

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SOUTHERN COUNCIL, FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS**

**January 17, 2009**

205 River Valley Trail, Norfolk, AR

The Special session of the General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Ames at exactly 2:45 PM. This meeting convened to appoint two vacant at large board members positions and to discuss amending the By-laws to add two additional at large board members. A Sign-in sheet was circulated. The roll was called by VP Dupre' and served as both the roll for the General Membership Meeting and the Executive Board Meeting which immediately followed.

President	Michael Ames	Present	
VP of Membership	Michael Lack	Present	
VP of Conservation	Paul Goodwin	Present	
VP of Education	Al Crise		Present
Executive Secretary	Fred Dupre'	Present	
Treasurer	Michael Kyle	Present	
Past President	Sheryl Knight	Present	
VP of Development	Howard Malpass	Present	
VP of Communications	Larry Murphy	Present	
Outreach Chair	Kay Jackson	Present	
Conclave Chair	Larry Babin	Present	
Co-Managing Director	Chris Jackson	Present	
Co-Managing Director	Carol Jackson	Present	

Clubs Represented

Les Jackson	FW Fly Fishers
Ron Knight	FW Fly Fishers
Trella Malpass	Northwest Fly Fishers

President Ames welcomed the.

VP Malpass made a motion that the General Membership Meeting allow the fulfillment of these two vacant Directors at large positions by appointment with ratification in consent of the council board on this date. Past President seconded and opened for discussion. A discussion followed that Directors at large should come from geographic areas not currently represented on the Executive Board of Directors. Vote was held and passed unanimously.

VP Malpass made a motion that two new Board of Directors at large be added and appointed to serve until the next voting time, which would be during the general elections if this is acceptable to FFF National. Motion seconded by Treasurer Kyle. Discussion of the duties of this position followed. The duties listed were as follows: to act as ambassadors or marketers for the Southern Council to the individual clubs that are not their own, to encourage participation in the Southern Council by clubs not currently

active, to listen and provide feedback to the Southern Council from individual members, helping new clubs to be founded, and to attend all major public fly

☒ fishing events (Prairie Festival, Sowbug Roundup, Expo in Texas, etc.) within the Southern Council's geographic area as representatives of the FFF Southern Council. The areas that needed better voting representation were discussed. Those listed were Kansas, Oklahoma, and Memphis. President Ames made a motion to amend the original motion to include an amendment to the By-laws to add two new Director at large positions including their job description to serve as ambassadors for the FFF Southern Council. These positions must come from the nominating committee and they must insure that they come from under represented areas. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Kyle and discussion ensued. Treasurer Kyle called for the vote. Vote passed 13 -1.

☒ Vp Malpass made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Kyle seconded. All were in favor.

**MINUTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
SOUTHERN COUNCIL, FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS**

**January 17, 2009**

205 River Valley Trail, Norfolk, AR

The Executive Board Meeting was called to order by President Ames at 3:25 PM. Original roll call was accepted. Agenda was provided. (Encl.1)

President	Michael Ames	Present	
VP of Membership	Michael Lack	Present	
VP of Conservation	Paul Goodwin	Present	
VP of Education	Al Crise		Present
Executive Secretary	Fred Dupre'	Present	
Treasurer	Michael Kyle	Present	
Past President	Sheryl Knight	Present	
VP of Development	Howard Malpass	Present	
VP of Communications	Larry Murphy	Present	
Outreach Chair	Kay Jackson	Present	
Conclave Chair	Larry Babin	Present	
Co-Managing Director	Chris Jackson	Present	
Co-Managing Director	Carol Jackson	Present	

## REPORTS

### **2008 Annual Report**

Chris Jackson, Managing Director, presented the 2008 Annual Report. (Encl.2)

### **Communications**

VP Murphy said the website is up and running. President Ames announced that the next quarterly BOD meeting will be on the forum in the chat area. This will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, but comments may be added by anyone at any time after that date.

### **Conservation**

VP Goodwin gave a detailed report on the status of the 2008 SOC Conservation Grants, 2009 grant requests, SOC Club Conservation contacts, Bristol Bay, Natural Resources Advocacy, and the No Child Left Inside Act. (Encl.3)

### **Education**

VP Crise gave his report on education (Encl. 4). VP Crise said that fly fishing and tying equipment is available for any FFF club to use. He pointed out that there had been fewer requests for this equipment in 2008 than in 2007. He thought this was because several major fly fishing events had been cancelled due to economic reasons.

## **Membership**

VP Lack said the FFF Southern Council currently has 1,213 members. While this number shows a 21 member decrease, it should be noted that the Gulf Council seceded from the Southern Council to form a separate council.

VP Lack brought up the problems incurred by a sharing of the membership labels in 2008 and concerns voiced by individual clubs. A discussion on future protocol followed.

## **FFF National**

Past President Knight said The FFF will not move to Loveland, CO, but the National Conclave will still be held there. The *FLYFISHER* may only be offered twice this year and they are planning on offering it online as well. They have developed a new lodge certification program for environmentally aware lodges.

