FTG BOG Minutes: 2012-07-10 Meeting in Spokane, WA

- Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carl Ronk, at 8:00am on July 10, 2012 at the Red Lion in Spokane, WA.
- Members present: Bob Bates, Al Beatty, Gretchen Beatty, Dean Childs, Jerry Criss, Fred Dupre’, Scott Erickson, Jim Ferguson, Steve Jensen, Gene Kaczmarek, Al Ritt, Carl Ronk, Sherry Steele, Leslie Wrixon, Kit Seaton.
- Emeritus Members present: David Nelson
- Secretary Report: Secretary, Jim Ferguson, distributed the minutes from the last conference call. Gene Kaczmarek moved, Al Ritt seconded, to have the minutes approved. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Steve Jensen, gave a financial report. Bottom line of $13,361.70 in our account. $3,457.00 is in the Nelson Fund. A copy of our minutes showing the Nelson Fund amount should be transferred to our account needs to be forwarded to the Main Office and a copy to Herb Kettler.
- Nominating Committee Report: Kit Seaton and Steve Jensen identified Jim Crislip, Dave Roberts, Tom Logan, and Gene Barrington as nominees for the BOG. Since we are in a situation where the By-Laws have not been approved by national (no formal notice known to exist) the BOG was not sure of the correct procedures to follow.
  - Motion to temporarily suspend by laws to allow for approval of board members was made by Al Ritt, and seconded by Gene Kaczmarek. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve new board members was made by Sherry Steele and seconded by Al Ritt. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve continued BOG membership for Peggy Brenner, Mike Stewart, and Sister Carol Ann was made by Gene Kaczmarek and seconded by Al Ritt. Motion passed.
- Nominations of Officers: Jim Ferguson and Carl Ronk were nominated for the position of FTG BOG Chair. Closed ballot resulted in Jim Ferguson being elected to the Chair position for the FTG BOG.
- Jim Ferguson asked Al Ritt if he would consider a nomination for the position of secretary, Al said he would. Jim made the nomination, Sherry Steele seconded. Vote called by Jim Ferguson, nomination was approved by the board.
- Jim Ferguson called for nominations for Vice Chair. Jim asked Dean Childs if he would be willing to serve again. Dean said he would not. David Nelson nominated Carl Ronk. Dave Roberts seconded the nomination. Jim Ferguson called for vote and the nomination of Carl Ronk for Vice Chair was approved by the Board.
• Jim Ferguson called for nominations for Treasurer. Carl Ronk nominated Steve Jensen. Gene Kaczmarec seconded the nomination. Jim Ferguson called for vote and the nomination of Steve Jensen for Treasurer was approved by the Board.

• Phil Greenlee asked who manages our account, Steve answered that is done by National with our direction.

• Jim Ferguson requested a motion that the minutes from the last meeting be approved. Gene Kaczmarec moved the minutes be accepted. Al Ritt Seconded the motion. Jim Ferguson called for a vote and the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting was approved by the Board.

• Jim Ferguson requested the membership report.
  o Mike Stewart was unable to attend the meeting, Carl Ronk presented the report.
  o Mike’s member list shows 176 members, a 56% increase since the August 2011 meeting in West Yellowstone.
  o Carl believes these numbers to be in error as he has contacted multiple people on the list who apparently had no idea they were members of the FTG.
  o Beginning January 1, 2013 Gay Penny with National will provide assistance with membership records.
  o Carl designed and has printed membership brochures and both he and National had them at the Fly Fishing Fair.
  o It was suggested that FTG members could sign up and collect instant payment from new members if they had a “Square” that could read credit cards and process them through a smart phone.
  o Fred DuPre’ suggested the membership committee man a booth for sign ups at council conclaves and the Fly Fishing Fair.
  o Carl presented designed he created for both a FTG life member certificate and a FTG life member pin.
  o Jim Phoenix suggested a renewal sticker instead of a new certificate each year.
  o David Nelson explained that initially National had committed to notify members when renewal was due and that the initial year of FTG membership would be for one year plus the time until the members FFF membership became due at which time both would be renewed together.
  o Gretchen Beatty described a gap in that system where she was a FFF life member but a FTG annual member. Since her FFF membership never expired she never received a FTG renewal notice.
  o Phil Greenlee expressed concern that there would be funding issues that went along with support from National to administer our memberships and renewals. Phil proposed that he and Rhonda put together a list of suggestions that the FTG can choose from for administering membership.
Old Business

