

September's Board of Directors Meeting Mini Minutes

Sept. 3, 2025

We kicked off the meeting at 6:05 PM with our president John Pogue, our treasurer Tim Bolling, our secretary Susan Labiste, our Conservation Chair Rick Graw, our auction Chair Robbi Debois, and BOD members David Haight, Bill Burns, and Jerry Haynes present. Steve Ostrander, our Website Chair was also in attendance. The treasures report and the secretary's minutes had already been reviewed by email and were quickly approved.

Programs: We are back from our summer break and our next dinner meeting will be September 18, a Thursday. It will be at La Fiesta again. **La Fiesta is no longer open Wednesdays, so make a note of the change in the weekday to a Thursday this month, not on Wednesday this time.** At this point the change is not permanent, just for September as we continue to explore options.

Robbi Debois is handling the 2026 auction and has been doing a great job planning. We hope to solicit donations from local businesses who have a history of donating to local charities. Robbi will need volunteers to reach out to those businesses soon. Those donations will pay for radio spots and other advertising. This way we get the word out about Rogue Flyfishers activities and promote both the club and our auction. In turn we promote our business sponsors.

Rick Graw spoke about our club's involvement in restoration projects on Lone Pine Creek and Blue Heron Park where young trees have been planted to help shade the creeks. Rick and Sue have participated in watering those young trees by bucket brigade, along with other interested residents. This is part of an effort to cool water temperatures and provide refuge for young fish.

ODFW has a new biologist, Frank Drake. We will reach out to him to see if he can attend a meeting and introduce himself to club members.

Environmental Concerns: Trout Unlimited and Upper Rogue Guardians are concerned about the roll-back of environmental protections affecting watersheds and fish habitat. It was pointed out that the Roadless Rule affects 2 million acres in Oregon, thereby meeting our commitment to issues affecting local waters. TU and URG also are concerned about the proposal to rescind EPA Greenhouse Gas Findings affecting climate change. There is a very narrow window for public comment, so if the issues are of importance to you, now is the time to submit your comments.

Website: Steve outlined difficulties with the forms-sections of the website. Apparently completed forms are no longer getting back to him. The website itself needs updating and that process needs professional help. Steve got approval to find help and get an estimate of the cost. He will let Tim know what's involved and board members will vote by email when we get an idea of the cost.

We wrapped it up at 7:08 PM with no further business.