

## **DRAFT**

### **Minutes Fort Worth Fly Fishers**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

6:30 PM

Apr. 21, 2015

Chimy's Mexican Restaurant

Board Members in Attendance: Rick Hanes RH, Donnie Roberts DR , Bob Garber BG, Bill Hodges BH, Bryce Bezant BB, Les Jackson LJ, Mike Mendez MM, Mike McCorkhill MMc, Eric James EJ, Suresh Venugopal SV, Laura Walters LW, Mark Kolanowski MK.

Guest: Charles, Dutch Baughman

Writer: Rick Hanes

Meeting was called to order at 6:38

The Second "local" fishing event was held last Sat. at the Keller Town Hall Complex.

1. Minutes of Mar. 17, 2015 Board Meeting, were approved as written.
2. RH noted the following:
  - a. The Constitution and bylaws were approved in a vote by the General Membership on April 7, 2015 by a vote of 56 for and 2 against.
  - b. Several of our members participated in the Boy Scout teaching event at Camp Wisdom in Cedar Hill.
  - c. Our commitments and obligations for our community may be spread a little thin! Please talk up these events with your friends in the club we need all the help we can get. If we talk the talk we have to walk the walk.
  - d. Texas Council IFFF; Destination Texas, New Braunfels May 29, 30 and 31
    1. We will have a table and need volunteers to man the table.
  - e. RH to send copy of constitution and bylaws to Mike Mendez and the IFFF.
  - f. Backwoods will make space available for us to have a table at their "film" event in May. We should man a table for this event. IT is a great opportunity to "present" our club to the community.
  - g. DFF AUCTION had their Auction on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. Many of our members were present demonstrating in a great show of support.
  - h. RH noted that John Shaddock donated \$75 to the Club for Mark Kolanowski's help in tying flies for him that could not be purchased in a fly shop. (RH to check if this was also intended to renew his membership).
  - i. Colorado Trip: Bryce was ill and no report was given.
3. Old Business
  - a. BUDGET; EJ presented up dated financial report, Board will revisit after the Auction.
  - b. AUCTION: DR noted that silent auction items were around 90 and the Live Auction Items were at about 40, he further stated that the "Kayak" ticket sales were at about 55. RH asked to have issue list of contributors to publish via E and Web page. DR asked for Volunteers in the following categories (helpers in Parenthesis):
    - i. Donation round up and delivery to Church.
    - ii. Set up, tables, kitchen

- iii. Man silent auction
  - iv. Man garage Sale
  - v. Auctioneer
  - vi. Spotters for live auction
  - vii. Tabulators of winners
- c. MK recapped the May 5 Meeting and noted that things were set and noted the following:
- 1) Need set up help (also need table and chairs ordered, Suresh to coordinate).
  - 2) Recapped skill tables anticipated and who will man tables
  - 3) RH asked should there be a rotation schedule? MK noted that the table count would allow groups to stay at each station for about 10 minutes and that a timing system would be good.
  - 4) Need take down help
- d. RH noted that we will not have a speaker but will still have raffle and an abbreviated business meeting.
- e. RH commented on committee response request noting that we at least 4 members that have come forward to help out.
- f. RH to reEmail request for business cards.
4. New Business
- a. SV addressed the Board with two ideas to consider: The first being a desire to have a “club” pond. RH appointed a committee of five to explore the options and report back to the Board. Appointees are, Rick Hanes, Suresh Venugopal, Charles, Mike McCorkhill, and Bill Hodges. The second was for an effort be made to create joint meetings with our surrounding clubs.
  - b. BG noted that all 25 reels have new lines and leaders (rods are in good shape), but wear and tear from the recent uses have taken their toll. There needs to be a fund set aside to replace these lines and leaders (especially leaders). MMc volunteered the “Arlington Tying” Team to make up some leaders. MMc will get with BG for specifications.
5. Board Member Reports
- Social Media - Michael Mendez:
- Speakers - Suresh Venugopal: Most speakers slots have been filled as well as few for the next year
- Education - Bob Garber: Casting Clinic for our May 5 meeting is set and will be at a Park in Watauga, more details to follow.
- Tying – Mark Kolanowski: Requested suggestions to help select the “Tyer of the Month”.
- Auction/Raffle/Sales – Donnie Roberts: Reported earlier in meeting
- Conservation – Michael McCorkhill: Mike reported that the planting did take place at the Arlington Southwest Nature Preserve. He will request funds in the near future to help restore the banks of the Preserve and create trails from above to “pod fishing areas”. Suggested creating “fish stocking” budget to stock a “Stream” we chose.

Noted the TCU has a pond open to the public and we should consider a “clean up” in the future.

Membership – Laura Walters: Reported that membership is at 190. Has sent out Questionnaires asking reasons for not renewing. List to be sent to Board Members.

At Large – Les Jackson: Fly Fish 101 is being planned for June, details to follow.

Budget – Eric James: reported earlier in meeting

6. Motion made by Bill Hodges to adjourn and seconded by Donnie Roberts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM