over the Coachman Program.
- Glenn will need assistance with Logo Sales after Morrie assumes his new duties.
- Bev will need help with refreshments at the February general meeting.
- Laurie questioned whether Fly Tying Classes fell under the Fly Tying Demonstration committee. The general consensus was yes it did. The committee description specifies classes

for beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels will be offered. Often, there is poor turn-out at the more advanced classes. Best turn outs have been sessions featuring special flies (i.e. Alaska flies, steelhead flies).

8. Bob Effa: Past-President (absent)

Laurie discussed a possibility with FITC. A potential benefactor has offered funds to CFFU and FITC is an area where we could use funds. Ideas for improving the FITC program would include additional storage dedicated to FITC; and, funds to provide transportation of children to fish release events (old action item). Action 11302015a: Rich will research the cost for a dedicated storage unit for FITC equipment.

9. Bill Felts: Conservation Programs and Bittner Scholarship

- Bill asked Dave Sylstra whether Susan had a favorite area in the Parkway that we could then target for placement of the memorial bench (or table if need be). Susan's favorites were Sailor Bar and the Fish Hatchery areas.
- Dave Sylstra also offered to donate some fishing equipment to the club. Bill will speak with Dave again as there are logistical hurdles to overcome (Dave lives in Southern Cal).
- UCD will have applications for next year's Bittner Scholarship in late January. Our committee will meet and make a selection after that. The scholarship is generally awarded mid-spring. Currently, the scholarship is offered only to PHD candidates. Last year the pool of applicants wasn't as qualified as years past so the question of including Masters Degree candidates was voiced (which could include more local colleges – CSU Sacramento, CSU Chico).

10. Ken Giesser: Programs

- The January guest speaker will be Andy Guibord presenting a session on photography.
- A requirement of the Program Director is to schedule a speaker on a conservation topic. In recent years, Ken has booked an organization that does not charge speaking fees. However, Ken has asked the Board to authorize a small stipend for the organization as a good will gesture as some expense is incurred. The Board determined to address this on a case by case basis as the time arises.

11. Rich Kendall: Outings

Upcoming outings:

1. December 11-13, Pyramid Lake, Nevada, with John Daniels
2. January 9, 2016, High Hill with Glenn Yee

Rich plans to schedule another Lower American River access tour for February.

12. Carl Lang: Tech Services

- The November 19th Tech Thursday featuring Tim Au Young demonstrating how to make fly fishing related Christmas ornaments had 16 people attend.
- The December 17th Tech Thursday will feature Larry Lee to discuss rod building.

13. Keith Pfeifer: Conservation Policy

- Keith has incorporated comments and suggestions from the Board on the new committee's Mission Statement and Guidelines document. The document will soon be posted on the CFFU website and newsletter. It will also be announced through a listserv distribution.

- Keith and committee will continue to work on a document for outside organizations to use for soliciting funds/support from CFFU.
- The American River Group announced current (November 2015) capacities of area lakes: Trinity 20%, Shasta 30%, Oroville 27%, Folsom 14%, and New Melones 11%. They also announced the colder weather has aided in keeping the river's water temperature below 60 degrees. A recent carcass count (river bank) found only 66 spawned salmon, however, a similar count in 2014 sky rocketed to over 500 by early December. (I happened to visit the salmon hatchery on December 3 and the counts in the hatchery were good and DFW said it is turning out to be a good year since the cold weather hit and lowered the water temps).
- At the November SARSAS meeting,
 - Rich Marovich gave a presentation titled "Cure for Cementation of Spawning Gravels: Excavator Scarification in the Absence of Scouring Flows" explaining the Putah Creek restoration effort. On a one mile stretch of private property, the river bed was dug up and "pulverized" the cement like sub-strata. The river bed in this stretch is now loose gravel and trout have been found as far down stream as UCD. Hopes are for steelhead to return. Salmon counts: two years ago was 8; last year was 200; and so far this year over 400 salmon!
 - The next SARSAS meeting will be December 28 and the topic will be "Reconciliation Ecology" by Peter Moyle. In January, Ken Davis will be speaking on Aquatic Invertebrates. Meetings are held in Auburn on 175 Fulweiler Ave.
 - The fish rescue effort to transport salmon above Hemphill Dam this year is dead.
 - There is an open call for citizen scientists to volunteer 1 day per week from now until April to count salmon.

14. Jim Walker: Public Affairs and New Members Liaison

Jim has contacted and welcomed all new members since our last meeting. The next new member meeting will be February 10, 2016.

15. Rich Wilson: Membership and ISE

- Our current membership is 296.
- We have two members that have reached the 20 year mark: Gerald Gilbert and Bill Ozawa.
- The International Sportsmen Expo (ISE) will be January 21-24. Our booth will be in Building C, space 2024.
- Don W. won the raffle board fly rod at our annual dinner.

16. Old Business

- a) The Leadership potluck is scheduled for December 16 at 6:30pm to be held at the East Ranch club house.
- b) Craig reported the Audit Committee has revised forms and procedures documents and continue to review them. The new documents will be presented to the Board in January.
- c) The club member survey received a good response. Survey Monkey provides helpful summary of results for our analysis. The question concerning whether members feel the club is meeting their expectations received a 90% favorable response. The question asking what classes our members are most interested in attending revealed most interest is in fly and insect identification.
- d) Phoebe has a design ready to go for t-shirts to be worn by club members participating in club events. Motion 11302015b to authorize the purchase of 100 t-shirts with the California Fly Fishers logo. Motion carried.

d) Reviewed action item list for completed/outstanding items. A new action item was created – Action 11302015b: research whether we need a new camera capable of interfacing with a projector (for displaying fly tying demonstrations).

17. New Business

- a) Rich Kendall has researched and has a design for purchasing a spear sign. The spear sign is approximately eleven feet tall and breaks into four foot sections. Motion 11302015c was made to authorize the purchase of one custom printed street flag at the cost of \$185 with the California Fly Fishers logo. Motion carried.
- b) The Board discussed whether to purchase a new projection screen for the general meetings. Ken Davis loaned one last month and the projected images were much improved over the screen provided by Conzelmann Club House. Rich Wilson mentioned the club has a screen in storage. It was determined to try the screen from storage prior to making another purchase.
- c) Horseshoe Bar Preserve – Wounded Warriors Program theft (not discussed)
- d) John Berdan mentioned there will be an event on May 14, 2016 at the Ride to Walk Ranch in Lincoln, CA for the benefit of children with special needs. This could be an opportunity to set up a booth for fly tying and casting.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Phil Shipley, Secretary