

Board Meeting Minutes Highlights February, 2024

First up was our treasurer, Tim Bolling, whose treasurer's report was approved by the board. Next up was the approval of January's meeting minutes, recorded by John Pogue. John was elected President of Rogue Flyfishers after David Haight completed his term and stepped down. Thank you, John Pogue, for stepping up and David Haight for two years of leading the club! This month's minutes were recorded by our new secretary, Susan Labiste. Don Dabney, Membership Chairman, reported our current memberships which stand at 119. Reminder calls are going out to those members who have not yet renewed for 2024. Mark Dewey, our Programs Chair, has already lined up interesting programs for almost the entire year. Way to go Mark. Jerry Hanes, our current VP and Outings Chairman, has lined up club outings for most of the year, but March, September, and November 2024 are still pending. Next up was Dale Day, our conservation chair. Dale has also taken on the task of sifting through our archives and is working on preserving club history. He has found some film footage about the Rogue River and its steelhead. There was a discussion, later tabled, about jet boats and their impact on both fish and other users of the river. Also discussed was a new meeting location for our board of director meetings.

John Pogue, Club President, reported Dave Roberts is willing to serve on the board. Dave has been an active member in the club for a long time and will be rejoining the board. We are grateful to have his experience and enthusiasm. Dave's addition to the board was enthusiastically approved.

The Rogue River Watershed Council grant-request was reviewed and approved for \$2,500.00. It was noted their operating cost to revenue is low. We still have no venue for May's monthly meeting. Several board members are working on alternatives. Our 2024 budget assessment was presented by Tim. Bill Burns reported on the SOFF Auction, which is ongoing with lots of cool stuff.

There was a lively discussion of declining fish stocks in the Rogue, and the potential painful steps that would be needed to correct multiple problems (drought, loss of habitat, water quality, damage to spawning beds). This matter was tabled for the next meeting and some pending reports.