Date: 24 September 2013

Subject: Minutes of the FTG annual Fly Fair meeting

1. A Roll Call conducted by the secretary revealed the following:

   Members present:
   Jim Ferguson    Al Ritt    Leslie Wrixon
   Carl Ronk    Bob Bates    Peggy Brenner
   Scott Erickson    Kit Seaton    Sherry Steele
   Gene Barrington    Jim Crislip    Fred Dupre
   Russ Forney    Gene Kaczmarek    Tom Logan
   Dave Roberts    Michael Stewart    Chuck Collins
   Al Beatty    Gretchen Beatty    David Nelson

   Members Absent:
   Steve Jensen    Dean Childs    Jerry Criss
   Sister Carol Anne Corley    Diane Blair

   Non-voting visitors present:
   Bob Wiltshire    Rich Tribble    Ed Morphis
   Todd Heggestad    Jim Phoenix    Phil Greelee
   Frank Johnson    Ron Winn    John Kimura
   Jim Schramm

2. Call to Order: With a majority of members present and a quorum present, the FTG Board of Governors (BoG) meeting convened under the authority of the BoG Chair at 0804 on 24 September 2013.

3. Reading of the minutes: Minutes of the last FTG quarterly meeting conducted by teleconference on Tuesday 10 September 2013 were presented to the BoG prior to the meeting. After brief discussion, a motion was made for approval (Barrington) and seconded (Wrixon), the motion carried by majority vote.

4. Report of officers:
   a. Chair Report: presented by Jim Ferguson
   b. Treasurer Report: submitted prior to the meeting by email
5. Election and seating of new officers:
   a. Nominations for FTG BoG Chair: no nominations were received, a decision on the BoG Chair positions was tabled until later in the meeting.
   b. Nominations for FTG secretary: Russ Forney was nominated for the position of FTG BoG secretary, a motion (Seaton) and second (Ritt) was carried by majority vote appointing Russ Forney to secretary.
   c. Nominations for FTG Treasurer: The current treasurer, Steve Jensen, requested to extend his term; a motion (Ronk) and second (Forney) was carried by majority vote appointing Steve Jensen to a second term as treasurer.
   d. Nominations for FTG Vice-Chair: Carl Ronk was nominated for the position of FTG BoG vice-chair; a motion (Ritt) and second (Forney) was carried by majority vote appointing Carl Ronk of vice-chair.
   e. The new officers were recognized and seated on the BoG.

6. Presentation by guest: Phil Greelee addressed the BoG and presented Phil Schramm. Phil discussed conflict-of-interest (CoI) and the need for directors (i.e., BoG members) and significant volunteers to attest to any potential CoI issues. All BoG members not already in compliance completed and submitted to the Chair a signed CoI attestation statement during the course of the meeting.

7. Committee reports:
   a. Membership committee: Sherry Steele delivered the membership committee report, noting a 12% increase in general membership to 209 individuals. Recruiting and sustainment strategies were discussed by the BoG.
   b. Newsletter and Communications committee: Peggy Brenner delivered the newsletter report and Kit Seaton presented an overview of the FTG website. Frank Johnson was recognized for building the “Find a Fly Tier” link on the IFFF home page. Kit Seaton volunteered to continue on the website committee, joined by Chuck Collins.
   c. Nominating committee: Kit Seaton, assisted by Frank Johnson, delivered the nominating committee report.
   d. Bylaws committee: Tom Logan, assisted by Frank Johnson, delivered the bylaws committee report. Significant revision and editing were completed by the committee, revised bylaws were approved by the BoG (see old business).
   e. FTG Vision and Education committee: Frank Johnson presented his work on developing and launching a fly tier database on the IFFF webpage; approximately 100 tiers are currently entered in the database, with an estimated 30 additional names to be added. The Find a Fly Tier database will be a service for clubs or organizations looking for a local tier.
   f. Rendezvous committee: David Nelson delivered the rendezvous committee report, noting 62 individuals registered for the rendezvous picnic and activities. Nelson added that approximately 100 items were donated for the rendezvous raffle.
   g. Online Fly Tying Instructor Resource committee: Jim Ferguson delivered the online fly tying instructor resource report (www.ftgflytyinginstructorresource.net). The resource includes information, tips, techniques, and teaching philosophy for tying instructors.
h. Standing committee on Conclave/Events: Gene Kaczmarek and Leslie Wrixon presented the standing committee report. Wrixon noted that approximately 80 demonstration tiers were scheduled for the Fly Fair; additional tiers were requested for sessions at the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce visitors center as an outreach program for the Fair. Kaczmarek asked for assistance at the Tie-A-Fly (youth tying event) booth during the Fly Fair; he also stated his intent to develop a SOP for organizing the tying venue at future shows/events.