- Jim Ferguson called for an update report from Frank Johnson on the Education Project
  - Frank reported he has collected approximately 5,500 names.
  - Frank has pared that list to about 2,500 by eliminating duplicates, persons not wishing to participate and names with contact information that was no longer useable.
  - Frank e-mailed his questionnaire to about 1,650 names.
  - He has received replies from about 14.8%.
  - Frank is requesting that he continue collecting the data, but that the FTG commit to accepting the data and implementing the next steps.
  - Frank believes we are missing a lot of clubs and has asked for more help identifying those organizations and collecting their lists.
  - Jim Phoenix with Project Healing Waters noted that that organization could use our lists.
  - Gene Kaczmarek said he has a list of tyers at the Fly Fishing Fair and who has filled out the questionnaire so those who haven’t filled it out can be asked to.
    - Phil Greenlee interjected that he had to leave but wanted to mention he was overseas at an event similar to the Fly Fishing Fair with members of the FFF Casting Instructors Group but there was no FTG cooperation or representation at that event.
    - Phil was asked at the Great Lakes Council about the tying contest the FFF used to hold. He will give what information he has on that to Jim Ferguson.
    - Phil was in Kenya and made a contact there that will work with the FFF to become involved in their stream management plan.
    - Scott Erickson asked Phil to provide him information on the existing and planned new FFF affiliated clubs in Africa.

- Jim Ferguson called for an update report from Dean Childs on the Evergreen Hand Project

  Completed
  - 4/10/2012 - The project funded by the FFF FTG was begun to build 125 Evergreen Hands
  - 4/10/2012 – Dean requested and the FTG Board approved production of 125 units at an estimated cost of $16.99/unit, $2123.75 total.
  - April 2012 Material was purchased.
  - April – May 2012 Fixtures and fabrication/manufacturing processes developed.
  - May – June 2012 31 Units were built.
  - May 2012 Testing was initiated and is currently on-going.
- July 5 2012 – Project costs were reviewed and it was calculated the units (including spare parts) were produced at $15.22/unit, $1902.83 total
- June 25 2012 – Potential DVD Vendor List (5 researched) was reviewed and Bennett-Watt HD Production was selected as vendor.
- June 27 2012 – Sister Carol Anne Corley and Terry Looper provided funding ($3,000) for DVD production.

**Planned Tasks**

- August 13 2012 – Production to begin at Watt Studios in Issaquah, WA.
- August 20 2012 – 125 DVD’s to be delivered (estimated cost $3.70/unit, currently unfunded).
- September 2012 – Release 31 DVD’s for testing/evaluation.
- September 2012 – OPFF member to document the product.
- December 2012 – Evaluate test unit performance, make recommendations for modifications as necessary.
- December 2012 – March 2013 – Produce remaining 94 approved units.

**Questions to be Addressed**

- Where are units shipped, who pays shipping?
- Who is authorized to receive units?
- How do we handle requests to purchase units?
- Where do we get funding for future builds?

**Discussion**

- Jim Ferguson requested the Evergreen Hand Project Committee produce recommendations to answer open questions and present those recommendations at the next Board meeting.
- Dean Childs requested funding for initial 125 DVD’s. Steve Jensen moved the Board approve a maximum of $400 for initial run of DVD’s, Carl Ronk seconded the motion. Jim Ferguson called for a vote, the Board passed the motion.
- Dean Childs presented a bill to Steve Jensen for the completed manufacturing steps previously approved and outlined above. Steve will forward that bill to our account manager at National for payment.

- Jim Ferguson called for an update report from David Nelson on the FTG BBQ
  - 68 are signed up to attend.
  - Tickets to enter or be served are not being issued or required.
  - Donations have gone well, we can still use and accept more.
  - Bill Nelson is running the Fly Switch.
• Gene Kaczmarek will run the Blind Bugger and 2-Handed Tying (Elk Hair Caddis) events.

• David Nelson will run the Mystery Material Contest.

• David asked for the BBQ to be on the Agenda for next year’s meeting.

• Steve Jensen brought up that we hadn’t issued a notice that late sign-ups would be charged a higher rate so we should not be planning to do that. Gene Kaczmarek pointed out that we also only voted to approve one sign-up rate, $15.00.

• Jim Ferguson called for an update report from Frank Johnson on the FTG By Laws Review/Modifications
  
  o The By Laws committee met in Ellensburg

  o The vote to be held will be on the new By Laws document as a whole, not limited to specific changes.

  o Carl Ronk moved we approve the newly written By Laws submitted by the committee. Gene Kaczmarek seconded the motion. Jim Ferguson called for a vote by the Board. 15 Board Members voted to approve the motion, 0 Board Members objected, 0 Board members abstained. Motion to approve the new By Laws document passed.

  o Frank Johnson has an electronic copy of the document and will distribute it. Jim Ferguson will forward the electronic document to FFF National and provide hard copies to Phil Greenlee and Jim Schramm.

• Jim Ferguson called for an update report from Kit Seaton on the FTG Web Site
  
  o The FFF has a new site.

  o Kit has no access to manipulate content yet, he is scheduled to receive that after the Fair.

  o Old sites will expire and need to be migrated to the new site.

  o Kit will e-mail links the Board can follow to review and comment on content.

