

**Northern California Council Fly Fishers International
(NCCFFI)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

When: August 20, 2018

Where: Teleconference

Board Members Present: David Pellone, Jim Berdan, Frank Rinella, Carl Ronk, Lowell Ashbaugh, Jeff Stephens, Clay Hash, and Phil Greenlee.

Board Members Absent: Roger Wachtler, Cliff Sullivan, Tom Smith, Larry Lack and Gerry Ng.

Guest(s): Mark Rockwell

- Call to Order: 5:35 PM
- President's Comments:
 - David Pellone met with Bill O'Kelly, President of the Southwest Council (SWC) in Boise regarding sharing in the cost of the California Fly Fisher magazine ad. The agreement is that the SWC will pay one half of the cost for the period August 2017 to August 2018 and August 2018 to August 2019. Jim Berdan to send invoice to the SWC.
 - NCC Minutes: Should the NCC minutes be sent to the clubs? After some discussion, it was decided that "yes" the minutes should be sent to the clubs.
 - International Fly Fishing Fair & FishFest: David Pellone reported that the once restricted \$1M donation is no longer restricted and the FFI has authorized \$20K plus to hire a headhunter to find a new CEO. David added that the Boise Police Department Bagpipers provided the opening ceremony in addition to the Mayor.
 - Carl Ronk reported that he thought the fair was a success, but attendance was down from last year's event, one-way streets hurt and parking was limited. Carl added that he developed five new tri-fold brochures.
- Approval of the July 16, 2018, Secretary Minutes: Clay Hash made a motion to approve the minutes of the last Board meeting. Frank Rinella seconds the motion. David Pellone calls for the question and the *ayes* have it and the motion is approved.
- Approval of the July 2018 Treasurer Reports: Clay Hash made a motion to approve the above treasurer's report. Frank Rinella seconds the motion. Dave Pellone calls for the question and the *ayes* have it and the motion is approved.
- Conservation:
 - Lowell Ashbaugh reported that the Putah Creek clean up will be held on September 15, 2018.

- Smith River Fisheries Management Plan (FMP): Lowell reported that the draft FMP has been with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for four months and he expects to see comments soon. CDFW is supposed to meet this week.
- National Wild and Scenic River Act (WSR): Lowell reported that the federal government may remove or delisted some of the rivers in California protected by the WSR. Assembly Bill (AB) 2975, which is on the Governor's desk, would provide protection. An example is the current issue with the San Joaquin River. For more information, here's a link to the AB 2975: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2975. Mark Rockwell stated that the NCC needs to have a position on this issue.
- Endangered Species Act: Mark reported that the Trump Administration is planning to weaken the act and we need to stop the Department of the Interior from do so.
- Education Report:
 - Yuba River Festival: Frank Rinella reported that the NCC will have a booth at the festival and is looking for volunteers to man the booth. We also need a conservation element at the booth too.
 - ISE: Frank reported that Phil Greenlee will talk to Mike Michalac regarding use of a piece of The Fly Shop's space at the 2019 ISE, and Phil stated that he intends to do just that.
 - Livermore Storage Locker: Frank reported that he, Clay Hash, and Jeff Stephens cleaned out the locker and have they are stored the items temporarily at their homes. Jeff is looking for a storage locker in Sacramento.
 - Fly Fishing Film: Clay Hash reported that the person who currently have the rights to the film are willing to give the rights up. Clay would like to assume the rights to the film and will research the process with the film company.
- Membership: No report
- Outreach: Roger Wachtler sent a report via email. See Below.

Outreach Report:

1. The Bay Area Youth Fly Fishers (<https://www.youthflyfishers.org>) has declined our offer of a donation of up to \$300 dollars towards a first year membership. They have decided to have a limited partnership with johnmurtu.org, for donations and tax purposes. They believe insurance is not needed because each event is sponsored by individual fly clubs.

2. Yuba Fest is posted on our website and FB. I will work to create a 40x30 banner for the event.

*Thanks
Roger Wachtler*

- Communications:
 - Clay Hash reported that the communications committee is now in place.
 - The committee will coordinate an outreach campaign for the NorCal clubs.
 - The committee will schedule a face to face with the clubs.
 - Gerry Ng is working on a NCCFFI benefits brochure.
 - The committee will coordinate with Frank Rinella on the Yuba River Festival booth and arrange for fly tyers and fly casters, possible Willy George from the Golden Gate Angling and Casters Club.
 - Clay has identified a new webmaster and will coordinate the transfer.
 - Mark Rockwell stated that we need send print ready articles with current events to the clubs.
 - Wade Goertz will continue with the newsletter, but needs input.

Old Business-

- Club President's Outing: Based on the response from the club presidents, David Pellone recommends a director's outing at Pyramid Lake? Table until next meeting.
- \$100.00 Gift Certificate for Patrick Konoske: David Pellone with take care of.
- Wader Safety DVD: Table until next meeting.
- Famous Fly Tyer Fly Plate: Table until next meeting.

New Business:

- Next Face to Face Board Meeting: David Pellone proposed that the board meet at Pyramid Lake the second weekend in November. David requests that board members RSVP to him within seven (7) days from today.
- New Board Member: Lowell Ashbaugh nominates Mark Rockwell to the NCC Board of Directors. Frank Rinella seconds the nomination. David Pellone calls for the question and the *ayes* have it and the motion is approved.
- Conservation Co-Chair: Lowell Ashbaugh made a motion to make Mark Rockwell the conservation co-chair. Clay Hash seconds the motion. David Pellone calls for the question and the *ayes* have it and the motion is approved.

At 6:39 PM and with no further business, Cliff Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Ronk seconds the motion. David Pellone calls for the question and the *ayes* have it and the motion is approved.