## **Outreach**

Outreach Chair, Kay Jackson, said that the facility and those providing the meal for the Outreach Luncheon have already been secured. She is working on collecting items for the auction. Stacy Lynn Trimble will be the VIP for outreach this year.

## **Conclave**

Conclave Chair, Larry Babin, said initial work has begun on the Conclave logo. Conway Bowman and Bob Clouser have been booked as the VIP's for the 2009 Conclave.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget 2009**

Due to time constraints on Treasurer Kyle's part, an amendment was made to the Agenda to proceed to new business at this time. Treasurer Kyle opened the budget discussion with the 2008 Conclave Financial Report (Encl.5) showing an income of \$16,141.38. President Ames brought everyone's attention to the fact that actual expenses in 2008 were approximately twice as much as 2008 Conclave revenues. Suggestions were made as to how the FFF SOC could lower the expenditures for Conclave. President Ames voiced his concern that the difference between 2008 Conclave revenue and the 2009 budget would have to be subsidized from the contingency funds.

- Past President Knight made a motion that the treasurer, president, and managing director jointly be allowed to liquidate and/or reinvest the FFF SOC CD's as needed to maintain the stability of FFF SOC funds. VP Malpass seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.
- Each line item was discussed in depth and appropriate money budgeted accordingly. (Encl.6)

- President Ames made a motion to accept the budget. VP Malpass seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all were in favor.

### **Alternate Ideas for Fund Raising**

President Ames asked the board members to be aware that there is a need to develop alternative fundraising methods, so that the Conclave does not bear the full fundraising load. Several options were discussed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Past President Knight made a motion that the Directors at large be nominated by the nominating committee to a two year term to be voted on by the general membership at the general election held at the Southern Council Conclave general meeting. VP Malpass seconded the motion and opened for discussion. The vote was taken and all were in favor.
- Past President Knight made a motion that the Southern Council By-laws be amended in accordance with the previous motion for election of Directors at large. VP Malpass seconded it. Vote was taken and all were in favor.
- Past President Knight made a motion to amend the By-laws to have election by use of personal attendance, email or regular mail depending upon the most expeditious and efficient method of the membership. The motion was seconded. Vote was taken and all were in favor.
- Past President Knight made a motion that proxy be excluded within the voting mechanism provided by the Southern Council of the FFF. Motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The vote was taken and it was eight in favor and one opposed. The motion passed.
- Past President Knight made a motion that club participants participating in club business may designate an alternate to represent the club with the full right afforded to the club president. Electronic form of notice shall be acceptable. VP Malpass seconded the motion. The vote was taken. All were in favor.
- President Ames made a recommendation that the clerical changes that VP Malpass has made to the Policies, Procedures, and By-laws be accepted, so they can be sent on to FFF National in time for their board meeting. A motion was made by Al to accept that recommendation. The motion as seconded by Fred and discussion ensued. There was a call for the vote. Eight voted in favor and two abstained.
- Past President Knight made a motion that our VP officer replaces our current AVP officers or rather than the current officer structure. The motion was seconded by President Ames. The vote was taken and all were in favor.

- President Ames made a motion to not remove all editorial type wording, but to footnote said wording instead. The motion was seconded by VP Crise. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- VP Malpass made a motion to amend the FFF SOC By-laws to define a committee as consisting of at least three people which shall be assigned at the discretion of the president of the FFF SOC. The motion was seconded by VP Lack. The vote was taken and passed unanimously.
- Kay Jackson, Outreach Chair, moved that VP Goodwin and VP Malpass be recognized for all of their hard work on reviewing the By-Laws. The motion was seconded. The vote was taken and all were in favor.
- 
- VP Malpass suggested forming a Regional Director of Development Program. These regional directors would not be on the Council Board or have any voting capacity. They would act as ambassadors for the Southern Council and clubs.
- A discussion was held concerning possible nominations for the vacant Director at Large positions. President Ames indicated that he had five names of people in under represented areas and would appreciate any additional nominations from other sources.
- VP Malpass reported on the liability insurance options for the Southern Council. After several options were discussed, a package to add to the insurance coverage currently held was decided upon. (Encl.7)
- VP Malpass presented the Legends Committee Report. The committee was to review the requirements for recipient's to receive the Legends Award. (Encl.8) A motion to accept the report's recommendations was made by VP Crise. The motion was seconded by VP Lack. Past President Knight wanted to go on record that she was still in favor of the Legends Award to be given only posthumously. The motion passed.
- President Ames reminded everyone that there would not be a Quarterly Board Conference Call in January. In its place, reports will be posted and an open discussion for and by the entire membership will be posted on the Southern Council website's Forum chat area. The postings will begin on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This will be announced to the general membership via email.

## TABLED BUSINESS

- Discussion was held concerning other possible communication forms for the future. This was tabled for future discussion.

VP Malpass made a motion to adjourn. The motioned was seconded by President Ames.

Meeting was adjourned.