BOD Mini Minutes January 8, 2025

The meeting kicked off early at just before 6 PM with eight board members: John Pogue, Tim Bolling, Susan Labiste, David Haight, Mark Dewey, Jerry Haynes, Rex Thompson, and Bill Burns.

Reports:

- Tim's financial report was approved. He will report to the Feds. Tim presented a tentative budget which we will be discussing in February. Without an auction in 2025 projections fall short.
- Susan's meeting minutes were also approved.
- Mark Dewey, our program chair, reported on the Chili Feed. Though poorly attended, the chili was delicious and light rain came to a halt, making it one of our warmer January feeds. Mike Masters will present in January on the Owyhee River. Chrysten Rivard of Trout Unlimited will present on the Klamath Dam and recovery in February. Our March presentation is in progress. April is a joint RFF and SOFF fly-tying event in Grants Pass. We will be offering some great fly-tying books for sale. May is pending. June is the club picnic at Tom Pierce Park. It was a great venue and we hope to have the same caterer as last year.
- Tim updated us on the membership status. Membership renewals are low, but we expect more sign ups at the January and February dinner meetings.
- Jerry Haynes is no longer the outings chair but filled us in. David Haight will be leading a trip to the lower Rogue near Harris Beach on the 17 th and 18 th this January. So far there are few sign ups. He says if the weather holds those dates look like they will be just right. Jerry notes our monthly outings have generated little participation and may be too much for club members. He suggests 3-4 local trips per year and that they include food/social elements to make them more of an event. To round it out, members planning a trip are encouraged to open their trips to the membership, act as the point person, and get the word out at dinner meetings and the blog.
- Rick Graw didn't attend so there was no conservation report.

Old Business:

- Tim reported on continued problems with Medford's sewage treatment outflows. This is a long and disappointing battle which looks like it's headed to court again.
- There is a Marine Board meeting (on line) on the Jet Boats proposed rules this next Wednesday the 15 th . Sign up to participate. Written comments need to be in by the 21 st .
- Board Member Recruitment: It looks like 2 members are leaving. Robbi DuBois will be joining the board, THANK YOU Robbi! There's room for at least one more.
- Storage Unit: With many nice fly boxes in storage, plans are to add them to the fly patch in the monthly raffle. Funds to purchase plastic storage bins to better protect books in storage were approved. Ways to sell the wood duck decoys in storage were discussed. If you have an interest or a sales plan, let us know.
- Our OSU scholarships were discussed, comparing OSU's and Scholar Dollar programs.
- Member of the year will be announced at the February dinner meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02