

**MINUTES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS™ SOUTHERN COUNCIL**

OCTOBER 5, 2003

Ramada Inn, Mountain Home, AR

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1 The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at approximately 8:10 A.M. by the President,
2 Roger Maler. Roll call was taken by Chuck Easterling, Senior Vice President/Secretary. A Sign-in
3 sheet was circulated. Officer status and reports at the meeting:

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| 5 | President | Roger Maler | Present | Oral Report |
| 6 | Secretary/Sr. VP | Chuck Easterling | Present | No Report |
| 7 | Treasurer | Shawn Taylor | Present | Written Report (Enc. 4) |
| 8 | VP Communications | Brian Ellis | Present | Written Report (Enc. 5) |
| 9 | Asst. VP Communications | Bill Brant | Present | Oral Report |
| 10 | VP Conservation | Bob Tabbert | Present | Oral Report |
| 11 | VP Development | Dennis Slane | Present | Written Report (Enc. 6) |
| 12 | VP Education | Mike Reuck | Present | Written Report (Enc. 7) |
| 13 | VP Membership | Walter McLendon | Present | Oral Report |
| 14 | Outreach | Sheryl Knight | Present | Oral Report |
| 15 | Editor, Long Casts | Harvey Ragsdale | Present | Oral Report |
| 16 | National Director | Steve Jensen | Absent | No Report |
| 17 | National Director | Chet Smith | Present | Written Report (Enc. 8) |
| 18 | Archivist | Chet Smith | Present | No Report |
| 19 | Parliamentarian | Duane Kelly | Absent | No Report |
| 20 | Managing Director | Pat Smith | Present | |

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22 The Secretary accepted the following proxy forms.

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24 Proxy List (Encl. 1)

| 25 | <u>Club</u> | <u>Designated Representative</u> |
|----|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 26 | Fort Worth Fly Fishers | Fred DuPré |
| 27 | Green Country Fly Fishers | Bob Cunningham |

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30 Sign-in Record (Attendance check list) (Encl. 2)

| 31 | <u>Club</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
|----|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 32 | Alamo Fly Fishers | Jay Forrest, President |
| 33 | Arrowhead Fly Fishers | Carol Wright, Proxy |
| 34 | Fort Worth Fly Fishers | Fred DuPré, Proxy |
| 35 | Green Country Fly Fishers | Bob Cunningham, Proxy |
| 36 | M-A-K-O Fly Fishers | Joe Butler, President |
| 37 | Mid-South Fly Fishers | Mac Caradine, President |

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|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 39 | MO Trout Fishermens Assoc KC | Carol Wright, President |
| 40 | North Arkansas Fly Fishers | Paul Craig, President |
| 41 | Northeast Arkansas Fly Fishers | Gary Woodward, President |
| 42 | Ozark Fly Fishers | Larry Carli, President |
| 43 | Pineywoods Fly Fishers | Jimmy Lee, President |
| 44 | Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers | Joseph Curry, President |
| 45 | Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers | John Henry, President |

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 47 President Maler opened the meeting with welcoming remarks. He also thanked Baxter County
 48 and the City of Mountain Home for their financial support in taking care of the fees for the use of
 49 the Baxter County Fairgrounds.

50 **REPORTS**

51 **Conclave 2003 Report** - Conclave Chair Joe Butler thanked everyone for their participation and
 52 assistance with the conclave. He stressed a number of items that we need to think about for
 53 the coming year. Club presidents need to do a better job of keeping the Council informed
 54 for contacts and current members. We need to add more extension cords and power bars.
 55 He also thanks the city and county for picking up the tab at the fairgrounds. He also
 56 suggested we continue the fly challenge. This alone netted the council \$2,900. He also asked
 57 that everyone please thank the donors of items for the auction and raffle.

58 The preliminary financial report form the conclave looks very positive. (Enc. 3)

59 In conclusion, Chair Butler stated that it was a lot of work but was also a lot of fun.

60 **Treasure's Report** - Treasurer Taylor presented a written report (Enc. 4) showing the Council's
 61 net worth with liabilities and a printout of the budget expenditures as opposed to budget
 62 allowances. He stressed that the outlook was very positive. Motion to accept the treasurer's
 63 report was made by Mike Reuck and seconded by Paul Craig. Motion carried.

64 **Communications** - Vice President of Communication Brian Ellis presented a written report (Enc.
 65 5). If anyone has any comments, they are requested to let him know.

66 **Communications** - Asst. Vice President of Communications Bill Brant asks everyone take a look
 67 at the website. He had on his laptop a setup that those in attendance could look at if they
 68 had not had an opportunity to view the website. He again stressed that the website belongs
 69 to the Council and if anyone had suggestions please let him know.

70 **Conservation** - Vice President of Conservation Bob Tabbert noted that he had only received two
 71 requests for funding to date: one from Mid-South Fly Fishers and one from The Nature
 72 Conservancy. He advised that funds are available from National. The National Conservation
 73 committee meets 4 times a year (telephonically. Thus, if the Council does not have the
 74 funds to meet a specific budget requirement, funds are available from National. There is a
 75 form on the FFF website for groups to use to request funds.

76 VP Tabbert was reminded that once the budget is set disbursement of the budgeted funds is
 77 up to the VP.

78 **Development** - Vice President of Development Dennis Slane presented a written report (Enc. 6).
79 He also reported that we had 6 or 7 tables that needed repairs. This year we again had many
80 who tried to “sneak in” at conclave. Many were found and turned away.

81 For the first time we offered a reduced fee from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday for a \$5.00
82 fee. At first, VP Slane said he was against, it but has changed his mind and thinks it works
83 good.

84 **Education** - Vice President of Education Mike Reuck presented a written report (Enc. 7). All of
85 the backup data to VP Reuck’s report is not included here. If any requires copies, please
86 advise Managing Director Smith.

