



Santa Lucia Fly Fishers Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2022

President Eric Tingloff called the meeting to order at 5 pm. Present at IHOP were Robert Hartzell, Rick Saval and Charlotte Kelley. Attending via Zoom were Lew Leichter, Rick Sample, Bernard Pieters and Don Wheeler. Absent (Excused) were Bob Bayer and Kevin Shaw.

1. The minutes from April 14, 2022 were reviewed. Rick Saval moved for approval, Charlotte seconded and the motion carried.
2. Robert Hartzell discussed the current Financials. He noted that there is increased spending due to the new website and support of Land Conservancy of SLO for Santa Rita Ranch. Don Wheeler moved for approval, Lew seconded and the motion carried.
3. Lew presented his findings about dues charged by other South-West Council clubs. For the 13 clubs he reviewed, dues ranged from \$30-60 per year with an average of \$45. It was felt that we should consider raising dues but wait until the fall to make a determination. Lew noted that increasing dues will have a minimal impact on total annual revenue and that the focus should be on fundraising. Rick Sample recommended that the club look at charging a surcharge for anglers fishing SRR. This issue will be tabled until later in the year.
4. Lew noted that events for SRR are not filling up by members and that this is to be expected as generally members are not interested in stillwater or bass fishing. To encourage members to take advantage of this resource, there is a potential to do a stillwater clinic at SRR if the LCSLO agrees.
5. Member Tom Nickelson is a former Fisheries Biologist who drafted a letter recommending a few changes to the Fish Survey that SLFF is conducting for LCSLO. Among these is the recommendation that we not weigh the fish as this is stressful for the animal and unnecessary information. Don moved that we ask Bob Bayer or Mark Shelton (club liaisons to LCSLO) to discuss these recommendations with LC. Charlotte seconded the motion and it carried.
6. Charlotte and Robert Hartzell (minutes corrected to include Robert) will run the Fall Club Barbecue which is to be held on September 10 at Wolf Vineyard
7. In the past, the club required that members signed a Release of Liability document upon joining. However, members who joined prior to a certain date were not asked to sign this document. Don did an audit and approximately 40 members do not have any kind of Release form on file. There are three options for Release of Liability documentation: the paper document that the Club has used in the past, the "Click to Sign" strategy that Rob Wickens designed for new members that have joined since the new Website has gone live and a commercial strategy such as DocuSign. There was little agreement over which strategy provides sufficient legal protection of the Club's Board and Officers. Kevin Shaw has done a lot of research on this issue and since he could not attend this meeting, Eric asked that Board Members send in comments about Release of Liability waivers and he will discuss with Kevin upon his return from vacation. This issue is tabled for now.
8. Robert Hartzell complimented the Newsletter editors on an outstanding product.

With business concluded at 6 pm, Don moved to adjourn, Rick Sample seconded and the motion passed.