



South Sound Fly Fishers

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2026

Officer / Director	Present (x)	Committee Chair	Present (x)
President – Bruce Lincoln	x	Conservation - Christian Jordan	x
Vice President – Chris Tilton	x	Education - Randy Allen	x
Secretary – Veronica Smolen	x	FFI - Mike Clancy	x
Treasurer - Lee Yeager		Fundraising – Kevin Angevine	x
Past President – Jared Wood	x	Membership – Phil Jaramillo	X – on line
Director At Large – Murray Boulware	x	Newsletter – Dave Brombach	x
Director At Large – Bruce Baker	x	Outings – Jesse Bakke	
Mentorship – Tim Bartley	x	Programs – Wayne Dixon	
		Webmaster/Media - Vic Andrade	
Guests	Present (x)	Guests	Present (x)
None			

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

April BOD minutes

Key Takeaways

- Board meetings will continue at 6:30 PM starting time
- Zoom access for general meetings will be discontinued from April through September, resuming in October for accessibility reasons
- AI transcription feature will be explored further for meeting minutes with focus on summary format
- Large donation of fly-tying materials received; appraisal needed before distribution to members
- Membership roster management process needs refinement between treasurer, membership chair, and newsletter editor
- Deep Lake outing scheduled with breakfast option instead of full picnic due to limited attendance
- Unpaid membership follow-up emails to be sent out

Discussed Topics

Bank Account Change Report: The bank account changes are still in progress due to communication issues between the club and the bank.

- **Details**
 - Bruce L: Reported ongoing responsibilities and next steps
- **Conclusion**
 - Matter remains unresolved and will continue to be worked on

Audit Report Approval: The audit committee presented their findings for board approval.

- **Details**
 - Board members: Reviewed the document during the meeting
- **Conclusion**
 - Motion made by one member, seconded, and unanimously approved
 - Presentation to general membership will focus on recommendations section

Deep Lake Outing Adjustments: Planning for the April Deep Lake outing, including food and casting activities.

- **Details**
 - Dave: Noted Deep Lake is hand-carried craft only, no boat trailers allowed
 - Casting portion dropped due to lack of volunteers
 - Breakfast or gas station food option preferred over full picnic
 - Randy will coordinate with Jesse and invite students
 - Sign-up process to be managed closer to event date

AI Transcription for Meeting Minutes: Randy provided feedback on testing Zoom's AI transcription feature for meeting minutes.

- **Details**
 - Randy: Reported test run with Veronica and Vic showed frighteningly accurate transcription
 - Will explore summary format option to reduce length

Board Meeting Time: Discussion on whether to maintain 6:30 PM start time for board meetings.

- **Conclusion**
 - o Board meetings will continue at 6:30 PM

Zoom Access for General Meetings: Discussion on continuing Zoom access for general membership meetings during summer months.

- **Conclusion**
 - o Zoom discontinued for general meetings from April through September
 - o Zoom will resume in October through March
 - o Exceptions available by request for accessibility issues
 - o Same policy applies to board meetings with in-person expectation
 - o Kevin A. made motion for approval, Mike C. 2nd. All approved.

Treasurer and Membership Roster Management: Discussion on redistributing workload from treasurer position based on audit recommendations.

- **Details**
 - o Confirmed dues amounts are \$40 renewal, \$45 new member, \$50 family membership
- **Conclusion**
 - o Phil and Lee will meet to refine membership roster process
 - o Email reminder will be sent to unpaid members using previous year's template
 - o Phil will update application form to gather more profile information
 - o Follow-up phone calls may be made after email reminders

Fly Tying Class Participation: Chris T reported on ongoing fly tying night attendance.

- **Details**
 - o Chris: Noted attendance remains around 5 people per session
 - o Chris: Mentioned last session had couple new attendees never seen before
- **Conclusion**
 - o Will continue current format

Stream Fishing Interest Survey: Murray proposed gathering information on member interest in stream fishing versus lake fishing.

- **Details**
 - o Murray: Requested sign-up sheet to identify members interested in stream fishing
- **Conclusion**
 - o Dave will create sign-up sheet for next meeting and information will help plan future outings based on member preferences
 - o Members encouraged to use Google Groups for outing coordination

Mentorship and Carlisle Lake Event: Discussion on coordinating mentorship opportunities with Carlisle Lake stocking.