87 **Membership** - Vice President of Membership Walter McLendon noted that the Council has had
88 a 3% drop in FFF membership over the same time last year. There is a new schedule of FFF
89 membership fees and categories.

90 The Council is also losing some clubs but adding others. It is a long process to add the
91 clubs but we should be adding several in Oklahoma and Texas.

92 Part of the problem the Council is experiencing with the clubs is a lack of organization on
93 the part of the clubs. There is no easy solution.

94 **Long Casts, Editor** - Editor Harvey Ragsdale reports that the *Long Casts* is back on schedule.
95 The Editor reported also that the On-line version is to be more slick and have more features.
96 He is open to suggestions for changed and/or alterations to the newsletter.

97 November 15 is the deadline for the next issue.

98 A large majority of the clubs are going electronic in the distribution of their newsletter. And
99 that may be the way we ultimately have to go.

100 **National Director** - National Director Chet Smith submitted a written report (Enc. 8) giving
101 information regarding the National organization.

102 **Outreach** - Outreach Chair Sheryl Knight reported that there was an excellent turnout for the
103 luncheon. There was also good reception to the Outreach booth. Evidently a lot of people
104 were unaware of Outreach and it’s purpose and activities. Outreach is working to establish
105 it’s direction and focus in order to have clearly stated goals. One goal is to add Outreach
106 activities to club activities.

107 Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers will be the host club for the luncheon in 2004.

108 **OLD BUSINESS**

109 The 2003 Annual Report is included herein for your review. (Enc. 9)

110 **Ambassadors Plan** - This plan still needs some publicity. It is working well in Texas. The list is
111 on the website and is available for all clubs to use. The intent is that all those listed in the
112 Plan will not have to travel more than 200 miles from home to do a program. There should
113 be no cost for the host club other than travel expenses.

114 VP McLendon, who is spearheading this project, stressed that we need a contact within
115 each club to assist in this plan.

116 It was also suggested that each of the speakers listed on the Plan have FFF membership
117 forms available to take to each meeting that they do.

118 **Hooked on a Cure** - This project was started by April Conrad, a former pro-golfer, with the
119 intent of having pro-golfers as part of the celebrity portion of the event. "Hooked on a
120 Cure" is a fund-raising event for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The idea is that an individ-
121 ual, who pays \$1,500 for the privilege, would be paired with both a local guide and a
122 celebrity - whether that celebrity be from the fly fishing community or elsewhere. It is not a
123 competition. In the inaugural event, the event raised over \$30,000 through entry fees and an
124 auction/raffle. It is a three-day event that takes place on the White River during the last
125 weekend in June. The goal is to ultimately have 25 teams participate. The dates for 2004 are
126 June 25, 26 and 27. Mid-South Fly Fishers participated heavily in the event providing
127 transportation to the participants. They also bought a spot on one of the teams and then did
128 a raffle of the spot in their club as a fund raiser.

129 The purpose of mentioning this in the Board meeting is to let the clubs within the council
130 know about this event so that they have opportunity to participate in some fashion.

131 **Alternate National Director / Proxies** - (Enc. 10) We have been advised by counsel that we can
132 no longer have proxies as such. We have been in violation of federal law by doing so. Also,
133 on the national level, if either the elected National Directors or the President cannot attend,
134 we now have the option of electing an Alternate National Director. To eliminate proxies and
135 the loss of a vote on the national level, we must elect both on the Council level and the club
136 level an Alternate Director who would fill in if the primary elected official cannot attend.
137 Hard proof will be required of the election of the Alternate Director.

138 To that end, President Maler asked for a volunteer that would be willing to be the candidate
139 for the Alternation National Director position. It must be someone who is willing to make
140 the trip to the National conclave to represent the Council in the event the elected Director
141 cannot attend. VP Tabbert offered to fill that position. He was unanimously elected as an
142 Alternate Director. Director Steve Jensen will be unable to make the trip to West Yellow-
143 stone for the 2004 FFF Conclave; therefore, VP Tabbert will fill that vacancy.

144 **100% Membership Plan** - The first official presentation to the new FFF National Board of
145 Directors will be in January. Under the membership plan fallout is anticipated and expected.
146 We must restructure and get under the same format as organizations like TU, DU, etc. Even
147 though the plan will be presented in January noting maybe done at this meeting regarding
148 the plan.

149 VP Communications Ellis is requested to send the plan out to the affiliated clubs to get
150 feedback. The clubs have to commit to the plan before it will work. Under the plan the clubs
151 will be 100% clubs and thereby retain their autonomy.

152 **Boy Scout Merit Badge** - VP Slane presented his plan to have the Boy Scout Merit Badge run in
153 conjunction with Conclave. To do this, the minimum age would have to be 13 and they
154 would have to be either First Class or Star Scouts.

155 If we could get approval, campgrounds could be set up on either the fairground or the
156 adjacent parking lot that we do not use. Under this we could accommodate approximately

157 200 to 500 Scouts. The fee to the Conclave could be set at a reduced rate for the Scouts.
158 Volunteer instructors would be needed in knot tying, fly tying, fly casting and aid to take
159 the scouts out to catch two species of fish. The scout has to cook and eat one of the fish he
160 catches.

161 After much discussion, VP Slane tabled the issue for the present time.

162 **Long Casts to Non-FFF Members** - The question was brought up as to whether or not we
163 should continue to send the *Long Casts* to non-FFF members. There are problems with
164 delivery due to the newsletter being sent as third class mail and the lack of address updates
165 from the clubs. The newsletter is placed on the website and is available to everyone. After
166 much discussion, VP Slane suggested that 1 issue per year - the conclave issue - be sent to
167 all members - both FFF and non-FFF. Treasurer Taylor said this would give the non-
168 members incentive to join.

