The Fly Tying Group (FTG) Board of Governors (BOG) met on 08-30-11 at the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) 2011 Fly Fishing Fair in West Yellowstone, Montana.

The meeting was called to order by the chair, David Nelson at 8:02 AM. Board members present included: David Nelson (chair), Gene Kaczmarek (vc), Steve Jensen (treasure), Jim Ferguson (secretary), Bob Bates, Al Beatty, Gretchen Beatty, Dean Childs, R Scott Erickson, Russ Forney, Al Ritt, Carl Ronk, Kit Seaton, Sherry Steele, & Michael L Stewart. Board members absent were: Peggy Brenner, Sister Carol Anne Corley, Jerry Criss, Fred Dupre', Dennis Reed, Bill Sargeant, & Leslie Wrixon. Guest FTG members present included: Frank Johnson, & Dave Roberts. Special Guest present was FFF Chairman of the Board, Philip Greenlee.

A welcome by David Nelson was followed by introductions of the BOG members present and the new BOGs (Dean Childs, Scott Erickson, Al Ritt, & Kit Seaton) were congratulated on their election and welcomed to the Board.

Election of Officers
David Nelson presented the list of those persons running for BOG officer positions. Dean Childs was nominated to run for the vice chair position. The nomination results were:
Chair - Carl Ronk
V. Chair- Leslie Wrixon & Dean Childs
Secretary - Jim Ferguson
Treasure - Steve Jensen

Moved by Jim Ferguson, 2nd by Bob Bates to close nominations.
Motion passed

Since only one office required a choice between candidates, a vote was taken concerning the candidates for V. Chair. Dean Childs received 9 votes, Leslie Wrixon received 4 votes.

The Board agreed to seat the officers

New Chair Message
Carl Ronk requested a change in the agenda order to let Philip Greenlee address the BOG.

Philip Greenlee presented an award to Dr. David Nelson for "recognition and gratitude of dedicated service to the Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Tying Group." (dated August 30, 2011)
Philip addressed the BOG stressing the need to elevate the art of fly tying and expose the art to the whole world. He also briefly informed the BOG of the efforts to develop a new FFF web site that would help the FFF to go forward as one unit and not be fragmented. He urged each of us to find and encourage a new fly tier to become an FTG member.

Carl Ronk noted the creation of a new BOG member classification, Emeritus Members, and that David Nelson has been granted membership into that classification. This is a classification that may involve advisement duties but is a non-voting position.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Gene Kaczmarek, 2nd by Bob Bates, to approve the agenda as modified. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

The Secretary noted the 2010 Annual Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2010 had not been approved during the BOG conference call meeting of 11-29-10. The Board minutes have been posted on the FTG web site for board members to read. A finalized copy was distributed to each BOG member. A copy of the FTG BOG 11-29-10 Conference Call Minutes were distributed. Corrections were made under the action item discussion involving getting directions on how to use and receive the Google mail list. Mike Stewart noted he was not asked to write the directions.

Moved by Steve Jensen, 2nd by Gene Kaczmarek, to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Gene Kaczmarek, 2nd by Steve Jensen, to accept the minutes of the 11-29-10 conference call as corrected. Motion carried

Treasurer Report

The treasure, Steve Jensen, noted the grief in the past in trying to obtain info on FTG benefits has been resolved. He is now getting treasure reports. The balance for the FTG is $12,180.69 as of 8-10-11. Steve provided the board with a spreadsheet detailing Income, and Expense as well as a print out showing the detailed sources of income and expenses.

Moved by Sherry Steele, 2nd by Russ Forney, to accept the Treasure's Report. Motion carried
Old Business

Carl Ronk discussed his pin design efforts over the year and estimated the cost of the pin to be approximately $8.85 per pin.

Website update was discussed by several members. Interest was expressed in the format that was going to used in the site construction. Information about the National Web Site concept presented at the FFF BOD meeting was shared by some of the BOG members and further discussion was postponed until New Business.

The need for instructions for our BOGs to use the Google method of communication was re-iterated and the board agreed someone (Carl or David or Mike) should contact Peggy and get the instruction sheet done.

Report of Committees

Instructor Resource:
Jim Ferguson reported on the status of the online instructor resource project. Web site is up and running on www.ftgFlyTyingInstructorResource.org. A new addition to the site is the Beginning Fly Tying Course offered as a download. It is one suggested format for a beginning course. The Domain name has been reserved for two more years. The host (GoDaddy.com) has been paid up for two more years. A web link to the FFF home page, the FTG home page, and an e-mail contact to Jim’s GoDaddy account has been incorporated into the Resource home page. The elementary statistical data for the site indicates approximately 1800 visitors in the last 2 months and about 900 downloads have occurred. There are additional materials to be put on the site to include; book reviews, suggested web sites to visit, & a listing of resource people available to assist in the design of a fly tying course.

Standing Committee:
Gene Kaczmarek reported there are approximately 1500 names in the tier data bank. Gene stressed the need to get Councils active in nominating tiers for conclave. The Councils need to get a Fly Tying Representative appointed and then be sure they get that representative active at the National/Council level. Since Gene is now a Council president, he hopes to discuss this idea at the Council Presidents meeting. Sherry Steele related some advantages of the FFF web site to help in getting tiers and advertising for the FTG. Action Item: We will need a mechanism to get names of tiers forwarded to Standing Chair. Gene said he will continue as Standing Chair.