- **Details**
 - o Multiple members: Discussed availability of boats and pontoons for mentees

- o Christian: Reported planted a lot of good size salmon and steelhead recently released at Carlisle Lake
- o Christian: Noted \$1.5 million approved for dam improvements
- o Jared: Suggested Carlisle Lake outing good opportunity for mentorship with jumbo trout
- **Conclusion**
 - o Carlisle Lake in May presents good mentorship opportunity
 - o Multiple members have craft available for mentees

FFI Events and Outings Calendar: Mike reported on upcoming FFI events and discussion on outings calendar accuracy.

- **Details**
 - o Mike: Announced Pickering Barn casting event on April 19th and FFI Fly Fest in Redding, California September 24-26
- **Conclusion**
 - o Board members to review outings list and provide corrections to Dave
 - o September 12th confirmed for second annual casting class event
 - o Breakfast option confirmed for Carlisle Lake outing at restaurant

Conservation Report: Christian provided updates on conservation topics and local fisheries.

- **Details**
 - o Preparing presentation on Columbia River sea lion management
 - o Reported a lot of large salmon released below mill pond at Carlisle Lake
 - o Noted \$1.5 million approved for dam improvements for fish passage
 - o Mentioned following Creek Fly Shop on Facebook for fishing updates
- **Conclusion**
 - o Will present sea lion management topic at next meeting
 - o Carlisle Lake presents good fishing opportunities with recent releases

Education Program Update: Randy reported on Introduction to Fly Fishing class progress.

- **Details**
 - o Second Saturday morning casting session scheduled for students. Seven-week casting class starting soon, likely Monday nights
 - o Will use Tumwater Historical Park and Deschutes River locations
 - o Need to verify Deschutes River sandbar still accessible after heavy rains
- **Conclusion**
 - o Casting classes proceeding as planned
 - o Announcement will go out to students once details are confirmed

Fly Tying Materials Donation: Kevin reported on significant donation of fly tying materials and discussed distribution options.

- **Details**
 - o Kevin: Received 45-50 boxes of high-end fly tying materials from deceased member's estate. How to value.
 - o Kevin: Contacted Josh at Spawn Fly Fishing and Lost Creek about potential trade for class materials

- o Kevin: Widow wants tax receipt for donation
- **Conclusion**
 - o Kevin will contact Bjorn for appraisal cost estimate
 - o Target bringing materials will be brought to June meeting for member access
 - o Mini garage sale format before June meeting
 - o Members can purchase desired items before remainder goes to fly shops
 - o Need to track value for budget reporting and tax receipt

Logo and Patch Updates: Phil reported on status of logo changes with established date.

- **Conclusion**
 - o Name tags will remain unchanged
 - o Patches will be updated to include established 1965
 - o Phil will provide cost estimate and proofs when available

Membership Numbers: Phil provided current membership statistics.

- **Conclusion**
 - o Reported 58 total members as of March 31
 - o Phil: Reported 7 new members through March 31
 - o Current membership is approximately half of previous year
 - o Follow-up needed on unpaid members

Road Trip Outing Proposal: Jared proposed organizing a club road trip to Craig, Montana.

- **Details**
 - o Suggested August or September timing when crowds are low. Discussed renting boats locally rather than trailering
 - o Estimated \$120 per day for boat rental
- **Conclusion**
 - o Will coordinate with Max, finalize details and present to membership
 - o Sign-ups will be collected once dates confirmed

Board Member Recognition: Discussion of Dave Field's passing and contributions to the club.

- **Details**
 - o Randy: Reported Dave Field passed away recently at home. Dave served as secretary, treasurer, and newsletter editor simultaneously and is credited with initiating Introduction to Fly Fishing class development.
 - o Explained Dave's role in restoring club's non-profit status and state registration in early 2000s
 - o Don Freeman: Wrote tribute article for SSFF newsletter with photo.
- **Conclusion**
 - o Tribute article will be published in newsletter
- **Chris T.** Run next board meeting in Bruce Lincolns absence

Further Business: n/a