i. Awards committee: Jim Ferguson delivered the awards committee report. Discussion focused on the development of a new Fly Tier Achievement Award. The BoG previously approved the award and a timeline for nominations was discussed; a call will be issued by the FTG secretary in May of each year requesting FTG members to submit nominations for the achievement award. Ferguson further noted the need for BoG members to respond when requested to review and vote on award nominees; timelines can be short and active participation is requested. Sherry Steele, Chuck Collins, and Jim Ferguson volunteered to serve on the achievement award committee.

j. International committee: Scott Erickson delivered the international tier committee report. Erickson noted that international representation among tiers was difficult to achieve owing to the costs of transportation, lodging, and subsistence. BoG members discussed advantages of the “European model” of host nation sponsorship of international tiers; it was noted that the FTG needs to review and improve its sponsorship of international tiers.

k. Evergreen Hand Project committee: Committee members were absent, no report delivered.

8. Old Business:
   a. Bylaws revision: Revisions to the FTG bylaws were presented by Tom Logan and Frank Johnson. A motion (Ritt) and second (Forney) to approve the revisions was carried by majority vote. The bylaws revision action is completed and a final copy was forwarded by Tom Logan and is attached.
   b. Conflict-of-Interest certificates: as discussed under item #6 above, action completed.
   c. Request for tying vises and tools: A request by Mike Brand, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was discussed; the BoG considered the best option to be a centralized inventory of tying tools for use by groups on a temporary basis, as opposed to direct funding or maintaining a loaner stock within the FTG. A motion (Barrington) and second (Ritt) to support a centralized tying tool loaner program was carried by majority vote. Al Ritt volunteered to contact Brand and complete the action.
   d. FTG Lifetime Member Pin: Carl Ronk updated plans to purchase unique lapel or hat pins to recognize lifetime members of the FTG. A motion (Beatty) and second (Ritt) to fund the set-up and purchase of 50 pins carried by majority vote. Carl Ronk will complete the action.

9. New Business:
   a. Invasive species: Bob Wiltshire presented a project to develop a conservation and fly tier partnership to educate the public on invasive insect species. Al and Gretchen Beatty, Chuck Collins, and Mike Stewart volunteered to contact Wiltshire and donate flies imitating invasive insect species.
   b. Definitions of tying skill levels: Gene Kaczmarek presented a proposal to define tying skill levels and establish objective criteria for fly tiers to achieve higher levels of mastery in crafting
flies and instructing tying classes. Kaczmarek requested assistance in defining and review proposed criteria, stating a multi-year timeline would be required to complete the proposed work. A motion (Ronk) and second (Ritt) to support the proposal and form a committee was carried by majority vote. Mike Stewart, Al and Gretchen Beatty, Al Ritt, Gene Barrington, Carl Ronk, Tom Logan, and Russ Forney volunteered to serve on the project.

c. Establish committee chairs: The FTG Chair selected the following new committee chairs.
   - Nominating committee: Mike Stewart
   - Membership committee: Carl Ronk
   - Website committee: Kit Seaton, assisted by Chuck Collins
   - Tier skill definitions committee: Gene Kaczmarek

d. A series of motions (Ritt) and seconds (Wrixon) were made to vacate Carl Ronk from the position of vice-chair, appoint Tom Logan as vice-chair, and install Carl Ronk of Chair of the FTG BoG. All motions carried by majority vote.

10. Executive committee: Membership on the FTG executive committee was reviewed and confirmed. The executive committee will consist of the Chair (Ronk), vice-Chair (Logan), secretary (Forney), treasurer (Jensen), and two members-at-large (Al Beatty, Dean Childs).

11. There being no further business and as motioned (Ferguson) and seconded (Collins), the FTG BoG Chair adjourned the meeting at 1147.

Respectfully submitted: Russ Forney, secretary, FTG BoG, 30 Sep 2013 (draft)