CFFU Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2026

Board members attending: Julie Kaye, Jeff Morin, Jeff Stephens, Laurie Banks, Bev Thomas, Sheila Cavanagh, Mike Giusti, Dave Lentz, Jim Berdan, Tim Au-Young, Nick Ciani, Paul Wisheropp

Club Member attending: none

Board Members absent: Frank Rinella

Meeting called to order: 6:59 pm

Board Secretary – Bill Barron

- Minutes of January 5, 2026 previously distributed via email. It was noted that Forest Oldham is not a Board Member; his name was moved to Club Member attending. With that correction, minutes were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Berdan

- Corrected Treasurer's report was previously distributed by Jim Berdan. Motion to accept (Mike Giusti; 2nd Laurie Banks). Approved unanimously.

Mike Giusti, 1st Vice-President Report

- Fish in the Classroom to be held February 11th .
- Beginning fly tonight will be led by Christie tonight.
- Fish derby at Howe Avenue Park will be held, but the Fish Derby previously held with the Kiwanis will not occur.
- Mike Giusti will continue informal casting practice and Frank Rinella will continue to organize more formal Casting Clinics at Gibbons Park.

Laurie Banks, 2nd Vice-President Report

- Laurie will attend new member meeting Feb. 11th
- Annual dinner will be April 4th; planning right on schedule. Many great donations received. Ken Davis has received a donation of four Athletic tickets along with batting practice for dinner support. Ken suggested having a CFFU booth at the A's game.
- Website: Laurie suggested posting Board minutes. This was done previously but stopped for unclear reasons. There being no objections, Bill Barron will send Board-approved minutes to Laurie each month for posting.
- Social this month: Paul Wisheropp will speak about Coachman Program and hiking to fishing locations.
- 101 new member class to be held February 11th and Mentor Outing for CFFU member to be held February 21th.

Jeff Stephens, Past President's Report

- New member meeting, Feb. 11th – expecting large turnout
- Fly Tyers Exchange – Paul Smith has taken over. Jeff Morin suggested that it would be appropriate to give fly tyers credit by mentioning their names at the meeting.
- Photos of the month organized coming along nicely. Suggestion made about posting videos. Further research will be needed.

Programs Reports – Tim Au-Young and Frank Rinella

- Speakers for Feb. through May meetings have been scheduled and are posted on the website.
- Exploring option of having previous Bittner Scholarships winners present at a monthly meeting.
- Intermediate fly tying – Tim will do a class on Clouser minnows on Feb. 23rd.
- There will be no Casting Clinic in February as the date conflicts with the Pleasanton Show.
- Currently planning a multi-club Casting Clinic in April on date TBD.

Outings - Bev Thomas

- Trinity trip canceled due to high water.
- CFFU will provide volunteers at the Howe Avenue Park fish derby 2/21/26.
- Girl Scouts – April 18th
- Canoemobile dates to be determined by John Durand.
- American River cleanup planned for May.
- Excellent community service event was held in Winters for Putah Creek cleanup with multiple clubs and approximately 80 people.

Tech Thursday – Jeff Morin

- Nothing new

Conservation – Dave Lentz

- Plan to schedule regular meeting, starting every other month, in order to be have more impactful conservation program

Sheila Cavanagh, Membership

- Orvis closed – will need to rely on FFS for flies for new members. Perhaps FFS could offer a discount on some flies. Laurie suggested that flies donated to the annual dinner, of which there are many, be used in addition to flies from FFS.

Communications – Open

- Kevin Terrill is assisting with AV and monthly meetings.

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

- Coachman Corner to be added for 30 minutes before meetings.

Old Business:

- Sacramento Therapeutic Services fish derby is not being organized this year.
- New President's Pins have been ordered
- CFFU List-Serve Communications being addressed to avoid members replying "To All" and creating unnecessary emails.
- Blog options – Julie Kaye and Jeff Morin looking at options.

New Business:

- Challenge Coin – no awards in February.
- Julie raised a concern that there are external, non-members, including guides, posting on CFFU public Facebook page (managed by Sam Yee). Multiple members agreed that changes to this website are in order. Julie will investigate further and discuss with Lori Wisheropp who set up and is the technical manager of our Facebook site.

- Jim Berdan raised importance of avoiding pictures of children on any social media website.
- Tim Au-Young has been contacted by Don Moura who wants CFFU to so something to recognized Rob Scafe. It was suggested that multiple memorial funds for individuals is not the best approach. Other ideas included a single memorial fund for all those honored, or a plaque on our American River Parkway bench. Other ideas to be considered.
- Julie has been approached by a veterans organization in Martinez asking for help supporting their programs in Sacramento. This needs further investigation and discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm (Motion: Mike Giusti; 2nd Jeff Stephens; Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Barron
Board Secretary