169 After much discussion and several failed motions, the following motion was made by
170 Secretary Easterling: Limit issues of *Long Casts* to only members of the Southern Council.
171 The non-members of affiliated clubs will receive only the Conclave issue. Motion was
172 seconded by Director Craig.

173 During discussion it was suggested that for a fee to cover the costs, non-members can
174 subscribe to the *Long Casts*. A fee will be discussed at the December meeting.

175 The vote on the above motion was 12 yes and 5 no. Motion carried.

176 Information will be in the next issue to let everyone know of the discontinuance of the
177 mailing of the *Long Casts* to non-FFF members

178 **Fly Fishing Competitive Tournaments** - The FFF sent out a survey requesting input on
179 competitive fly fishing tournaments and received only two responses from within the SOC.

180 At the Board of Directors meeting in Idaho Falls in August 2003, competitive tournaments
181 were approved; however, the national office has to approve any involvement of the
182 Federation in any event.

183 **Fund Requests - Conservation** - VP Tabbert reports that currently he has only two requests for
184 funding. One from Mid-South Fly Fishers for \$500 and one from the Nature Conservancy
185 for \$5,000 (\$2,500 from National) for a project on the Strawberry River.

186 VP Tabbert also said that we are the only Council who funds our own projects.

187 Director Craig advised of a project taking place on the White River in the area of Cotter that
188 will add 1.2 miles of public access. This project currently is being funded by North Arkan-
189 sas Fly Fishers for the purchase of the land. As the project proceeds more funding may be
190 required.

191 **Budget** - The budget was tabled until the Executive Committee meeting on December 13, 2003 at
192 4:00 PM at the Ramada Inn.

193 **Conclave 2004** - 2004 conclave chair Chet Smith said the theme for the conclave will be "Fishing
194 within the Southern Council." His plans are that there will be speakers discussing where to
195 fish and regulations for fishing within each state. The keynote speakers will be Dave and

196 Emily Whitlock. The Thursday evening affair will be handled by Northeast Arkansas Fly
197 Fishers. Slim Mitchell has taken on the position of a semi-permanent fly tying chair. Harvey
198 Ragsdale will again be the commercial chair. Allen Crise will be Youth Conclave chair. Mid-
199 South Fly Fishers will handle both the social hour and facilities. Dennis Galyardt of North
200 Arkansas Fly Fishers will be the Auction/Raffle chair.

201 President Maler again brought up the plan of inviting the clubs to underwrite portions of
202 Conclave. A list will be made available for the next issue of the *Long Casts* of what would
203 be required to underwrite various portions of Conclave.

204 It was also suggested that a "Swap" section be set up for those who want to trade items
205 with other attendees. A table will be made available for a "Swap Meet" in the entry area of
206 the fairgrounds.

207 Conclave Chair Smith said in his other duties as Archivist he learned that this was not our
208 30th Anniversary but our 32nd Anniversary. The first actual conclave was held in 1971 when
209 the council was still the Midwest council.

210 Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 A.M.

GREEN COUNTRY FLYFISHERS

P.O. Box 1053

Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74005



September 23, 2003

To Whom it May Concern:

*The Board of Directors of Bartlesville Green Country Flyfishers
give member, Bob Cunningham, the authority to vote our club
votes as he deems necessary.*

Sincerely,

*Ivan Winger
Club President
Year 2003-2004*

There will be a meeting of the general membership of the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers at the Ramada Inn, Mountain Home, AR, on Sunday, October 5, 2003 at 8:00 am. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct such business as the General Membership may bring before the Board of Directors of the Council.

Immediately following the above meeting will be the **Annual Conclave Directors Meeting, Council Officers, Council Directors, and Club Presidents**, who are members in good standing of the FFF, and who are not going to be available for the meeting, are asked to use the proxy assignment below to transfer their right to vote on the important issues sure to be discussed and voted on during this meeting. **Please note the deadline for returning the proxy letter to Managing Director Pat Smith.**

SOUTHERN COUNCIL, FEDERATION OF FLYFISHERS PROXY

Option A

I, the undersigned Club President serving as Director or Council Officer, hereby consign my vote on all matters of business to be conducted during the 2003 Annual Directors Meeting, Southern Council, Federation of Fly Fishers, 5 October 2003, to the **Executive Committee** of the Southern Council.

President's Printed Name: _____
 Club (Must be in good standing): _____
 President's signature: _____

Option B

I, the undersigned Club President or Council Officer, hereby consign my vote on all matters of business to be conducted during the 2003 Annual Directors Meeting, Southern Council, Federation of Flyfishers, 5 October 2003, to:

(Print name): Fred DuPre'
 Club (Must be in good standing): Fort Worth Fly Fishers
 President's Printed Name: Timothy R. Erdman
 President's Signature: Timothy R. Erdman 9/15/03

Club President or individual holding proxy must be a member in good standing of the Federation of Fly Fishers

This proxy must be received no later than ???.

Mail to: Pat Smith
 2603 Buford Spur Road
 Mountain Home, AR 72653

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Federation of Fly Fishers™
2003 Southern Council
Board of Directors Meeting
Sign-In Sheet
October 5, 2003

| Officer | Signature |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| President - Southern Council | R. M. Aker |
| Secretary/Sr. Vice President | Chuck Eastman |
| Treasurer | |
| Vice President - Communications | Brian Ellis |
| Assist. Vice President - Comm. | William D. BT |
| Vice President - Conservation | Bob Faber |
| Vice President - Development | D. Slane |
| Vice President - Education | Mike Ruck |
| Vice President - Membership | WALTER MCLENDON |
| Editor, Long Casts | Harvey Raggsdale |
| Parliamentarian | |
| Archivist | |
| National Director | Chet Smith |
| National Director | |

