CFFU Board Minutes
August 3, 2026

Call to Order: 6:45p

Attending: Julie Kaye, Mike Giusti, Frank Rinella, Jim Berdan, Dave Lentz, Jeff Stephens, Beverly Thomas, Sheila Cavanagh, Laurie Banks, Tim Au Young, Paul Wisheropp

Absent: Bill Barron, Jeff Morin, Nick Ciani

Guests: Brandie Herron, Chuck Odell, Forrest Oldham and Ken Davis

- Chuck Odell addressed the board regarding the need to cancel this year's club BBQ due to personal issues. The board thanked Chuck for his continued hosting of this event and agreed to forego the BBQ this year.

May Board Minutes: Bill Barron, Secretary
In Bill's absence, Board reviewed and approved minutes without any changes. Motion to Approve: Mike Giusti; 2nd Jeff Stephens.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Berdan
Jim presented current expenses and revenue. Jim also announced he is stepping down as Club Treasurer at the end of this year.

Requests for funding were discussed and approved/denied as indicated:

- Heenan Lake portable toilet rental contribution: $100 approved
- Fly Fishers International - $600 yearly dues approved
- Calaveras County Search and Rescue – no funds approved
- Dunsmuir River Gals Clean Up Campaign - $150 approved

Vice President Report: **Mike Giusti**

- Weekly Casting Practice: Mike reported that he is resuming weekly casting practice.
- Gibbons Park has inquired about CFFU conducting casting and a fly fishing 101 class on their property. Mike is working with them on options.
- Fish in the Classroom: Brandie Heron presented information to the club regarding the request from UCD for assistance in UCD's Fish in the Classroom research project. Brandie shared with the board her assessment of expected expenses to expand the program as well as fill CFFU's current/ongoing needs for additional equipment. After Board discussion, up to $3,500 was approved to replace request equipment. Julie Kaye added that she will clarify with the UCD program director, Peggy Harte, the CFFU is committed to supplying and delivering the tanks for a 1-year trial program commitment and clarify the issue of tech support discussed in a Zoom meeting on July 20th.

2nd Vice President: Laurie Banks

- Website had 1040 unique views and Socials will resume in September
- August 12 – new members meeting
- August 29 – Mentor Outing

Past President: Jeff Stephens

- Jeff will look to find a new contact telephone number/email for Larry Coulter.
- Fly Tyers Exchange – Paul Smith continuing to do a good job.
- Otters – On break until September
- Meeting Slide Photos – Bill McZeek continues to do a great job.
- Newsletter – Ken Davis continues to do an outstanding job.

Programs: Tim Au Young and Frank Rinella

- Speaker Fees - Board to discuss the need to increase speaker fees for high-end and/or those presenters need to travel longer distances to meeting. Speakers won't be taken to dinner but will arrive early to talk with members before their presentation.
- Intermediate fly tying class – Tim needs to pick a date, then send it out to the members to get signups.
- FFI FlyFest – Redding September 24, 25 & 26
- Monthly Casting Clinic – 8/22 Gibbons Park, Carmichael
- Golden Empire Scout Event – CFFU to provide volunteers for casting and fly tying on October 3rd to assist those scouts working to attain their angler badge.

Outings: Beverly Thomas

- August 8 Rich Kendall; Silverfork
- August 17 – 21 Ron Raybun; North Umpqua
- September 6-13 Andy Penn: Alaska FULL. Next year, September 5-11 at this year's prices good to end of October.
- September 20 Terry Block; Lower Sac - FULL
- October 10 Terry Block; Lower Sac – 3 openings
- October 15-16 Jeff Morin; Napa Outing for Stripers

Future Outings/Coachman Award – Paul Wisheropp

- Paul Wisheropp, Mike Giusti and Beverly Thomas are planning to develop information sheets for fishing locations to have available for new Fishmeisters.
- Possibly host a Tech Thursday to present and sign up club members interested in being Fishmeisters.

Tech Thursday: Jeff Morin

- August 20 – Knot Tying Part II

Conservation – Dave Lentz

Scholarship Update: Applications reviewed by committee. Plan to award $2,500 (Bitner) along with $1,500 and $1000 scholarships.

Membership: Sheila Cavanagh

- Sheila reported that we currently have 321 members including 12 new.

Old Business

- Julie Kaye and Bill Barron have reviewed CFFU Bylaws and found a few changes/correction that need to be discussed and approved by Board in coming months.
- Julie tabled any further discussion on Club Communications, which she and Lori Wisheropp have been discussing, until later in the year.

New Business

- Jeff Stephens recommends awarding Challenge Coins to Rich Kendall and Paul B. Smith at our August meeting. Board agreed.
- Ken Davis – Conservation needed on Morrison Creek, Utah for Lahotan Trout with a different DNA.

Adjourned at 8:12p

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Thomas (with edits from Julie Kaye)