

**MINUTES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SOUTHERN COUNCIL, FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS™**

December 13, 2003

Ramada Inn, Mountain Home, AR

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1 The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:10 p.m. by the President, Roger
2 Maler. Roll call was taken by Managing Director Smith (Encl. 1). Officer status and reports at the meeting:

3	President	Roger Maler	Present	Oral Report
4	Secretary/Sr. VP	Chuck Easterling	Absent	No Report
5	Treasurer	Shawn Taylor	Present	Written Report
6	VP Communications	Brian Ellis	Absent	No Report
7	Asst. VP Communications	Bill Brant	Absent	No Report
8	VP Conservation	Bob Tabbert	Present	Written Report
9	VP Development	Dennis Slane	Present	Oral Report
10	VP Education	Mike Reuck	Present	Oral Report
11	VP Membership	Walter McLendon	Absent	No Report
12	Editor, Long Casts	Harvey Ragsdale	Absent	No Report
13	Outreach	Sheryl Knight	Present	Oral Report
14	International Director	Steve Jensen	Absent	No Report
15	International Director	Chet Smith	Present	No Report
16	Archivist	Chet Smith	Present	No Report
17	Parliamentarian	Duane Kelly	Absent	No Report
18	Managing Director	Pat Smith	Present	

19 President Maler opened the meeting with welcoming remarks.

20 REPORTS

21 **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Taylor submitted a written report (Encl. 2). He reported that the CD has
22 a competitive rate and is not scheduled for renewal until April. The Council came in under budget
23 for 2003.

24 **Communications:** In the absence of both Communications officers, MD Smith reported that the Council
25 website now has a new web service. The site was moved to the new server last month. This move
26 has made the website much faster.

27 **Conservation:** VP of Conservation Tabbert presented a written report (Encl. 3). There have been no
28 responses to his request for donation to a Conservation Fund. There were no requests for
29 conservation projects to be funded until calls were made to some of the clubs. The projects under
30 consideration for funding came from those calls.

31 **Outreach:** Outreach chair Sheryl Knight reports that the focus of Outreach is on the non-fly fishing spouse
32 – and not women only. The goal is to reach out to everyone to offer alternative activities that do
33 not include rods and waders.

34 One current project of Outreach is to develop a mission statement defining just what Outreach is.
35 According to Chairlady Knight, at the recent Conclave a number of individuals [both men and
36 women] said they had never heard of Outreach and “what is it?”

37 Outreach will continue to offer a “resting pool” (lounge) area for Conclave attendees. Also,
38 Outreach hopes to have a banner to put in the area for the Conclave in 2004.

39 **2003 Conclave Report:** The final financial report (Enc. 4) from Conclave was presented. It is pretty well
40 self-explanatory.

41 **Long Casts:** It was approved at the Board of Directors meeting in October that beginning with the spring
42 issue the newsletter would be sent to only Federation members. The savings to the Council will be
43 approximately \$1,940 per year. Non-federation members will only receive the Conclave issue in
44 June.

45 **Budget:** A motion was made by Treasurer Taylor we establish a conclave contingency fund of \$22,000.
46 Thus we would always be prepared to produce conclave in the event of a catastrophe. The motion
47 was seconded by VP Tabbert. Motion was approved.

48 The Long Casts Contingency Fun was reduced to \$5,000 under a motion by VP Reuck and
49 seconded by Treasurer Taylor. Motion was approved.

50 A motion to donate \$1,000 to the Federation of Fly Fishers® to help support conservation efforts.
51 Motion by Dennis Slane was seconded by Treasurer Taylor. Motion was approved.

52 Motion to purchase a slot and a beat at the 2004 “Hooked on a Cure” Fly Fishing Classic was
53 made with the slot to be raffled off on the website at \$10 per ticket with 150 tickets being the goal.
54 The cost is \$500 for a beat and \$1,500 for a slot. The motion was made by Outreach Chair Knight
55 and seconded by VP Reuck. Motion approved.

