

Meeting Minutes Rogue Flyfishers Board of Director's Meeting December 3, 2025

Call to Order: 6:03 PM

Board Members Present: 8 (6 is a quorum)

1. **John Pogue**, BOD, President
2. **Tim Bolling**, BOD Member, Treasurer
3. **Susan Labiste**, BOD Member, Secretary
4. **Rick Graw**, BOD member, Conservation Chair
5. **Jerry Haines**, Vice President
6. **David Haight**, BOD Member
7. **Robbi Debois**, BOD Member, Auction Chair
8. **Mark Dewey**, BOD member, Program Chair

Non-Board Members Present: 2

Jim Ulm, Membership Chair

Robert Eury, New member, potential board member

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tim's financial report was not submitted to board members (he has been vacationing), so no approval yet. Tim notes our FFI membership dues are coming due at \$3.50 per RFF member if they are not also an FFI members, and a flat \$120 for the rest of the members. It was noted, our FFI membership makes it possible to purchase liability insurance for the club.

Meeting Minutes: September minutes were already emailed to the board. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

Programs Report: Mark Dewey reports: November: December will be Shari Anderson on the Klamath River. Jim Roberts will talk about fishing the Trinity River.

Membership Report: Jim Ulm reports dues for 10% of our membership have renewed their membership.

Auction Report: Robbi Debois: Our next auction meeting will be on Mon. Dec. 8th at 6 PM Lions Sight and Hearing Club. So far Robbi, and John have approached several businesses with encouraging responses but none have yet followed through. They may be waiting to the end of the year. We plan to use Proto Print to create more business cards, and will see if they are interested in contributing.

Conservation Report: **Rick Graw** tells us:

- Anne Batzer from Upper Rogue River Guardians is looking for testimony on the jetboat issue at the Marine Board Meeting on January 29, 2026.

Though the Marine Board will be reviewing their decision it doesn't appear that they will modify their rules.

- Lake Creek Learning Center reported to Robbi that their salmon fry hatched and the kids are very excited.
- The ODFW sein counts show higher numbers of hatchery half-pounders returning compared to native half-pounders. However, the mature native steelhead which come back to spawn are doing better than the hatchery adults. Numbers in the sein count always fluctuate and the conditions in the ocean may be responsible. Given that ocean conditions may present different mortality for fish at different growth stages, variables are too complex to know the cause of the discrepancy between returning hatchery and native fish.
- Rick hopes to hold another zoom meeting regarding the club's Conservation Strategic Plan in early 2026.

Old Business:

Board Members: It looks like we will have enough board members for 2026. Mike LeTourneau has offered to join the board. We will be announcing and voting on board members during December's dinner meeting.

John Pogue will be running the dinner meeting raffle in December, then other board members will continue to rotate raffle responsibilities through the year. We usually purchase raffle items from Alex with a 30% discount and a \$100 total.

Website and Newsletter: There is no word on an estimate for Roxanne's plan to update the website. Bob Eury plans to reach out to Steve or Roxanne. Jerry Haynes office has a webmaster who may be available and has demonstrated her abilities.

Club Picnic: We have set a date for our club picnic, Saturday, June 13 at Tom Pierce Park in the afternoon. SOFF will be joining us. The cost at Tom Pierce Park is more reasonable and the physical set up is better with a shelter, should it rain, and closer bathrooms.

Our New Year's Day Chili Feed will be at the Holy Waters again.

New Business:

- **Newsletter and blog:** Bob Eury, our webmaster has indicated he could do the newsletter as long as he doesn't have to prompt people to get their submissions in. It was noted we don't have regular columns (other than the president's report) or staff writers, so submissions just come in as they are submitted. He doesn't need to hound people to write their articles.
- **Website Bulletin Board** idea from Bob Eury would allow members to post items on the website and or the newsletter which they would like to sell. This idea gained traction with the board. It was noted that it

could also be a vehicle to reach out to other members to join in on fishing trips. There is a possibility Bob will take this on.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Transcribed by S. Labiste, Secretary, 12/6/25