• Jim Ferguson presented the report on the Tying Instructor Resource
  
  o Web site address – www.ftgflytyinginstructorresource.org

  o Current site hosting and name paid through August 2013.

  o Site host – Go Daddy.

  o Additions to the site:


Under Downloadable Handouts – New Handout “Suggestions for development of a Superior Intro Fly Tying Course” by Dick Nelson

Under Sample Class Setups and Formats – “Beginning Fly Tying Class Sample” by Jim Ferguson.

Under Media recommendations – Added sections for Texts/Written Media, AV, and Web Sites.
  - Web Sites: Four new web sites were added.
    - Web usage statistics detailed in report, indications are the site is being frequently accessed.
    - Only 2 people have contacted Jim using the e-mail link on the web site.

- Jim Ferguson called for an update report from Leslie Wrixon on the Digital Archive Committee
  - Leslie requested she be allowed to turn over the task of evaluating and dispositioning flies as she is physically too far removed from the Museum to accomplish the task.
  - Jim suggested the Museum Committee should approve disposition of flies.
  - Sherry Steele proposed that the solution to both points would be for the Museum Committee to take over disposition of flies.

- Jim Ferguson called for an update report from Steve Jensen on the Framing Committee
  - Steve is still providing framing and has completed projects for both the FTG and National for the 2012 Fair.
  - Frank Johnson has a framed plate with an example of each Pott’s fly pattern produced by Potts.
  - Frank proposed that he and Steve would sell sponsorships for the plate to be donated to the Museum.

- Jim Ferguson asked if there was additional old business to be reported on, there was not.

**New Business**

- Jim Ferguson called for Bob Wilshire to make a presentation on an invasive species education project headed by Invasive Species Action Network.
  - ISAN’s key activity is the Clean Angler’s Initiative
  - They are working on a project to enlist demo tyers to produce and demo realistic patterns representing invasive species.
  - ISAN is requesting cooperation and participation from FFF FTG demo tyers.
ISAN has info and details they will provide.
Gene Kaczmarek volunteered to be the FTG liaison and will provide reports as appropriate at future BOG meetings.

- Jim requested a motion that Al and Gretchen Beatty be granted emeritus status to the FTG BOG. Gene Kaczmarek made the motion, Bob Bates seconded it. Jim Ferguson called for a vote and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- Jim Ferguson appointed Sherry Steele as Member Chairman.
- Jim Ferguson reappointed Peggy Brenner as Communication Chair.
- Jim Ferguson formed and Ad Hoc “Promotional Material” committee to be chaired by Carl Ronk.
- Carl Ronk moved we make 100 Life Member pins.
  - Gene Kaczmarek seconded the motion and moved we amend the motion to set a limit of $10/pin to be funded.
  - Bob Bates seconded the amendment, Jim Ferguson called for a vote on the amendment and the Board approved the amendment.
  - Due to confusion about the price per pin and the total cost to be approved, Carl was directed to obtain quotes for pins, present the information to the Board at the next meeting and at that time make a motion to approve funding.
- Jim Ferguson appointed his executive committee:
  - Al Ritt (Secretary)
  - Steve Jensen
  - Dean Childs
  - Leslie Wrixon
  - Carl Ronk
- Steve Jensen suggested we expand the BBQ Committee to include an Event Chairman (David Nelson), Publicity Chair (Carl Ronk), Registration Chair (Steve Jensen) and Raffle/Auction Chair (Jim Ferguson/David Nelson will identify this person).
- Fly Tying Coordination Committee:
  - Gene Kaczmarek will stay on as Standing Chair.
  - Leslie Wrixon is completing her second year as Chairman, she will remain on for one more year and needs to identify an assistant chair to assist and observe next year before taking over as chairman.
  - Jerry Criss was identified as a tentative candidate and will discuss this with Leslie.
- Gretchen Beatty presented that a determination is needed on whether or not non-FFF members will be granted an obituary on The Flyfisher and if so how will approval be done.
o Jim Suggested FFF councils submit requests for an obituary to appear to the Executive Committee for approval of funds to pay for a membership so the Flyfisher can accept the obituary for publication.

- Herb Kettler (FFF Workshop Chair) had suggestions for us to consider that would make workshops more desirable and increase participation.
  o He requested we look into creating a comprehensive set of integrated workshops.
  o Gretchen Beatty suggested to help in this effort that we obtain records of the types of workshops being well attended.
  o Frank Johnson, Steve Jensen, Carl Ronk and Dave Roberts all volunteered to serve a committee to begin work on this.

- Frank Johnson (Kids Education):
  o Frank reported he needs volunteers to help with Kids First sign-ups.

- Gene Kaczmarek moved we adjourn the meeting. Leslie Wrixon seconded the motion. Jim Ferguson asked for a vote and the Board proved the motion.