CFFU Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2026

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

Club Member attending: Forrest Oldham

Board Members absent: Tim Au-Young, Frank Rinella, Jim Berdan

Meeting called to order: 7:01 pm

Board Secretary – Bill Barron

- Minutes of April 6, 2026 were previously distributed via email. Minutes were approved without correction.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Berdan Not Present

- Treasurer's documents were previously distributed via email.

1st Vice-President Report – Mike Giusti

- Library: nothing new
- Youth Program: open
- Girl Scouts program in April was very good with excellent CFFU turnout
- Fish in the Classroom: Brandi Herron will be collecting tanks by end of May. Bev Thomas will approach John Schmidt (CFFU member and former science teacher) who has expressed an interest in this program.
- Beginning fly tying: nothing new
- Weekly casting practice: Bev Thomas completed Bronze and Bill Tucker completed Silver course. 3-8 members attending weekly.
- Spey group: Bill Barron reported a very well received, 3hr Spey workshop led by Jason Renfro, for six members at Sacramento Bar on Sunday, April 26th. Members of the group have expressed interest in a 2nd workshop and a possible outing on the Feather River.

Laurie Banks, 2nd Vice-President Report

- Next New Member Meeting will be held next Wednesday, May 13th.
- Website: 917 unique views.
- Socials: This month will focus on reading water in small streams followed by a session on Tenkara in June
- 101 Class and Outing will be held May 19th and 26th, respectively.

Jeff Stephens, Past President

- Sergeant-at-Arms - Larry Coulter: going well
- Fly Tyers Exchange – Paul Smith: going well
- Otter's – Tim Landrus: going well marching to the beat of their own drum
- Photos of the Month - William McZeek: going well
- Newsletter – Ken Davis: Outstanding job

Programs Reports – Frank Rinella and Tim-Au Young Not Present - No Report

- Program Updates
- Intermediate Fly Tying
- FFI FlyFest in Redding
- Casting Clinic Update
- Golden Empire Council Cub Scout on May 9th
- Fly Casting Skills Development with multiple local clubs - May 23rd. CFFU is sponsoring this event, therefore large turnout is very important. Event will include train the trainer and individual member skill development sessions.
- Golden Empire Council Scout Complete Angler Event on October 3rd
- Status of budget for speaker's fee raised by Dave Lentz. This will be discussed at a later meeting once Frank Rinella and Tim Au Young have developed a proposal.

Outings - Bev Thomas

- April Outings Recap – Excellent turnout for Pyramid Lake event; unfortunately fishing was very tough.
- Upcoming Outings
  - Duck Valley Reservoir meetup to be led by Jeff Howard – nothing new
  - North Umpqua to be led by Ron Raybun – nothing new
- Girl Scout Event – Excellent turnout with 16 CFFU volunteers.
- Canoemobile (April 7-17): went very well.
- American River Clean-Up: completed successfully.
- Community Service Report
  - Rio Americano High: completed successfully; attended by Paul Smith, Brandi Herron and Bev Thomas
- Rancho Seco Float meetup canceled for personal reasons.
- Napa Striper outing: October 15-16, 2026 to be led by Jeff Morin and Jeff Stephens.

Jeff Morin, Tech Service

- April session on carp fishing presented by Roger Bloom went extremely well.
- Jim Degnan from Granite Bay Fly Casters will present on basic knot tying on May 21st and return on August 22nd for a more advanced session.

Conservation – Dave Lentz

- Conservation Committee met on April 9th; reviewed budget for 2026 and approved new donation of $5,000 to Friends of Butte Creek to support habitat restoration for Spring-run Chinook Salmon. Also voted to fund one $1,500 and one $1,000 scholarship for 2026. Thus, with Bittner Fund, CFFU will be supporting $5,000 in scholarships to at least three students.
- Website Conservation Page: nothing new
- Planning to have regular Committee Meetings for 2026.

Membership - Sheila Cavanagh

- CFFU supported a booth at FFS annual BBQ on April 25th. Attendance was a bit slower than usual due perhaps to media attention being less than in past years.

- New member meeting to be held May 13th.
- Current membership is 241 which includes total paid plus Life Members plus those over 20 years as members. Per Sheila, this tally appears to be declining, however, the reasons for this are unclear. Several Board members noted initial enthusiasm of new members that often does not translate into ongoing participation at outings and/or meetings.
- Agreed to continue gift cards from FFS for new members.

Communications – Julie Kaye

- Update — Ongoing but nothing new to report at this time.
- Postings on CFFU Public Facebook Page
- Postings on CFFU Club Member Page
- CFFU List-Serve Communications Guidelines
- Message Board Options
- Meetup Options
- Newsletter

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

- Coachman Corner (CC) – challenging to gather interested members before the start of monthly meetings. Ken Davis planning to talk about insects at tomorrow's CC.
- Refreshments update: nothing new – need better messaging to encourage donations.

Old Business

- Swap Meet/Taco Tuesday: Planning is going well; will increase amount of food compared to last year to ensure sufficient quantities.
- Recognition of CFFU Cookie Bakers/Coffee Service – Julie will recognize during her presentation at tomorrow's monthly meeting.
- Bylaw Update (Julie Kaye/Bill Barron): Julie Kaye, Dave Lentz and Bill Barron currently reviewing. Bill has obtained a by-laws template from FFI. Dave noted that the by-laws state that meeting dates will be notified by first class mail; obviously this needs modification.
- NCCFFI Newsletter link will be distributed by Julie Kaye.
- Challenge Coin Awardees: nothing new.

New Business

- American River and Other Local Gatherings: Concern expressed that CFFU is missing an opportunity to offer more one-day, local outings (like Granite Bay is doing) in order to make them less expensive and more accessible. Bev Thomas noted that the rate limiting resource is members willing to serve as FishMeisters. The Board agreed that being a FishMeister should be made as easy as possible and does not necessarily mean preparing food. Board members will identify (1) additional members who might be willing to serve as outing leaders and (2) readily accessible local locations. This issue will be presented at the next monthly meeting and might be the topic of a Tech Thursday.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm (Motion: Dave Lentz; 2nd Jeff Stephens)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Barron
Board Secretary