| Club | Club President | Club Proxy | FFF Member |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Acadiana Fly Rodders | | | |
| Alamo Fly Fishers | Jay Forrest | | ✓ |
| Arkansas Fly Fishers | | | |
| Arrowhead Fly Fishers | | Carol Whight | ✓ |
| Austin Fly Fishers | | | |
| Batesville Fly Fishers | | | |
| Brazos Valley Flyfishers | | | |
| Capitol City Fly Fishers | | | |
| Central Texas Flyfishers | | | |
| Central Arkansas Dead Drifters | | | |
| Coastal Bend Fly Fishers | | | |
| Cornhusker Fly Fishers | | | |
| Dallas Flyfishers | | | |
| East Texas Fly Fishers | | | |

| Club | Club President | Club Proxy | FFF Member |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Flatland Fly Fishers | | | |
| Flint Hills Fly Fishing Club | | | |
| Fort Worth Flyfishers | | Fred DuPre | ✓ |
| Fort Smith Fly Fishers | | | |
| Green Country Fly Fishers | | Bob Cunningham | ✓ |
| Heart of America Fly Fishers | | | |
| Hill Country Fly Fishers | | | |
| Jack Sparks Ctrl Tx Flyrodders | | | |
| KC Northland Fly Fishers | | | |
| M-A-K-O Fly Fishers | Joe Butler | | ✓ |
| Mid-South Fly Fishers | MAC CAROLINE | | ✓ |
| Missouri Deaf Fly Fishers | | | |
| MO Trout Fishermens Asso KC | Carol Wright | | ✓ |
| MO Trout Fishermens Asso Spg | | | |
| Montgomery County Flyrodders | | | |
| North Arkansas Fly Fishers | Paul CRAIG | | ✓ |
| North Louisiana Fly Fishers | | | |
| Northeast Arkansas Flyfishers | Ging Woodward | | ✓ |
| Northeast Oklahoma Flyfishers | | | |
| Ouachita River Fly Fishers | | | |
| Ozark Flyfishers | Larry J. Clark | | ✓ |
| Pineywoods Fly Fishers | Jimmy LEE | | ✓ |
| Prairie Fly Fishers | | | |
| Roubidoux Fly Fishers | | | |
| Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers | Joseph Curry | | ✓ |
| Stillwater Fly Fishers | | | |
| Texarkana Area Fly Fishers | | | |
| Texas Flyfishers | | | |
| Texas Women Fly Fishers | | | |
| Tightlines Fly Fishers | | | |
| Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers | Toba Henry | | ✓ |
| Tulsa Flyfishers | | | |
| Western Illinois Fly Tyers | | | |

CONCLAVE FINANCIAL REPORT - 2003

| | As of | 10/05/2003 | | | |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| | No | Income | Expenses | Net Profit | |
| Registration | | | | | \$15,293.88 |
| Pre-Registration | 768 | \$4,814.00 | \$390.89 | | |
| On-Site Registrati | | \$6,249.50 | \$465.00 | | |
| | 766 | | | | |
| Banquet | 227 | \$5,857.00 | \$4,724.00 | | |
| Classes Pre-Registered | 127 | \$3,885.00 | | | |
| Youth Conclave | | | | | |
| Pins (350) | | \$1,095.00 | \$901.93 | | |
| T-Shirts & Caps (2002) | | | | | |
| Raffle | | | | | \$5,580.00 |
| Friday | | \$3,375.00 | | | |
| Saturday | | \$1,985.00 | | | |
| Silent Auction | | | | | \$3,935.00 |
| Friday | | \$1,448.50 | | | |
| Saturday | | \$2,486.50 | | | |
| Auctions | | | | | \$18,687.87 |
| Friday | | \$7,613.00 | \$890.13 | | |
| Saturday | | \$10,415.00 | | | |
| FFF Legend of the Western Fly Piste | | | \$150.00 | | |
| Refunds | | | | | |
| Social Hour | | | | | \$481.70 |
| Thursday | | | \$500.00 | | |
| Friday | | | | | |
| Saturday | | \$981.70 | | | |
| Misc. Expense | | | | | (\$2,770.38) |
| Chair Exp. JB (Conclave) | | | \$380.83 | | |
| Chair Exp. HR (Commercial) | | | \$56.23 | | |
| Chair Exp. JM (Auction/Raffle) | | | \$390.13 | | |
| Chair Exp. SJ (Tying) | | | \$119.38 | | |
| Awards (Council & Casting) | | | \$487.95 | | |
| Advertising | | | | | |
| Credit Card Fees | | \$220.11 | | | |
| Donations | | \$1,000.00 | | | |
| Fair Grounds Rental | | | | | |
| L. C. Simmons Youth Center - Casting Cert. | | | \$50.00 | | |
| Vendors Fees | | \$400.00 | | | |
| Liability Insurance | | | \$300.00 | | |
| Misc. - Old Pins, FFF Merchandise | | | \$50.00 | | |
| Pre-Conclave Party | | \$484.00 | \$432.48 | | |
| Programs (Printing) (Advertising Sales) | | | \$990.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | \$355.00 | \$245.42 | | |
| Ramada Inn | | | \$1,000.00 | | |
| Security Guards | | | \$450.00 | | |
| Telephone Expenses - Credit Card Line | | | \$40.00 | | |
| Trash Pickup - Fair Grounds | | | \$36.00 | | |
| Speakers | | | | | (\$4,323.80) |
| Gary Berger | | | \$2,613.80 | | |
| Jason Berger | | | \$1,816.00 | | |
| GRAND TOTALS | | \$52,514.31 | \$15,765.04 | | \$34,933.27 |
| WOMEN'S OUTREACH | | | | | |
| Luncheon | 58 | \$1,290.00 | \$71.75 | | \$1,188.25 |
| Chair Expenses | | | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Maggie Merriman | | | \$1,000.00 | | (\$1,000.00) |
| Classes | 46 | \$480.00 | \$53.68 | | \$426.34 |
| Auction & Raffle | | \$2,985.69 | \$168.60 | | \$2,782.89 |
| WOMEN'S OUTREACH TOTALS | | \$4,709.69 | \$1,312.31 | | \$3,397.28 |