56 A motion was made by Outreach Chair Knight that the Council join the Mountain Home Chamber
57 of Commerce. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Taylor. Motion approved.

58 The 2004 budget was set as follows:

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60	Communications	\$500
61	Conservation-Grants	\$8,000
62	Development	\$5,000
63	Education & BLM	\$2,000

64	Executive Committee	\$200
65	FFF - Donations	\$3,000
66	Long Casts	\$5,500
67	Managing Director Expenses	\$500
68	Salaries	<u>\$8,000</u>
69	Total	\$32,700

70 **Ambassadors Program:** This program was initiated to make the clubs more aware of the
71 Council/Federation and what we have to offer. On the Council website those who are available
72 to offer programs under the Ambassadors program are identified along with a list of programs that
73 are available.

74 **National Fly Fishing Week:** The Federation is promoting the National Fly Fishing Week of August 13 -
75 22, 2004. It was primarily developed to introduce people to the sport and develop new members.
76 We need to encourage the clubs to get on the bandwagon and purchase the 12 Federation
77 memberships thus getting a free rod or reel or tying station for their club to use in fund raising or
78 what ever purpose they desire. If we could do this Council wide, we would increase the Federation
79 membership drastically.

80 Under the promotion of National Fly Fishing week and the Ambassadors program each Council
81 officer is encouraged to do three programs at a club in their area during the next year. If the clubs
82 don't invite us - we invite ourselves.

83 **TU Policies:** FFF Executive Director is investigating the practice that TU has of locking access for
84 members only on some of their waters - particularly the Guadalupe in Texas. The Executive
85 Committee expressed a desire to see the FFF get public accesses to waters to avoid exclusivity
86 of access.

87 **By-Laws:** The Council by-laws have been updated to match the Federation; however, it as been pointed
88 out by Council members that we have not been following the by-laws in the methods of electing
89 officers and the conducting of affairs. President Maler suggested that we be more cautious in the
90 future as to how we do business.

91 **Conclave 2004:** Conclave 2004 chair Chet Smith has reported there are changes coming for the next
92 conclave. There will be no program (speaker) on Saturday night. The casting awards will be
93 presented on Friday night. There will be some "off-site" classes on Thursday. He also wants to
94 pursue the possibility of having the casting certification activities taking place on Thursday instead
95 of Saturday. The keynote speakers for the Conclave will be Dave and Emily Whitlock. The goal
96 is to also have people from each state in the Council offer programs on fishing available in their
97 state.

98 Treasurer Taylor brought up a problem that was a holdover from 2002. It seems there was an
99 unfulfilled donated item. A trip was donated by River of Life and purchased by Gene Milus. When
100 Mr. Milus tried to redeem the item, he was told that it did not include guide service. He had lost
101 the certificate and could not prove it did. The EC voted to refund Mr. Milus the amount he has
102 spent. {Subsequent to the meeting in December, I contacted Mr. Milus and offered to send him
103 a check if he could verify the amount. He said he didn't want the money, he wanted the trip.
104 Shortly after the first contact, Mr. Milus sent a message that he had found the certificate and it did
105 include guide service. A dialogue then ensued between Mr. Milus and River of Life which ultimately
106 led to a satisfactory resolution. River of Live lived up to their promised donation. - PS }

107 Motion to adjourn was made to adjourn at approximately 7:50 PM.

Southern Council - FFF - Balance Sheet

(Includes unrealized gains)

As of 12/12/03

2/8/04

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Account	12/12/03 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD-2	32,427.12
GENERAL FFF-SOC	36,635.99
Money Market	12,036.13
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>81,099.24</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>81,099.24</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
Bill Lambing Memorial Scholars	643.45
Long Cast Contingency Fund	6,588.99
Moore Award Fund	1,867.75
Oblander Memorial Youth Educ. F...	2,020.00
Outreach Committee	4,964.88
Wayne & Catherine Moore Fund	2,712.66
TOTAL Other Liabilities	<u>18,797.73</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>18,797.73</u>
EQUITY	62,301.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>81,099.24</u>

