

Board Meeting Minutes Highlights

March, 2024

John Pogue called the meeting to order. We have a new Board Member, Dave Roberts, a lifetime honorary member of the club. Thank you, Dave! The Auction Report was first up: Steve Haskell reported on auction-planning progress. John Pogue and Bill Burns reported Southern Oregon Fly Fishers' on-line auction did well! Next up was our treasurer, Tim Bolling. Tim tells us non-profit reporting is complete. His report was approved by the board. Thank you, Tim. Next up was Sue Labiste, Secretary, with February's meeting minutes. With a few corrections, minutes will await board approval. Don Dabney, Membership Chairman, reported our current memberships now stands at 141. Susan completed reminder calls to those members who had not yet renewed for 2024. Mark Dewey, our Programs Chair, reported he has lined up interesting programs for almost the entire year and is working on the rest. We still have no venue or speaker for May.

Old Business: Centennial's fifty-person minimum and our recent low attendance requires the club pick up the tab for the difference. The problem will be explored.

New Business: Rogue Fly Fishers as been given a "table" at Celebrate the Rogue, featuring dinner, presentations, and silent auction. Proceeds will go to Rogue River Watershed. Ticket sales will be announced at our next Dinner Meeting.

Word from Jeramiah Houle, who presented at our last meeting on Lake Billy Chinook: Jeramiah declined a speaker's fee and requested it be added to the general fund so it can boost our scholarship grant fund. Thank you, Jeramiah!

The club picnic is scheduled for June 8. Catering is being explored and a small silent auction is being planned. The Central Point Greenway Report is out. We applaud measures protecting Bear Creek and tributaries. We noted progress on Iron-Gate Dam removal and the recent salmon fry dye-off with hopes the rest of the releases of fry will fare better. We adjourned, with plenty to do before our next meeting.