Southern Council - Net Worth Report
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 9/30/03

ENCLOSURE 4

10/1/03

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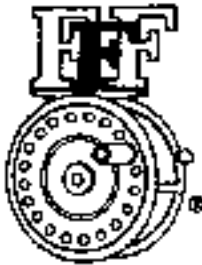
| Account | 9/30/03 Balance |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash and Bank Accounts | |
| CD-2 | 32,427.12 |
| GENERAL FFF-SOC | 13,902.33 |
| Money Market | 12,036.13 |
| TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts | 58,365.58 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 58,365.58 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Other Liabilities | |
| Biff Lambing Memorial Scholars | 293.45 |
| Long Cast Contingency Fund | 8,588.99 |
| Moore Award Fund | 1,867.75 |
| Oblander Memorial Youth Educ. Fund | 300.00 |
| Outreach Committee | 5,147.97 |
| Wayne & Catherine Moore Fund | 2,759.96 |
| TOTAL Other Liabilities | 16,958.12 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 16,958.12 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 41,407.46 |

SOUTHERN COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT
10/1/02 Through 9/30/03

10/1/03

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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 | 168.49 | 200.00 | 31.51 |
| 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 | 22,153.69 | 27,200.00 | 5,046.31 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 22,153.69 | 27,200.00 | 5,046.31 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | -22,153.69 | -27,200.00 | 5,046.31 |



FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS™
 Conserving - Restoring - Educating Through Fly Fishing

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October 2, 2003

To: The Directors of the Southern Council

Re: VP Communications Report for the October 5, 2003 Officers Meeting

- Annual Award Nominations

I received 25 different nominations for 8 different categories. With the ties and resulting co-winners there were 10 awards presented. I received 62 separate nomination letters all of which were published on the web site at no expense to the council.

- FFF Communications Cadre

National has set up a communications network, which consists of someone called a communications cadre from each council and I have been performing those duties. I've been feeding information on the activities of the Southern Council in a database format to National obtained from club newsletters and web sites. They have been very interested in some of our recently planned activities such as Cure For Cancer, Fly Fish Texas, and the Sow Bug. Hopefully this effort will improve some of the Federation communication problems and provide much justified recognition to our clubs, council, and the Federation.

- Club Officers Database

The Council Officers list and Club Contact list is available on the web site. Please inform me on any necessary changes and supply me with the appropriate information.

The club officer database is available by sending me an email request.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Brian Ellis, VP of Communications

REPORT for the office of the:
Vice-President of Development

We now have large banners to put up on the highways to show where to turn to get to the show. Thanks to Chet and Pat for making the arrangements to get them put up. Before the show a brief inspection of our equipment shows normal wear and that our tables are serviceable at that time. We will not need to buy new ones at this time unless we have had problems during the show.

A big thank-you to all that have helped with conclave again this year! At the time I write this it looks as if we will have a very fine raffle and auction this year. A special thanks to Jim Murphy and crew.

And a special thank-you to Mr. Joe Butler for the Conclave chair for this year. Hard work and persistence shows with the quality of this show.

Next years conclave is under way. Chet Smith has stepped up and taken the Conclave Chair for 2004 and has his main speakers obligated at this time. He will give a brief run down on his plans during the time allowed under conclave 2004.

Thank-you to all the officers who have helped this year! With open communication we can make this an even better show for 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Slane
Vice-President of Development

September 29, 2003

**TO: Roger Maler
President FFF Southern Council**

**FROM: Mike Rauck
VP of Education FFF Southern Council**

RE: Year-End Report of Activities

I am happy to report that our collection of fly rods and reels and fly tying vice and equipment were well used this past year. Clubs in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas, the Southern Council annual conclave and our National FFF meeting all used our equipment to help teach fly-casting and fly-fishing.

I have enclosed a well-written report by Allen Cree of his activities in Texas and our National meeting in August.

It's difficult to imagine teaching 500 people, 1000 people and 5000 people in one day how to cast and use fly fishing rods and reels and tie flies.

Allen Cree and his volunteers should get an award for all they do to promote fly-fishing.

Diana Blair in Dallas, Texas does many fly-tying programs in Texas and at the Southern Council conclave.

The Heart of America club of FFF in Kansas City used our equipment for several casting classes and we also taught 50 Boy Scouts at William Jewell College for the Boy Scout Fly fishing Merit Badge.

Marvin Morris of Russellville Arkansas and his club did a fly fishing program for 100 women on 5/31/03.

Bob Chaatum of Little Rock Arkansas used our fly rods and reels at a Boy Scout Camp on 5/18/03.

Bob Tabbert, VP of Conservation sent me a nice letter explaining the Jr. Rangers program for the National Parks System in Lafayette, LA. He also included a brochure on the Acadian Fly Rodders Annual Conclave.

Also included is a well-written letter by Walter McLendon of Lufkin, Texas telling about hosting 1,000 people at the TPW Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, Texas.

We presently have 16 fly tying vices and 15 sets of tools and assorted fly fishing materials. We could use more fly tying vices and equipment and better fly tying material and hooks.

We have 36 fly rods and 40 fly reels in our inventory now. Most are in good shape.

We have received an application for the Southern Council Scholarship from Lala Robichaux of Austin, Texas. She is a Junior at Texas A & M University in Galveston, Texas studying Marine Biology. Her application and documents are enclosed.

Hod Mc Intosh of Heart of America and Pat Smith helped me review and we recommend Lala Robichaux for the \$1,000.00 Scholarship in 2003-04.