SOUTHERN COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT

10/1/02 Through 9/30/03

2/8/04

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Category Description	10/1/02 Actual	- Budget	9/30/03 Difference
EXPENSES			
2003 - Expenses			
Communications	173.85	1,000.00	826.15
Conservations-Grants	3,578.00	4,500.00	922.00
Development	701.14	1,000.00	298.86
Education & BLM	1,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Executive Committee	220.77	200.00	-20.77
FFF - Donations	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Long Casts	6,354.01	7,000.00	645.99
Managing Director Expenses	178.20	500.00	321.80
Salaries	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
TOTAL 2003 - Expenses	22,205.97	27,200.00	4,994.03
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,205.97	27,200.00	4,994.03
OVERALL TOTAL	-22,205.97	-27,200.00	4,994.03

Conservation Dec 13,2003 Report to Southern Council Board,

1. Requesting \$5,500 for 6 conservation projects to be funded in 2004. See attachment for details of the 6 conservation requests.
2. Conservation donations. Request in Long Cast for additional conservation funding: donations from members of SC resulted in zero Monies.
3. Tournament casting opinion poll requested in Long Cast resulted in 2 responses: 1 for, 1 opposed.
4. The National FFF Conservation Committee at their Dec 7 Conference call funded 5 conservation projects for a total of \$9,500. Included in the \$9,500 was the \$2,500 for our Strawberry river project.
5. Conservation funding from the FFF is going through a management transition. \$17.600-2003, \$9,500 -2004. Since we failed at raising additional Conservation monies through Long Cast, suggest as an alternate source for conservation monies to be the Federal Fish and Wildlife Agency. Two of the Councils, Eastern Rockies and Mid Atlantic have used this avenue to obtain monies for funding large projects: ER in AZ, Restoring the Apache Trout. MA in MD to restore and restock a trout stream, both with working cooperation with the F F & W agency. They did so by taking advantage of their 501K statuses and applying to the agency for conservation funds. Suggest that the SC look in to this avenue for future funding of larger conservation projects. Identify worthy projects, write Grant requests. Help is available from the VP's Conservation from the ER and MA.
6. One year under my belt as VP Conservation, one year to go!

Bob Tabbert VP Conservation SC

Southern Council's 2004 Conservation Budget Report for Dec 13, Board Meeting

There are no "hold over" financial commitments. The final payment of \$3,000 for the Capps Creek Trout Project to the Mo Dept of Conservation was eliminated by an internal audit of the MO Dept of Conservation.

Recommended 2004 SC Budget for Conservation Funding.

1. \$2,500 Strawberry River, Arkansas, The Nature Conservancy,
The development of a practical exhibit on property owned by the Nature Conservancy for the correct management of pasture watershed. Request by John Stark, TNC for \$5,000. The \$5,000 to be split with the National FFF , \$2,500 each. To meet the National' s Nov 15 deadline, we submitted a signed Grant request for \$2,500 to the National FFF on October 26. The FFF's Conservation Committee approved the \$2,500 request during their Dec. 7. 2003 conference call.
2. \$600. Nebraska Dept of Conservation. Request for a \$600
Conservation grant to be used in partnership with 44 High School biology students from Ainsworth, NE to study water conservation practices and the restoring of the banks of the Lone Pine creek trout stream located in the Lone Pine Creek State Recreational Area located in north central NE.
3. \$750. For Jay Helmer, Ph.D. candidate from Oklahoma State University. Mr. Helmer requested \$5,000 to fund research within the Department of Environmental Science for his Ph.D. thesis: "From Small Mouth Bass To Tail Water Trout: An Environmental History of Arkansas' White River. 1900-2003". I suggest we fund \$750 in seed monies to kick start this project. I will advise Mr. Helmer to apply for a 2004 Education Grant from the SC.
4. \$750 Kansas. Heart Of America Fly Fishers, Requested \$1,000. Monies to continue this project to clean up the Blue River. We funded \$500 in 2003. The FFF funded \$1000 in 2002.
5. \$500. TN. Mid South Fly Fisher Request \$500 for financial help with the Youth Villages Family Fun Fest, to pay for 10 Youths to attend the Mid South' s Annual Fishing Rodeo.
6. \$500 TX. Alamo Fly Fishers are doing a warm water fish stocking program in the Neches river in cooperation with the Texas Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries. The Alamo FF plans to apply for additional conservation monies from the FFF's Conservation Committee.

