

VCFA Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 3, 2011

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at Bayside Presbyterian Church with the following members in attendance: Ron Russell, Kevin DuBois, Mike LaHorner, Larry Clemens, Mike Buss, Kendall Osborne, Scott Reppert, Ed Owens, Chris Burbage, Spencer Hayes, and Bill Campbell, from the local Tidewater Trout Unlimited club.

Secretary's Report : (Mike LaHorner)

Mike LaHorner provided the Minutes from the January meeting held Thursday, January 6, 2011 to all attendees. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the January Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Kendall Osborne)

Kendall Osborne provided the Financial report from January. Kendall reported that the January account balance is \$2942.64 with receipts of \$1718.00 and disbursements of \$613.45.

Ways and Means Report : (Spencer Hayes, Kyle Sawyer, Mike LaHorner, Chairs)

* Mike Buss led general discussion concerning upcoming club expenses. Insurance, corporate fee, and raffle item were identified as items requiring payment. A GoPro camera was discussed for the raffle item. A motion was made to purchase the GoPro camera as the raffle item. Mike LaHorner to find out additional info and further details about the camera's accessories and it's availability.

* Discussion was also held concerning contacting absentee members for membership renewal. Mike LaHorner indicated he would find and provide previous peak membership list in club archival documents. Kendall Osborne indicated he would provide the updated current membership roster.

Programs Report: (Kevin DuBois, Chair)

*Mike Buss reviewed Boat Show VCFA booth readiness to ensure all items needed for the booth were identified and accounted for. Also the sign-up sheet was passed for manning the VCFA booth at the Boat Show (to be held at the Virginia Beach convention center on February 11th – 13th).

* Mike Buss updated attendees on the VCFA booth schedules and presentations for the Bass Pro Shop fly fishing seminars and referred attendees to an all hands email for specific times and details.

* Ron Russell shared that he would be the guest speaker for the Tidewater Anglers Club on Tuesday, March 8th. Ron will be providing a presentation on "Fishing the Nottoway". Ron also requested Nottoway pictures from the attendees – Kevin DuBois and Kendall Osborne indicated they could provide Ron photos.

* Larry Clemens led discussion concerning maintenance and content on the club website and indicated the website had been infected and was no longer in service. Options to remedy and upgrade were discussed. Options included a paid webmaster to monitor and maintain the website, minimizing the site without forums and migrate much of the club website content to the Facebook page, and invite Dave Dembicki's wife and the current Tidewater Anglers webmaster to the next board meeting to solicit recommendations.

* Larry Clemens presented the revised 2011 speaker/presentation and fly tying schedule. Discussion and further revisions were made and contact assignments were made to contact potential speakers.

* Bill Campbell from the Tidewater TU Bill Wills chapter addressed the board and indicated he, as well as other TU members, were interested in VCFA membership and involvement due to declining activity within the TU chapter he is a member of. Discussion ensued among all attendees concerning VCFA activities, presentations, and speakers with a broader fly fishing appeal than just strictly saltwater to accommodate like minded fly fishermen and expand VCFA membership possibilities.

* Mike Buss shared with the attendees that the VMRC was soliciting input from VCFA concerning state flounder regulations in regards to minimum length and daily keeper limits. Discussion ensued and consensus was reached to recommend the larger of the 2 minimum lengths.

* Kevin DuBois recommended including a reminder in the monthly E-newsletter concerning raffle items and discounts from the banquet to ensure club members who desire to use them get them turned in/requested in a timely fashion.

Travel/Trip Committee Report : (Mike Buss, Mitchell Osroff, Dave Kushner, Noel Horne, Chairs)

No travel/trip reports, discussion, proposals or plans were forthcoming during the February board meeting.

A brief review of action items ensued and an action items list was generated from the meeting's topics and discussion.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mike LaHorner
2011 VCFA Secretary*