



# South Sound Fly Fishers

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



1/7/2025

Officer / Director	Present (x)	Committee Chair	Present (x)
President – Jared Wood	x	Conservation - Tim Veneziano	x
Vice President – Max Doerge	x	Education - Randy Allen	x
Secretary – Veronica Smolen	x	FFI - Mike Clancy	-
Treasurer - Lee Yeager	x	Fundraising – Kevin Angevine	-
Past President – Lee Yeager	x	Membership – Phil Jaramillo	x
Director At Large 1-yr – Murray Boulware	x	Newsletter – Dave Brombach	x
Director At Large 2 yr – Bruce Lincoln	x	Outings – Vacant	
		Programs – Vacant	
Visitors Ann Boulware and Tim Bartley		Webmaster/Media - Vic Andrade	x

The BOD meeting was Called to Order at: 7:00 p.m. by Jared Wood, President

### President’s Report:

Jared discussed the BOD meeting venue. Do members prefer Zoom vs in-person? Majority prefer in-person but it was agreed we will make Zoom available for those who are not able to make the meeting. Lee will verify with Heidi at Fire station that the meeting room is available for all dates we need, both for BOD and Club meeting dates.

BOD members were reminded to read and be familiar with bylaws. Participate. A goal is to inspire members and explore what works best for club.

How to reach Jared: Best is to text or email at president@southsoundflyfishers.org with Club business. If need is immediate text is best.

Lee set up Google email group for communication too. More discussion and communication is needed on this.

- BOD Expectations, Meetings, & Roberts Rules of Order: BOD is to operate in Roberts rules of Order. Discuss and vote on action items.
- Fly Fisher of the Year Award – vote in February: Jared will include in his newsletter article a request for nominations. Jared will send out a description of the award criteria. February will be voted on. In the December BOD several names were worthy. Should we have more than one recipient? Think about this and be ready to discuss at February meeting.
- Joint event with PHW at Munn Lake (Feb?) Project Healing Waters has requested to participate in outing. Must be an injured veteran to be in PHW. Need boats. Max noted they really like volunteers. You don’t need to be a service member to volunteer. No decision made. **Need clarification – did we just decide something? Did we decide to not decide anything? “No decision made.”**
- Jan 18th Fly Tying Planning: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire station. BOD members to come at 9:00 for set up.
  - Food – Club provide main dish, BOD sides. Max will bring pot of chili. Jared will make a soup and Peach cobbler! Others bring sides. Club provides drinks. Tim has plates and utensils.
  - Randy email all students an invitation.

- ‘Thank you’ plaque for Kingfisher Fly Shop: Take picture of students using new Kingfisher tying vises on 1/18 to send along with thank you letter/gift. Discussion but no decision on an appropriate thank you gift.
- Munn Lake Bench: Can we put a memorial bench somewhere at the Lake? Who can find out? Max can make the bench if we get approval. **Max will investigate.** Club has an agreement with State DFW; we contribute annually to feed the fish they stock in Munn Lake. DFW may be a good source to reach out to. Lee knows who a good contact would be and will provide contact information to Max.
- 2025 Strategic Goals input : How to welcome and integrate new members into club?
  - Possibly casting classes. Several members achieved FFI Gold casting skill, and they volunteered to teach casting to new members.
  - Clark-Skamania club has a mentorship program. Max volunteered to contact and learn more.
  - Mentorship Program- Randy made motion to establish a mentorship program and choose a chair. Murry 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Passed unanimously. **Committee Lead and members need to be identified- Jared will work on identifying a lead.**
- Conservation Activities - Tim V. is new Chair and asked that we define “Conservation activity.”. Looking at things club members can go and do and be involved with. Trout Unlimited has a chapter in Olympia, Can we partner with them?. We find activities and let club members know so if people want to participate they can...may be one way to go. Aim for 2x per year? Vic has data from new members’ application forms on which they indicate their interests. **Veronica to follow up with Vic and see how to review data.**

## Committee Reports

### 1. Treasurer: Lee

- a) 2025 Budget Review (Due to club in March)
- b) CD Roll-over update Done for 7 months. July 29, 3.69% APR
- c) 2024 Financial Audit – Is it needed? Yes, we’ll do. President appointed Committee to meet and review. Randy, Veronica, Jared, Bruce and Lee will participate. Jared will find date(s) and schedule.

Lee distributed the 12/31/2024 Revenues and Expenditures report and walked the BoD through it. He also presented the monthly reports he sends to the BOD: the operating checkbook, gifts and donations, and Mel Hurd booklets. Discussion as to what the \$’s in CD is for. Agreed good to have an “emergency fund.” Lee stated the club adopted maintaining two-years of operating expenses on hand. Above that, \$10k was placed into the CD last year. COVID is a good example of what can happen unexpectedly and impact the financial stability of the Club. These dollars gave Club support when we couldn’t have classes etc. **Recommend BOD members review docs Lee has sent out before next meeting and bring questions!**

Proposed 2025 Budget distributed: Reviewed and reminded it’s a proposal. **Be ready to discuss, modify, and approve at March meeting.**

### 2. Conservation: Tim.

Net pen aquaculture legislation was discussed. He pays attention to what is happening in Olympia. Will write short article for newsletter.