Framing Committee:
Steve Jensen, chairperson, reported he has been making fly plates to generate income at the national as well as at several Council levels. This committee also is responsible for offering educational workshops on framing (museum conservation level) which does require an investment. He will be offering a framing workshop at this conclave. Steve is still reminding us we will have to find a replacement for him.
some day. Steve stressed the need for the person involved in Framing for the FFF to be willing to do the job for just material re-imbursement.

Digital Archive Committee
Leslie Wrixon, chairperson, was absent. Mike Stewart reported in her absence. There are 900+ patterns in the data base. It is a Yahoo data base. Goal is to have a site where we can look at the data without being able to change it. Gretchen Beatty suggested flies from their (Al's & Gretchen's publication) encyclopedia should/could become part of the Digital Museum site.

Membership Committee
Mike Stewart reported there are 112 members as of end of June. There are 11 life FTG members. Carl Ronk, Gene Kaczmarek, and Sherry Steele have produced a brochure for the FTG to be used for recruitment of new members. Barbara Webber is the FFF office person in charge of data base for membership in FFF and e-mail changes. If there are changes of e-mails for our members, we need to be sure to let her know.

Communications Committee
Peggy Brenner was absent

FTG Committees for 2011-12

a. Fly Tying Resource - Jim Ferguson (chair), Don Van Buren, Cliff Sullivan
b. Standing Chair - Gene Kaczmarek (chair)
   2012 Annual Fair Ad Hoc - Leslie Wrixon
   2012 Learning Center, Youth Outreach - Gene Kaczmarek
   
   Action Item: Gene will address Council participation at Council Presidents Meeting and we all need to go back to our individual Council and generate interest/response.

c. Framing Committee - Steve Jensen (chair)
d. Digital Archive - (Carl Ronk was going to ask Leslie if she was willing to continue to chair this committee)
e. Website Committee - Kit Seaton (chair)
f. Membership Committee - Mike Stewart (chair)
g. Communication Committee - Peggy Brenner (chair)
h. International Committee - Scott Erickson (chair), Gretchen and Gene will send names of international members to Scott
i. Evergreen Hand Committee - Dean Childs (chair), Jesse Scott, David Nelson, Gene Kaczmarek, Steve Burkett, Richard Diamond, Gary Jones, Ed Huff, Jerry Lorang, Cedrik Guidry
j. BBQ Committee - David Nelson (chair)
k. Raffle Committee - Al Ritt (chair), Frank Johnson (assistant chair), Gretchen Beatty, Al Beatty
New Business

1. Jim Ferguson informed the group he had a group of Atlantic Salmon flies tied by foreign tiers and suggested the FTG create a plate using those flies to provide funds that might be used to help defray expenses of foreign tiers so they could attend conclave. Discussion ensued with the resulting thought that we should not designate the money specifically at this time but maybe consider a budget item later.

   **Motion:** Moved by Gretchen Beatty, 2nd by Gene Kaczmarek, to create a plate from the flies from foreign tiers donated thru Jim Ferguson. Motion carried.

2. Carl Ronk informed the board there were some expenses (up to $300) incurred when the FTG booth graphics and display materials were completed previous to conclave. These items were being used at various events where FTG had a venue. Carl was requesting reimbursement for the cost.

   **Motion:** Moved by Gene Kaczmarek, 2nd by Jim Ferguson, to reimburse Carl Ronk for up to $300.00. Motion carried.

3. Frank Johnson presented "A Vision" proposal. Frank distributed several copies previously to some of the board members. He had extra copies available for the BOG. The proposal was explained to be "A Fly Tying Education Proposal." Specifically, "This is a proposal for the development of a fly tying education program within the Federation of Fly Fishers and the FFF Fly Tying Group. The education program would best be planned, developed, and implemented as a cooperative effort between the FFF leadership and Board of Directors and the FFF Fly Tying Group leadership and Board of Governors." The proposal would address the stated goals of the FTG organization. The Plan includes 5 phases. (A copy of the plan is included as an addition to the official minutes.) A Phase 1 Team, Tactics, Tasks, and Timeline was included in the proposal as well as a list of key individuals identified to help with the proposal. A Fly Tying Instructor/Demonstration Tier Questionnaire was also included for some data acquisition.

   **Motion:** Gretchen Beatty moved, 2nd by Gene Kaczmarek, to begin with phase 1 & 2 and adopt the "vision" proposal as the FTG Strategic Plan. Motion carried.

   **Action Item:** Carl Ronk appointed Frank Johnson to be the Strategic Plan Committee chair.

4. David Nelson presented to the board a suggestion concerning the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Foundation. At the present time, David still has total control over the fund (app. $3,000). It is not in an account that allows it to grow and David thought the fund should be turned over to the FTG.

   **Motion:** Moved by Al Beatty, 2nd by Sherry Steele to accept the offer of David Nelson to transfer the funds in the Dick Nelson Fly Tying Teaching Foundation to the FT General Fund. Motion carried.
Budget

Due to time constraints, Carl Ronk suggested and the BOG agreed that we table the Budget Item until the BOG telephone conference call.

Motion: Moved by Jim Ferguson, 2nd by ?, that we consider dedicating some funds to assist in getting foreign tiers to conclaves at our next conference BOG call. Motion carried.

Other Business

Announcement was made the 2012 FFF Fair / Conclave will be in Spokane, WA. Sherry Steele will be the vendor chair for that event. BOG members were reminded by Carl that the Liars & Tiers BBQ would be at the Parade Rest Ranch starting shortly after noon today.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM

Respectively submitted,

James H. Ferguson, Secretary