This has been an exciting and stressful year for me, but I am still enjoying fly-fishing and helping others to learn about our wonderful sport.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Reuok

Meeting for the FFF Board For Directors
August 5, 2003
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Submitted by: Chet Smith

New Officers

President Gary Grant
Secretary Keith Burkhart
Treasurer Mike Stewart

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| Investment Committee Chair | Earl Rettic |
| Outreach Committee | Steve Jensen, Jim Boyd, Debra Jindra (Chair) |
| VP Education | John Breslin |
| 2004 Conclave Chair | Bob Long |
| Senior Advisors | Gregg Pitts, Kent Jennings |

The attached new policies were adopted:

Attachment A: Conservation Goals and Objectives Policy (Item 13 was added)
Attachment B: Fishable Waters Policy
Attachment C: FFF Policy on Fly Fishing Competitions

In additions it was agreed to study the possibility of developing a Guide Certification Program similar to the Casing Instructor Certification. The Board also approved FFF support for , a National Fly Fishing Week. The annual action plan and the budget for 2003-4 was adopted.

Additional actions:

2004 Conclave site -West Yellowstone , Montana
2005 Conclave site- Livingston, Montana
2006 Conclave site- Bozeman, Montana

There was discussion that if the Bozeman Conclave was successful it could be made a permanent site,

The All Fish -All Waters Foundation was renamed the Federation of Fly Fishers Foundation. .

The IFFC was renamed the Federation of Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Discovery Center. Bob Wiltshire explained that in advertising and promotion the “Fly Fishing Discovery Center” will be emphasized as advertising consultants have indicated that using a organization name in the general advertising causes the general public to believe it is only for members of the organization and one of the goals of the center is to increase public attendance.



Federation of Fly Fishers™
Conservation Goals Objectives and Policies

Adopted by the FFF Board of Directors August 5, 2003

1. The Federation of Fly Fishers was founded to promote the enjoyment and conservation aspects of fly- fishing. We are sensitive to the needs of preserving our outdoor heritage. The FFF will elevate the standards of integrity, honor, courtesy, and conservation ethics among anglers.
2. The Conservation emphasis of the Federation is reflected in our mottos: “Conserving, Restoring and Educating through Flyfishing”, “Limit your Kill-Don't Kill your Limit” and “Cleaner Water-Brighter Streams.” The FFF will continue to be concerned with all types of waters and all species offish. The Federation of Fly Fishers is the international voice of all fly fishers.
3. The main thrust of FFF conservation project activities is to emphasize projects at the local club and regional council levels by providing support to these levels of the organization. The vast majority of FFF conservation projects are locally originated, and they will be supported with funds administered by the FFF .
4. The Federation of Fly Fishers is dedicated to supporting fisheries research and restoration, improving water quality, the perpetuation of wild fishery stocks and increasing the voice of anglers in conservation decision making. The Federation will continue to raise funds for such conservation activities.
5. The FFF has international level conservation programs involving water quality, cold water, warm water and marine fisheries, steelhead, Atlantic salmon and public education. These programs will continue. The Federation has a conservation alert network for its membership, and this will be maintained.
6. The conservation and public education efforts of the International Fly Fishing Center will continue to be supported, including their museum, fisheries library, aquarium, conservation and art displays. They will be supported in their efforts to become an increasingly important source of information and resource materials for the general public.
7. The Federation's Water Quality Surveillance Program will be supported and expanded, so that clubs wishing to do so may learn how to monitor their local streams, using layman training and kits to measure coliform organisms, dissolved oxygen, alkalinity temperature and other water quality parameters that depict the health of a stream.
8. The FFF will continue to administer the Whitlock- Vibert fish egg hatching box program, allowing participating clubs, state agencies or qualifying individuals to use these devices in a responsible manner to restore fish to fisheries, including native species to native fisheries.
9. Funding for club and council projects and for any projects that are developed by the conservation committee and approved by the Executive board are provided by the FFF as described in The FFF Policy for Raising, Managing and Granting Philanthropic Funds which states: “Once endowments are built to sufficient levels (FFF conservation) education and youth program will be funded from endowed funds. Until endowments reach sufficient levels, these programs will be funded

from a combination of endowed and operational funds." Operational funding shall include: funds generated from general membership) funds generated from specific conservation bequests and also funds generated from other granting organizations.

10. Federation conservation projects will consider the conservation policies approved by the Executive board) including the Native Fish Policy) and the Fishable Waters Policy. * Programs that address the need to identify) conserve and restore native fish species and enhance water quality for fish and other aquatic organisms are given special emphasis.
11. The goal of the conservation committee to combat the establishment of invasive exotic species affecting fishing will be supported by the FFF) and special emphasis given to national projects that addresses the problem of invasive exotics and the education program necessary to inform the fishing public.
12. As part of the Federation)s Water Quality Surveillance program, and Native Fish Policy) applicable Federal laws will be supported and promoted via conservation project favored for approval and funding. These applicable laws include the Clean Water Act) the Endangered Species Act) and the Fishable Waters Act.

13. We Believe:

That the FFF and FFF entities and its members may engage in conservation of natural resource activities within the legal limits of 501(c)3 of the IRS code by participating in public meetings and voicing resource protection positions to protect the quality of waters in the interest of advancing the art, science, and sport of fly fishing. We believe that FFF entities and its members shall engage in conservation activities to improve the quality of the natural resources, waters, and adjoining lands by physical work at these sites to maintain a quality sport fishery .

B

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS FISHABLE WATERS POLICY

Adopted by the FFF Board of Directors August 5, 2003

INTRODUCTION

Policies of the Federation of Fly Fishers provide binding policy direction to the FFF and its subordinate elements: the Executive Director, the officers, the Headquarters and IFFC staffs, the Councils, and the Charter Clubs. These policies provide guidance to affiliated clubs of the FFF; who are all encouraged to support these policies.

