CFFU Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2026

Board members attending: Julie Kaye, Jeff Morin, Jeff Stephens, Laurie Banks, Bev Thomas, Sheila Cavanagh, Jim Berdan, Tim Au-Young, Nick Ciani, Paul Wisheropp, Frank Rinella, Bill Barron

Club Member attending: Forrest Oldham

Board Members absent: Dave Lentz, Mike Giusti,

Meeting called to order: 6:59 pm

Board Secretary – Bill Barron

- Minutes of February 2, 2026 were previously distributed via email. Minutes were approved without objection.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Berdan

- Treasurer's report was previously distributed by Jim Berdan via email. It was confirmed that funds remain to support additional purchases of Fish In The Classroom supplies.

1st Vice-President Report Given By Julie Kaye (Mike Giusti not present)

- Joint club casting event planned sometime in May or June.
- Egg delivery for Fish in the Classroom went very well.
- Two sessions of beginning fly tying led by Christie Roberts went well. She has requested additional funding. The Board indicated the need for an inventory of CFFU-owned flying tying materials and that Christie needs to specify her needs above and beyond those materials. Bev Thomas to work with Christie on these issues.

Laurie Banks, 2nd Vice-President Report

- New member orientation went well.
- Website: Laurie Wisheropp is fixing broken links. 1,832 unique views and over 7,000 pages visited.
- Laurie asked for write-up of Casting Clinics for website. Frank Rinella will do this. Frank asked for guidance regarding how to handle non-members who come to casting clinics. Since this is a small number of people, leaders of the Casting Clinics will handle on individual basis and encourage guests to sign a release and join CFFU.
- 101 new member class: 12 people attended classroom session and seven attended the outing.
- Annual dinner will be April 4th; planning on schedule.
- February Social led by Paul Wisheropp focused on Coachman program and hiking.
- March Social will focus on annual dinner planning. No band this year as music is too loud and interferes with conversation.

Jeff Stephens, Past President's Report

- New member meeting went well – 12 attendees.
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Larry Coulter doing excellent job.
- Fly Tyers Exchange – going well
- Photos of the month – going well

- Newsletter produced by Ken Davis. Several comments on the major improvements and high quality of this communication.

Programs Reports – Tim Au-Young and Frank Rinella

- Tim Au-Young moved to pay Lance Gray $450 for speaking at monthly meeting given his prominence. Budget includes this amount. 2nd Bill Barron; approved unanimously. Jeff Stephens moved to pay Lee Haskins $400 for speaking and fly tying at upcoming meeting; 2nd Frank Rinella; approved unanimously.
- Intermediate fly tying – Feb. class canceled due to Tim Au-Young's illness. Ten anglers signed up for March.
- FFI Fly Fest in Redding, September 24-26, 2026. (https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FlyFest). Northern CA council, (NCCFFI composed of 28 clubs) asking for CFFU participation. Cost of booth $500. Tim Au-Young presented pros and cons of participation. Frank Rinella, who serves at the FFI Northern CA Education Representative, stressed the importance of the event, noted that this is the first time for the Fest to be held on the West Coast. He encouraged CFFU involvement as mentors for fly tying and casting and perhaps with a booth. Frank Rinella and Jeff Stephens will serve as points of contact and present updates at next Board meeting.
- Bev Thomas and Tim Au-Young exploring ways to address Don Moura's request to honor Rob Scafe.
- Tim Au-Young noted that he will be unavailable, off and on, through June. Frank will fill in as needed.

Outings - Bev Thomas

- Lake Amador to be led by Paul Wisheropp, March 12-13
- Pyramid Lake to be led by Mike Giusti, April 9-10
- Meetup at Rancho Seco led by Bev Thomas and Terry Block, April 23rd
- Howe Park fish derby went very well
- Girl Scouts – April 18th
- Canoemobile – April 7-10 & 13-17 organized by John Durand.
- American River cleanup planned for April 11th.
- Bev Thomas was approached by Rio Americano High School to set up a CFFU booth at a noon time event; Jeff Morin encouraged caution about CFFU images being used by Rio Americano given expansion plans of the latter.

Tech Thursday – Jeff Morin

- March 19th- Kaz Wisnieswski speaking about Trinity River
- April 16th – Roger Bloom about carp fishing

Conservation – Report Given by Julie Kaye (Dave Lentz not present)

- Committee exploring supporting Friends of Butte Creek.

Sheila Cavanagh, Membership

- Cannot track life members and those with over 20 yrs of membership
- 85 people who paid in 2025 have not paid in 2026
- Current membership is 336

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

- Coachman Corner – five people participated at monthly meeting
- NCCFFI luncheon attended by Paul and Nick Ciani. Goal is to connect 28 clubs in Northern CA. Frank Rinella will be CFFU club liaison.
- FFI Casting skills being re-organized from "challenge" to "development" program.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Project Healing Waters approached Julie to inquire if CFFU would sponsor the Sacramento location for this organization. This would include activities such as fund raising, rod building, fly tying, and water safety. This would entail a very large responsibility. Board declined to become Project Healing Waters sponsor but agreed to make volunteer opportunities available to membership.
- Julie cited need for communications person to sit on Board to manage Facebook, ListServ, message board, blog, etc.
- Spey Group – Bill Barron queried CFFU and 12 members have expressed an interest in getting together at to-be-determined intervals, primarily on the American River. The goal is primarily social and to help one another develop casting skills, but not to teach Spey casting. Will plan to have Jason Renfro teach workshops to teach Spey skills at $75 person. Spey group meetups will be seen as another CFFU outing opportunity noted on our website. Waivers will be signed as per usual.
- Will add memorial to slides at monthly meetings honoring members who have made significant contributors to CFFU.
- Jeff Morin suggested adding member photos to the membership list managed by Sheila.
- Newly designed President's pin were distributed to board members and will be made available to the qualifying general membership at Monthly club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm (Motion: Jeff Stephens; 2nd Jeff Morin; Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Barron
Board Secretary