### 3. Education: Randy

Intro to Fly fishing Class start Feb. 24, 6 to 8:30 p.m. and 2 Saturday mornings. Five Monday evenings. 30 student max. Still spots available. Held at Olympia Center. Will reach out to volunteer instructors for help.

**4. FFI: Mike (Absent)**

**5. Fundraising: Kevin - (Absent)**

**6. Membership: Phil**

5 new members in January. Several from fly tying class. Fifteen new donated vises arrived – donation from Kingfisher Fly Shop in Montana. Owner just asked for recognition in Club and resource. Talk to Mike C. who can get in State FFI newsletter. **Need cart with wheels for transporting kits to class etc.** as they are heavy. Mike showed sample plaque to make for thank you.

**7. Newsletter: Dave**

Articles due Sunday, 8:00 pm. Email will be sent out to remind. Format/word is best.

**8. Outings:**

Consider adding to member meeting agenda - talk about the outing and what is needed (i.e. boat/waders etc.). Provide sign up sheet at meetings. Arrange to meet for breakfast beforehand for anyone who is interested. **Max will see if we can hold a co-outing with Clark-Skamanian Club.**

**9. Programs: Lee**

January – Mike Sturza from Lost Creek Fly shop in Onalaska will be here. Wild Steelhead Foundation presenting at February meeting.

**10. Webmaster/Media: Vic Randy, Vic Sent me an email for what to include in minutes.**

- a) The website has been updated to include the updated Bylaws passed in 2024 and the BOD meeting minutes from 12/2024. Both are located at: <https://southsoundflyfishers.org/board-of-directors-meeting-minutes/>
- b) A post was also made to acknowledge the donated fly tying vises from the Kingfisher Fly shop. This post also gets fed to our Facebook page.
- c) After the publication of this month's newsletter, the Events calendar will be updated to show our speaker for the general meeting and any other future events.
- d) Upcoming work in progress:
  - a. Updating the "About Us" section to include the new officers and chairs for 2025.
  - b. Testing of Google Groups "SSFF" for ad hoc fishing outings. Special Thanks to Billy Welch for setting it up and initial testing.
  - c. Development of a dedicated Classifieds section for Club donated items for sale. This will help Kevin Angevine, our Fundraising chair, to track and advertise new items.
  - d. SSFF WebMaster

## Old Business

- Pop-up fishing events (casting lessons) – How should we notify the members? Discussion about using club address to send blasts vs using personal text / message service. Using your personal service and filling your personal account with responses. Vic Andrade will research Google Groups to see what they offer. Revisit this in December's BOD.
- Input on auction in Spring 2025
  - Saturday May 17 was chosen.
  - Location TBD – Black Lake Grange cost \$370 last year. Lee will check his church. Olympia Armory was suggested. Can we bring our own alcoholic beverage? TBD.
- ~~Mentorship Program Discussion~~
- 2025 Rod or Net Building Activity

## Action Items

Description	Scheduled Completion	Status	Responsible	Date Created
VistaPrint tutorial - how to update our SSFF business cards.	<del>12/31/2024</del> 2/15/2025	Not started	Randy to train Vic	10/1/2024
<del>Call to price new fly tying vices</del>	<del>12/3/2024</del>	Completed	Randy, Phil	11/5/2024
<del>Planning for Jan Fly Tie Event</del>	<del>1/18/25</del>	<del>JAN BOD – Done</del>	Jared	12/3/24
SSFF Auction	5/17/24	On Hold until March	TBD	12/3/24
Mentorship Program Development 2025	TBD	Approved at 1.4.2025 BOD	TBD – Jared to recommend Chair	12/3/24
2025 Rod or Net Building Activity Planning		New Item	TBD	12/3/24

## New Business

- Open Discussion
- Murry presented proposal to build for the club two course sets for FFI Bronze and Silver casting skill development.. He estimated cost of materials for fly casting lanes at \$165 for both sets. Ed/Skill building... Randy made motion to **approve Murry to build two FFI casting skill courses with budget not to exceed \$300** for both. Seconded by Dave B. passed unanimously. For use starting this spring.
- **6:30 Board meetings will start going forward????**

## **Adjournment:**

**Vic moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m. by Jared, President.

Submitted by

Veronica Smolen, Secretary

## South Sound Fly Fishers – 2025 Meeting Dates

<u>Board Of Directors Meetings</u> <a href="#"><u>All in-person with Zoom available</u></a>	<u>Club Membership Meetings</u>
Jan 7 (in person)	Jan 21
Feb 4	Feb 18
Mar 4	Mar 18
Apr 1	Apr 15
May 6	May 20
June 3	June 17
July 1	July 15
Aug 5	Aug 19
Sept 2	Sep 16
Oct 7	Oct 21
Nov 4	Nov 18
Dec 2	Dec - No meeting