

December 6, 2023 SOFF Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2023, 5:00 PM, Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Pres Bob Stafford x ,VP Dan Egleston x , Treasurer Rich Steed _ , Sec. Jan Knapik x / Duane Chebul _ , Joe Knapik x , Damian McLean x -, John Smith x ,Bill Burns _ . Guests: Kevin Daniels and Reg Heth.
2. **Additions to Agenda / Club Announcements / Club Correspondence:**
3. **Minutes from Nov BOD Meeting –Jan:** A motion was made to approve the Nov minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by the board members attending
4. **Treasurer’s Report – Rich:** The club’s current balance is \$33,393.98. 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: Dec- The club’s 30th 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: no report John has been sending out meeting notices via email.
 - d. **Fly Tying: John Storfold:** The fly tying class will start the second week of January. The cost of the class will remain at \$35. Clinics can be paid for through the new website by check or cash. A motion was made to place an ad in the Courier. The motion was seconded and approved by the attending board members. It was suggested that a flyer be prepared and placed in the Rogue Fly Shop.
 - e. **SOFF Wear:** Position open
 - f. **Habitat: Dave Grosjacques:** There may be a Fish Toss in January.
 - g. **Membership: Bill Burns:** no report
 - h. **Raffle:** Jan reported that the club will need to reform a committee for the raffles as Ed may no longer be available due to illness.
 - i. **Historian- Rich Steed:**
 - j. **Auction:** The Auction target is 10K; it is estimated that we need at least 20K in auction items to achieve this target. The dates chosen for the auction are Feb 17-23th. We will begin publicizing the auction. Roxanne is preparing memes to place on social media. Josh and Will will be asked to post the auction on their websites.
 - k. **Education: Kevin Daniels:** See “d”.
 - l. **Publicity:** John Smith will develop a label to modify the brochures with the new location.
 - m. **Mentorship-** Joe Knapik: Joe requested the new members emails be sent to him again.
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Donations to non-profits:** 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 at the Nov BOD meeting.
 - 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.

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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 30st 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 31st, those that renew in January will pay \$40 for an individual, \$50 for a family. Those that renew by Jan 31st will be entered into a raffle for a rod. This motion was passed by the attending Board members at the Nov BOD meeting. It was decided there will be no raffle at the Dec meeting.

e. **2024 Board Elections:** The 2024 Board was presented to the membership at the Nov General Meeting and the list of proposed board members will be voted on at the Dec General Meeting.

7. New Business

a. **Club paying for charter members' dinners at the Dec General Meeting:** Paying for the charter members' dinners at the Dec General Meeting was approved at the Nov BOD meeting.

b. **Renaming the club's scholarship:** A motion was made to rename the club's scholarship to the John Edwards So OR Fly Fishers Scholarship. The motion was seconded and approved by the attending board members.

c. **Club's inventory:** As a result of the inventory, Jan was asked to review a box of electronics. The Sony video camera was deemed obsolete and will be disposed of. The useful video cables will be returned to the storage unit and labeled.

Notice: The next board meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 3rd**.

The meeting concluded at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Knapik, Secretary