

Rogue Flyfishers Mini- Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
December 4, 2024 at 6:04 PM

This month board members in attendance included:

John Pogue, President, Tim Bolling, Treasurer, Susan Labiste, Secretary, Rick Graw, Conservation Chair, David Haight, Mark Dewey, Jerry Haynes, and Bill Burns. Also in attendance was Jim Ulm, our Membership Chair

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tim's financial report for November was emailed to board members prior to the meeting. We are down \$630 this month. Expenses for fly rods/raffle items took a \$900 bite out of the bank balance. Then too, the raffle at the last meeting brought in less income than usual. Tim's report was approved.

Meeting Minutes: Sue's meeting minutes had been emailed to board members after our last meeting and corrections were made. Minutes were approved.

Membership Report: Jim Ulm notes we have 169 members, 30 of which are also members of FFI. There are 33 family memberships and 134 single memberships.

Programs Report: Mark Dewey, our Programs Chair confirms our David Paul Williams will present December's program on small mouth bass. A question about paying lodging for presenters confirmed we only pay lodging directly to the lodge or motel. It is hoped Christine Rivald will present a program on Klamath dam removal, in February.

Outings Report by Jerry Haynes: Although there is no outing in December, we can look forward to The New Year's Day Chili Feed January first. In January David Haight plans an outing for coastal steelhead from the 16 th to the 18 th . Dave Grosjaques plans an outing to Lemolo Lake toward the end of May with East Lake, Crane Prairie or Lake Paulina suggested as alternates if East Lake is not fishing well. Jerry will be leaving the Outings Chair position at the end of this year so if anyone is looking for a chance to plan outings for 2025, we'd love to hear from you.

Conservation Report: By Rick Graw. Discussion included:

☐ The Marine Board is taking written comments on the Jet Boat decision until December 20th. The last newsletter included this information but it's important so here it is again. We need members to write in about the jet boat proposed rules. Please take the time to comment.

☐ The Marine Board meeting included testimony opposing their proposed decision. Rick Graw was interviewed by channel 12 news about his view on the jet boat issue. Way to go Rick!

☐ Rick will be looking for members interested in planning and participating in conservation and clean-up projects for 2025 and surveying members on cleanup project priority. Paul Seymore donated \$100 to toward purchasing equipment for cleanup projects.

☐ Possible Hatchery closures in the north and fish survey results have fishing guides concerned. John Pogue suggested a blog post to communicate the issue to members.

Old Business:

☐ Recruitment for BOD members, officers and chairpersons to be announced at December dinner meeting. We hope there will be members willing to step up.

☐ Dinner location: Common Block is being considered for a May dinner meeting venue as Centennial will be unavailable.

☐ December's dinner meeting. We had 43 paying members out of 50 sign ups. We pay for 50 minimum. There were two comps billed at \$25 each to the club. There were some walk in dinners.

☐ FFI affiliate club membership is due. Our affiliate membership enables us to purchase insurance for the club. FFI membership costs \$35 per member and we receive a discount on our insurance based on the number of FFI members in our club. Another benefit from FFI was the \$1,000 which FFI's Oregon Council gave the club. There is another discount for sharing membership roster information with FFI but we have not and will not share personal information. We encourage members to join FFI.

☐ Scholarships: David Haight spoke on the \$1,500 scholarships (1 or 2) we usually give to OSU students majoring in fisheries. We will be looking at OSU Scholar Dollars in an effort to fine tune the scholarship recipient to fit our objectives. We'd like to consider the applicant's major in fisheries, their work experience, choose a junior or seniors, consider their financial need, their GPA, and their career goals including their intention to work in the Pacific Northwest. David Haight will look into OSU Scholar Dollars.

New Business:

Member of the Year: We need to consider nominating and electing a member of the year. Nominations may come from the board or members and John will ask for nominations at the next dinner meeting.

A Willow-Staking restoration program on Bear Creek flier came to John Pogue. Rogue Watershed Council is asking for help for a couple of hours on Feb. 12. A flier will be forwarded to Rick Graw for follow up. Deadline for our response is Feb. 5.

No further new business: meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM