CFFU Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2026

Board members attending: Julie Kaye, Jeff Stephens, Laurie Banks, Bev Thomas, Sheila Cavanagh, Jim Berdan, Mike Giusti, Dave Lentz, Nick Ciani, Paul Wisheropp, Frank Rinella, Bill Barron

Club Member attending: Forrest Oldham

Board Members absent: Tim Au-Young, Jeff Morin

Meeting called to order: 7:02 pm

Board Secretary – Bill Barron

- Minutes of March, 2026 were previously distributed via email. Correction made to Fly Tying item: Bev Thomas not Mike Giusti to work with Christie Roberts. Minutes were approved with correction.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Berdan

- Treasurer's documents were previously distributed via email. No significant changes.
- Preliminary numbers from Annual Dinner: $22,080 revenue which is about average; $1,091 receipts from desserts; preliminary estimate of net revenue is $13,000-14,000. The Board recognized the extraordinary efforts of Laurie Banks in putting together this very successful social and fund-raising event.

1st Vice-President Report – Mike Giusti

- Library will not be open at next meeting as Christie and Mike Roberts are away.
- Fish in the Classroom: In order to enhance the Fish in The Classroom Program there is interest in obtaining copies of *Red Tag Comes Back*, a book that introduces children to the science of salmon life-cycle. Julie will seek used copies for purchase.
- Spey group/Casting clinic: Bill Barron has received interest in two handed Spey from sixteen members. Eleven attended the first meet-up on the American River on March 8th. Six people have signed up for a three hour instructional workshop on April 26th to be led by Jason Renfro, a local certified casting instructor affiliated with Fly Fishing Specialties. Future activity of the group to be determined. Bill will prepare a short piece for the newsletter.
- Mike Giusti continues casting practice meet-ups at Gibbons Park. CFFU will continue the more structured casting clinics on the 4th Saturday of the month.

Laurie Banks, 2nd Vice-President Report

- Next 101 Class with be in May.
- Laurie recognized the efforts of many members who helped organize the Annual Dinner.
- Website: Updates/corrections ongoing. Over 1,000 unique views.
- No Social this month because it was replaced by Annual Dinner.

Jeff Stephens, Past President's Report – Nothing New

Programs Reports – Frank Rinella

- Programs set through September.
- Casting clinics – to be held in the morning the 4th Saturday of each month. Fly Fishing Specialties barbeque will be held mid-day on Saturday, April 25th, so people should be able to attend the clinic and the BBQ.
  - On May 23rd there will be a four club (Gold Country, Granite Bay, Amador and CFFU) casting clinic event at Gibbons Park including morning and afternoon sessions. Frank requested funds to support lunch. Plan is to charge or request donations. There should be no net cost to CFFU. Chuck Odell and Jeff Stephens will prepare lunch.
  - Frank Rinella requested $800 to support Casting Clinics including name tags and lunch on May 23rd. (Jeff Stephens moved; Dave Lentz 2nd; approved). Frank will provide details of funds spent.
- Cub Scout event in May – Bev Thomas will seek volunteers to help with basic fishing skills.
- Golden Empire Scouting America Complete Angler Program will be held at Gibson Ranch Regional Park, October 3rd. CFFU will support with fly tying and casting instructors.
- FFI Fly Fest in Redding, September 24-26 2026. (https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FlyFest). Northern CA FFI council has requested volunteers from all clubs.

Outings - Bev Thomas

- Lake Amador outing held March 12-13; 6-8 attendees; Paul Wisheropp fishmeister; fishing was challenging.
- Pyramid Lake to be led by Mike Giusti, April 9-10; many members have signed up.
- North Umpqua guided outing: Ron Raybun, Fishmeister, to be held May 27-29.
- Duck Valley Reservoir meetup led by Jeff Howard scheduled for May 12-21.
- Girl Scouts, April 19th, enough volunteers have signed up.
- Canoemobile – April 7-10 & 13-17; John Durand is requesting more volunteers.
- American River cleanup April 11th.
- Rio Americano High School Earth Day – Brandie Herron and Paul Smith to help.
- Rancho Seco float tube meetup – Bev Thomas and Terry Block will lead on April 23rd.
- Board members agreed to list both meetups and formal outings on the website to help build CFFU awareness.

Conservation – Dave Lentz

- Nothing new

Membership - Sheila Cavanagh

- Current membership is 341
- Mike Giusti suggested making Phil Chauvin an honorary member in recognition for his substantial help at Casting Clinics. Frank Rinella moved; Laurie Banks 2nd; approved.

Communications – Julie Kaye

- Changes in planning stages

Paul Wisheropp, Public Relations / Coachman's Program / Refreshments

- Coachman Corner – will do casting on lawn at May monthly meeting; Forrest Oldham and Nick Ciani to help.

Old Business

- Project Healing Waters: Julie to present volunteer opportunities at monthly meetings

New Business

- Bakers (cookies) at General Meeting: Frank Rinella suggested recognition for Betty Pfeifer and Mary Tucker who prepare baked goods. Julie will raise awareness of refreshment donation jar at monthly meetings.
- Swap Meet / Taco Tuesday: Julie will organize. Board agreed to charge $10 as previously.
- Beginning fly tying purchases – Christie Roberts needs to clarify resources needed.
- Bylaws Update: Julie Kaye and Bill Barron have identified an opportunity to update/improve CFFU bylaws. Dave Lentz volunteered to help work on updates. Changes will be presented to Board and general memberships.
- NCFFI President, Clay Hash, has asked that the FFI newsletter link be sent to CFFU members. Julie will send out via CFFU ListServe. Board agreed. CFFU mailing list will not be shared.
- California Sport Fishing Protection Alliance (https://calsport.org/) is interested in more collaboration. Dave Lentz will clarify what they are looking for and report back to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm (Motion: Jeff Stephens; 2nd Dave Lentz; Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Barron
Board Secretary