

# November 7, 2023 SOFF Board of Directors Meeting

November 7, 2023, 5:05 PM, Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Pres Bob Stafford   x   ,VP Dan Egleston   x  , Treasurer Rich Steed   x  , Sec. Jan Knapik   x   / Duane Chebul   x  / Joe Knapik   x  , Damian McLean   x  -, John Smith   x   ,Bill Burns   x  . Guests: Roxanne Theodoroff and Reg Heth.
2. **Additions to Agenda / Club Announcements / Club Correspondence:**
3. **Minutes from Oct BOD Meeting –Jan:** A motion was made to approve the Oct minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by the board members attending.
4. **Treasurer’s Report – Rich:** The club’s current balance is \$33,703.91. A motion was made to approve the Sept treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded and approved by the board members attending.
5. **CHAIR REPORTS –**
  - a. **Programs-John Smith:** The current schedule of speakers is as follows: Nov-David Williams “Fly Fishing Washington”, Dec- The club’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Jan-Dale Barrier “Speckled Trout and Redfish on the Texas Coast”, Feb-Steve Day “Rogue River” Mar-Greg Hucko “Diamond Lake”, Apr-Fly Tyers Night, May- Yancy Lind “Williamson River: Boat Ramp to Water Wheel “June-Marc Williamson “Reading the Water”.
  - b. **Outings:** SOFF Chair is vacant:
  - c. **Newsletter:** Duane: needs articles, and photos but almost done with a newsletter for this month.
  - d. **Fly Tying: John Storfold:** The fly-tying class will start the second week of January. The Roseburg Fly Tying Show was reviewed.
  - e. **SOFF Wear:** Position open: It was suggested that some SOFF wear items be listed on the auction website.
  - f. **Habitat: Dave Grosjacques:** There may be a Fish Toss in January. Dave reminded the Water Councils that our club has volunteers available to work on their projects.
  - g. **Membership: Bill Burns:** Currently the club has 157 members. He has started collecting information for the directory. He is soliciting a couple of new ads for the directory.
  - h. **Raffle:** Ed apologized for missing the Oct general meeting. Jan will remind him monthly of the date of the meeting.
  - i. **Historian- Rich Steed:**
  - j. **Auction:** The SOFF Auction chair is vacant. The Auction target is 10K; it is estimated that we need at least 12K in auction items to achieve this target. The dates chosen for the auction are Feb 17-24<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be sent to the membership on a regular basis inviting them to become bidders via Brebo.
  - k. **Education: Kevin Daniels:** Clinics can be paid for through the new website by check or cash.
  - l. **Publicity:** John Smith will order the brochures with the new location.
  - m. **Mentorship-** Joe Knapik: Joe requested the new members emails be sent to him again. Joe spoke with Sharon from Plaisance Ranch and suggested she join our club as well as the SO Women’s Fly Fishers in Medford.

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### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

**a. The Pub setting:** Duane suggests the club may have to increase the cost of dinners. He will review the costs with the manager. The Pub's storeroom is available for storing the raffle equipment again. Nikki, Bob's contact, is the HR person, Heather works with Duane. A discussion was held about how to handle the no-shows at the monthly meetings. It was decided that:

1. no-shows will be excused for ONE no-show. They will be instructed via email they are causing the club to lose money and they will need to make dinner reservations through the website in the future. They will not be allowed to make a reservation without payment. This will be strictly enforced.

2. Those requesting a no-reservation dinner will be charged an additional \$5 for a total of \$30 for a dinner. They will be given a dinner ticket only when it is felt that those with reservations have all arrived and there are open spaces available to fill the headcount given to the Pub.

**b. Dec 30th Anniversary:** Rich, Reggi and John are preparing for the event.: The theme of the evening will be "Thirty Years of Success-A Springboard to the future. They will have special recognition of John Edwards as the founding force of the club's creation. They will comp dinners for all charter members who attend. They would like to produce a DVD or looping slideshow covering the 30 years of the club. It could be on our website or on YouTube. They will invite the press to cover this event. A conversation will be held with the members about who the club is, what do the members remember about the early club and where should the club go from here.

### 7. New Business

a. Donations to nonprofits to support our non-profit status: A motion was made and approved by the attending board members to send \$200 to each of the remaining listed non-profit organizations in the 2023 Budget.

b. Bulk-mailing: John recommends that our newsletter and club emails be sent out via Bebro, which allows 300 free emails a day. This will simplify our email process.

c. Incentive for on-line dinner payments: To encourage a switch over to payments being made on the website for dinners it was decided that everyone who pays via the website through June 30<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a raffle perhaps for a Park Pass or another prize.

d. Online membership payments: A motion was made that all that the membership dues will remain at \$35 until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, those that renew in January will pay \$40 for an individual, \$50 for a family. Those that renew by Jan 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a raffle for a rod. This motion was passed by the attending Board members.

f. Club's inventory: John Smith, Dan Egleston and Jan Knapik will meet at the storage unit at 10am on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> and conduct an inventory of the contents.

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g. Club's Website and Facebook pages: Roxanne Theodoroff, a software developer, offered to assist us with the club's website and Facebook pages. The board readily accepted and expressed thanks.

The meeting concluded at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Knapik, Secretary