Mini Minutes for March 5th 2025

At 6:01 John Pogue called the meeting to order. There were 8 other board members present, Tim Bolling, our Treasurer, Susan Labiste the Secretary, Rick Graw our Conservation Chair, David Haight, Mark Dewey our Programs Chair, Jerry Haynes, and Robbi Debois. Jim Ulm, our Membership Chair, was also present.

First up was the Treasurer's Report by Tim, with \$27,647 in the checking account, \$17,878.07 of that being our operating funds. It's down about \$200 from last month as usual with routine expenses and losses from dinner meetings. With no auction chair this year, we are looking at ways to trim the budget until well into next year when we hope to conduct another auction fundraiser. Tim's report was approved.

Next up was the report for last month's board of director meeting minutes. With Susan absent last month, John transcribed the minutes. John's minutes were approved.

Jim Ulm reported on membership. 95 of our 153 members have paid their dues. We are hoping everyone will ante-up this month. You'll be seeing a reminder from John. Jim will be completing the membership roster. Members must be paid up by March for their name to appear. Between postage and printing, these rosters come at a cost. Since these rosters can be sent as a file and most members have a printer, it was decided mailing them will not be the default. Only members who specifically request a mailed copy will receive one by mail. They will be available at dinner meetings when they are printed. Getting the word out to encourage member recruitment was explored.

This month Sonia Nisson will be our speaker at the monthly dinner meeting.

Rick spoke on conservation. Our previous conservation chair, Dale Day will be assisting Rick. Thank you for your experience and expertise Dale. Rick is organizing our biannual river clean up at the Holy Waters. It will include Casey Park as well this year and the first one looks like it will be on May 17th. Willow-staking is a conservation strategy to stabilize banks and provide some shade. With the Upper Rogue noted to reach higher than accepted temperature levels in the summer, Rick hopes to get us out there to plant and protect the fish and the watershed.

Without a venue for May, Mark has been busy scouting a dinner meeting site. He has us ready to go, meeting at La Fiesta on N. Riverside. They have a private dining room, good food at a reasonable price and... wait for it... a bar.

Next year's auction preparation will need to start this year. John will be beating the bushes for a new auction chair. Come on members, we need you. It's not like you have to do everything as the chair. You would be driving the team not pulling the wagon. The work gets divvied up.

Casting for Recovery will be receiving boxes of flies from our ample supply in storage. David Haight will be handling that.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.