

## SLFF Board Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2021

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- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Mark Shelton at 5:01 Pm
- 2) Directors present via Zoom: Mark Shelton, Lew Leichter, Rick Sample, Bernard Pieters, Charlotte Kelley, Rick Saval, Robert Hartzell, Eric Tinglof, Bob Bayer, and Don Wheeler.
- 3) The BOD meeting minutes for February 11, 2021 were approved. The motion was made by Rick Sample and seconded by Bob Bayer.
- 4) Robert Hartzell submitted the treasurers report and it was approved. The motion was made by Lew Leichter and seconded by Don Wheeler. Eric Tinglof asked how shipping costs for hats and buffs were allocated in the treasurer's report. These are considered "Other Expense".
- 5) Mark mentioned that 20 members still have not submitted 2021 dues. These included several long term members who are expected to pay in the near future. A few others may fall off the Membership Roster permanently. Mark indicated that he will send out a last request in about two weeks.
- 6) Rick Sample suggested that the club explore developing a SLFF sticker for members vehicles. There was enthusiastic support for this (and perhaps even a car license frame) to be distributed to all members. Rick Sample agreed to look into ordering these items.
- 7) Carson DiCicco has agreed to work with Robert Benassi on the SLFF web page as the Assistant Webmaster. This is particularly important as the club is transitioning to a new web system and some existing content is old.
- 8) The club library received a donation of two boxes of Fly fishing books from Dave

- 9) Mark reported that FFI has an "Industry Partner Program" which makes discounted fishing products available to clubs for educational, promotional and fundraising functions. Mark suggested that we may be able to offer selected "Big Ticket" items to members, with the member and club sharing in the discount. Rick Sample and Bob Bayer and others remarked that the program should be selective and short term so that that it does not require a great deal of time to manage. Bob cautioned that

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the club does not want to become a wholesaler of equipment. If Mark determines that this FFI program is available for this purpose, proposals will be brought back to the Board for further discussion.

- 10) A preliminary discussion was held about meetings in person, outdoor outings and a late 2021 Banquet among others. Lew reminded the Board that all guidelines of the State and County must be followed. Bernard Pieters pointed out that many new members are looking to learn fly fishing techniques, including casting, and these present challenges to maintain appropriate social distancing. This will be a topic for future Board discussion. Don Wheeler will check with International House of Pancakes regarding their reopening plans.
- 11) Mark asked that the individual Board members continue to think about recipients of club donations. BOD should think about a regional/local focus vs the current policy of sharing donations between regional organizations with national entities. He suggested that the American Rivers and Wild Salmon Center groups do good work and should be considered for club support. The time line for spending down club
- 12) Lew, Bernard and Mark will be teaching fly fishing to youths in July through the Delphinus School of Natural History. The club purchased 10 beginner rod and reel outfits to support this activity.
- 13) The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Charlotte Kelley and seconded by Lew.

Respectfully submitted:

Don Wheeler