The Federation of Fly Fishers has nearly 300 clubs and 12,000 individual members. The experience, talent, professional and personal knowledge of our membership is immense, diverse and skilled in many fields applicable to the waters we fish. The members of the Federation and its constituent clubs cooperate to give their time and talents to accomplish the conservation missions of the Federation—from local efforts to projects national in scope and application.

NETWORKING IS CRITICAL: FFF staff, Conservation Committee members, and designated individuals will respond (where feasible, based on human or financial resources available) to your request or need. Our expertise in various areas of conservation will grow as we work together to communicate and resolve problems---please call upon us and get involved.

FFF Fishable Waters Policy

The Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) supports the rights of anglers to recreationally pursue fishing in the waters of the United States. Recognizing that all fish species require water conditions of high enough quality to allow them to grow, propagate and maintain population levels that allow for recreational angling, the FFF, by vote of its Board of Directors adopts this policy in support of fishable waters.

The U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972 establishes a policy of maintaining fishable waters.¹ The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members wholeheartedly accept this provision and adopt the following pro-active policy in support of the Clean Water Act.

The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members shall:

- Support the Federal and State environmental agencies in their implementation and enforcement of water quality standards applicable to fish.²;
- Coordinate our volunteer activities and financial resources with other conservation and environmental organizations seeking to protect water quality;

- Participate in clean-up and restoration projects to build or improve fisheries;
- Encourage our members to monitor our favorite fishing streams and lakes by utilizing the appropriate tests from the FFF or other sources to measure (temperatures) dissolved oxygen) turbidity) and other state and federal water quality measures to assure compliance with established standards;
- Report pollution events (oil and chemical spills) suspected polluting outfalls) violations of water quality standards) etc.) to emergency and enforcement officials.

In appreciation of the quality resources gifted us by our forbearers; we shall leave these resources no less diminished to our children.

¹ “It is the national goal that whenever attainable) an interim goal of water quality which provides for the protection and propagation offish) shellfish and wildlife be achieved by July 1) 1983.;" Clean Water Act of 1972,33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) Sec. 101 (a)(2).

² Attached are proposed federal standards for cold water fisheries and wann water fisheries. Reference) The Green Book. pages -and _NOTE: Brief explanation of the Clean Water Act is attached for your infonnation.

C

Conservation Committee Recommended Policy

The Federation of Fly Fishers, recognizing that competitive fly fishing events are desired activities among a few FFF anglers who fish with the artificial fly, will not oppose such events so long as they do not cause untoward damage to the environment, the fishery, and to the quality of fishing experience for nonparticipating anglers, and if they serve to advance the education and conservation goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers. The Federation of Fly Fishers will not actively promote such contests.

Specifically, to avoid FFF opposition, a competitive angling event must:

1. Be consistent with the Federation's commitment to conservation of natural resources, including but not limited to catch and release angling
2. Promote fellowship among anglers
3. Not degrade the quality fishing experience of non-participating anglers
4. Advance the skills associated with the sport

FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS
2003 ANNUAL REPORT

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|-----------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| NAME OF COUNCIL | Southern Council | | |
| DATE | 10/02/2003 | | |
| 1 | BEGINNING BOOK BALANCE OF COUNCIL ----- | OCTOBER 1, 2002 | \$ 50,105.12 |
| 2 | REVENUE RAISED FROM ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR BEGINNING AND ENDING September 30, 2003 FROM THE FOLLOWING | October 1, 2002 | |
| | AUCTIONS | \$ 18,806.00 | |
| | RAFFLES | \$ 3,373.00 | |
| | ATTENDANCE FEES | \$ 8,413.00 | |
| | COOKBOOK SALES | \$ 2,940.75 | |
| | DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS | \$ 2,300.00 | * * see (1) below |
| | HOSPITALITY EVENTS | \$ 7,718.00 | |
| | MERCHANDISE SALES | \$ 2,616.65 | |
| | EXHIBITOR FEES | \$ 903.34 | |
| | INTEREST EARNED | \$ 107.92 | |
| | INSTRUCTION CLASSES | \$ 3,484.30 | |
| | MISCELLANEOUS (Describe) | | |
| | OBLANDER FUND | \$ 350.00 | |
| | DUES | \$ 2,035.50 | |
| | TOTAL REVENUES | | \$ 53,048.46 |
| 3 | EXPENDITURES FOR ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2002 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 FROM THE FOLLOWING: | | |
| | PRINTING | \$ 3,992.28 | |
| | ADVERTISING | \$ 600.00 | |
| | COOKBOOK EXPENSES - PRINTING | \$ 37.83 | |
| | POSTAGE | \$ 4,223.62 | |
| | PRIZES/AUCTION/RAFFLE | \$ 2,334.08 | |
| | FACILITY COSTS | \$ 1,070.00 | |
| | - includes building rent, janitorial, utilities | | |
| | RESALE ITEM COSTS | \$ 320.00 | |
| | - includes food/beverages | | |
| | HOSPITALITY COSTS (Banquet & Thur. Eve) | \$ 6,262.90 | |
| | INSURANCE COSTS | \$ 503.00 | |
| | PROGRAM COSTS | \$ 2,071.30 | |
| | - includes speaker fees, lodging, meals, travel and honorariums | | |
| | AWARDS | \$ 544.73 | |
| | GRANTS | \$ 7,828.00 | |
| | MISCELLANEOUS (Describe) | | |
| | Visa Charges | \$ 474.34 | |