Total \$5,500. requested from the SC for 2004 Conservation budget. We had requests totaling \$16,600. I laid off \$2,500 to the National FFF and reduced the other requests down to manageable figures. We are funding 6 conservation projects, (warm and cold water), in 6 states, touching over 60 students, cooperating with 2 state agencies, (NE and TX), the Nature Conservancy, helping 3 of our clubs and supporting historical research on one of our famous Tailwaters: The White River.

Bob Tabbert VP Conservation SC .

CONCLAVE FINANCIAL REPORT - 2003

	As of No	02/08/2004 Income	Expenses	Net Profit
Registration -----				\$15,041.38
Pre-Registration	433	\$4,690.00	\$390.69	
On-Site Registrati	340	\$6,075.00	\$465.00	
	773			
Banquet	374	\$6,018.00	\$4,724.00	
Classes	91	\$3,815.00		
Youth Conclave				
Pins (350)		\$925.00	\$901.93	
Raffle -----				\$5,805.00
Friday		\$3,375.00		
Saturday		\$2,430.00		
Silent Auction -----				\$3,905.00
Friday		\$1,446.50		
Saturday		\$2,458.50		
Auctions -----				\$16,858.73
Friday		\$7,613.00	\$849.39	
Saturday		\$10,415.00		
FFF Legend of the Masters Fly Plate			\$150.00	
Council Fly Plate			\$169.88	
Refunds				
Social Hour -----				\$501.95
Thursday Thru Saturday		\$981.70	\$479.75	
Misc. Expenses-----				(\$2,529.88)
Chair Exp. JB (Conclave)			\$450.69	
Chair Exp. HR (Commercial)			\$56.23	
Chair Exp. JM (Auction/Raffle)			\$406.24	
Chair Exp. SJ (Tying)			\$119.35	
Awards (Council & Casting)			\$487.95	
Advertising				
Credit Card Fees			\$680.54	
Donations		\$1,000.00		
Fair Grounds Rental		\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00	
L. C. Sammons Youth Center - Casting Cert.			\$50.00	
Vendors Fees		\$400.00		
Liability Insurance			\$300.00	
Misc. - Old Pins, FFF Merchandise		\$511.00	\$224.00	
Pre-Conclave Party		\$542.00	\$432.48	
Programs (Printing) (Advertising Sales)			\$815.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses			\$335.94	
Security Guards			\$450.00	
Telephone Expenses - Credit Card Line			\$81.86	
Trash Pickup - Fair Grounds			\$42.60	
Speakers -----				(\$4,723.59)
Gary Borger			\$2,706.39	
Jason Borger			\$2,017.20	
GRAND TOTALS -----		\$53,695.70	\$16,819.91	\$34,858.59
WOMEN'S OUTREACH				
Luncheon	77	\$1,140.00	\$727.75	\$412.25
Chair Expenses				\$0.00
Maggie Merriman			\$1,397.86	(\$1,397.86)
Classes	55	\$590.00	\$53.66	\$536.34
Auction & Raffle		\$2,993.00	\$186.90	\$2,806.10
WOMEN'S OUTREACH TOTALS -----		\$4,723.00	\$2,366.17	\$2,356.83
TOTAL CONCLAVE INCOME -----		\$58,418.70	\$19,186.08	\$37,215.42