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| Computer Equipment & Software | \$ | 321.67 |
| Education | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Internet Site | \$ | 0.00 |
| Phone Expenses | \$ | 33.03 |
| Pins & Patches | \$ | 1,082.86 |
| Lodging & Meals for Film Crew | \$ | 515.00 |
| Conclave Security | \$ | 400.00 |
| Conclave Chairman's Expenses | \$ | 102.10 |
| Salaries | \$ | 8,000.00 |
| Supplies | \$ | 1,659.09 |
| Trash Pickup at Conclave | \$ | 40.58 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 44,416.41

4 ENDING BOOK BALANCE OF COUNCIL - SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 \$ 58,737.17

5 WAS A GRANT GIVEN TO A CLUB/ORGANIZATION? YES

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| Scholarships | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| International Fly Fishing Center | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Ozark Council of Trout Unlimited - Capps Creek Project | \$ | 3,000.00 |
| Conservation Heritage Foundation of Missouri | \$ | 1,500.00 |
| Fort Worth Fly Fishers - Fly Fish 2003 | \$ | 500.00 |
| Heart of America Fly Fishers | \$ | 500.00 |
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| Arkansas Game and Fish Commission | \$ | 500.00 |
| International Fly Fishing Center, Livingston, MT | \$ | 2,000.00 |
| Roubidoux FF and the MO Conservation Department | \$ | (672.00) |

6 PLEASE LIST THE PROJECT THE CLUB/ORGANIZATION WAS GRANTED THE MONEY FOR:
 Outreach donated \$500 to the Texas Fresh Water Fisheries for Fly Fish 2003 Show. Donation was made through the Fort Worth Fly Fishers.
 Funds donated to Ozark Council of TU is the 4th installment of a 5 year commitment for the purchase of property on Capps Creek
 Heart of America Fly Fishers was given \$500 for a Recovery Project on the Blue River in Kansas
 Heart of America Fly Fishers was given \$500 for a Student Environmental Learning Study
 Arkansas Game and Fish Commission was given \$500 to be used in the Collins Creek Project on the Little Red River.
 International Fly Fishing Center, Livingston, MT, was given \$2,000 for continued sponsorship of the Warm Water Room at the Center
 First time ever - Received \$672 refund from Roubidoux FF and the MO Conservation Department of funds left over from a project financed in 1999.

7 PLEASE LIST THE COUNCIL'S EDUCATION ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR - Demonstrations, Youth, Women, etc.:
 All Youth activities sponsored by the Southern Council are done under the banner of the Wayne E and Catherine Moore Youth Fund which requires that the kids be told about the Moores and their devotion to fly fishing.
 Mid-South Fly Fishers were given \$1,000 to assist in their participation of the Boy Scouts Jamboree that took place in Memphis in October 2002. There were over 15,000 boy scouts with a large portion of them being taught fly fishing.

Many clubs within the Council conduct their own educational programs. Since we do not have a reporting method currently in place we have no idea just how many young people were introduced to fly fishing.

For 2002 - One college scholarship given: \$1,000 to Mandy K. Scott. (Info below)
for 2003 - One college scholarship given: \$1,000 to Laia Robichaux (Info below)

8 NAME AND LOCATION(S) OF BANK ACCOUNT(S):

Checking account and CD's are at First Federal Bank, Mountain Home, Arkansas
Money Market Account is at USBank, Mountain Home, Arkansas

9 LIST ALL COUNCIL ASSETS (OR PROVIDE A BALANCE SHEET) I.E.: EQUIPMENT, INVESTMENTS WITH INSTITUTION MAILING ADDRESS, ETC. IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE ASSETS, PLEASE SAY "NONE".

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| 1 CD at First Federal Bank, 666 Hwy 62 NE, Mountain Home, AR 72653 | Total | 32,427.12 |
| Money Market Account, USBank, Hwy 62 & 5, Mountain Home, AR 72653 | Total | 12,036.13 |

Amount of CD's & Money Market are included in Ending Book Balance on Spread-sheet.

Slide Projector - date of purchase unknown.
Gateway Laptop Computer - purchased in 1997
Dot-matrix Printer purchased in 1997
Hewlett Packard Computer purchased in 1998
Hewlett Packard Printer purchased in 1999
Xerox Copier purchased in 1998
File Cabinet - 2 drawer purchased in 1998
Panasonic transcribing Machine & Recorder purchased in 1998
50 folding tables purchased in 1999
20 folding tables purchased in 2000
Sound System donated by Dallas Fly Fishers in 1998
Two Projection Screens purchased in 2001
Systemax Computer System - purchased in 2001
New Fly Rods purchased from Sage
Hewlett Packard Scanner purchased in 2002

Note (1): Did any one Donor contribute in either the current year or a prior year aggregate amounts of \$5,000 or more? If yes, please provide full name of donor together with monetary amount?

No

Note (2): Please list the following information pertaining to your Council/Club RECEIVING grants for the physical year.

None---

Note (3): If your Council/Club presented an award of monetary value to an individual please provide the person's name, address and social security number. Awarded October 2001

Mandy Scott, (459-65-0375) 979 Betty Jo Dr 3, Fayetteville, AR 72704 - \$1,000
Laia Robichaux, (521-43-6066) 7508 Silvercrest, Austin, TX 78757 - \$1,000

The Southern Council, authorizes, the Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (FFF) to include this organizational financial information in its IRS group return. The information submitted to be included in the return is true and complete to the best of your knowledge.

President of Council

Roger Maler

Alternate National Director

The Council may elect an Alternate National Director for each National Director or President. The election of the alternate shall be in the same manner as the National Director. In the absence of a National Director from a meeting of the Federation Board (this would include conference calls), the National Director's alternate, may, upon written notice (notice may be by e-mail) to the Secretary of the Federation Board, attend such meeting and exercise there-in the rights, powers, and privileges of the absent National Director. When so exercising the rights, powers, and privileges of the absent National Director, such alternate shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation statutes. Notice of a meeting is not required to be given to any Alternate National Director. It shall be the responsibility of the National Director to keep the alternate informed.