

VCFA Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, January 7, 2010

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at Crab Creek Pizza with the following members in attendance: Aaron Johnson, Ron Russell, Dave Kushner, Leslie Parr, Spencer Hayes, Kevin DuBois, Kendall Osborne, George Hughes, Pat Hartline, Mike LaHorner, Noel Horne, Mike Buss, Larry Clemens, Kyle Sawyer, and Mitch Osroff.

Minutes:

Pat Hartline provided the Minutes from the previous meeting held Thursday, December 3, 2009 to all attendees. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Aaron Johnson read the Financial Report from December 2009. Aaron reported 7 new members or renewals, a December net income of \$66.00 and that the December 2009 balance is \$1,727.21. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Banquet - Saturday, January 16, 2010:

Mike Buss provided the banquet sign-up sheet to ensure those present who plan to attend banquet had signed up.

Leslie Parr presented the following banquet updates :

Remaining balance of \$312.50 due and final guest count must be made and provided by 1/11/2010. Leslie requested check from Treasurer Aaron Johnson for payment of remaining balance. Final menu entrée items (Buffet #3 with Sliced Top Round of Beef and Chicken Cristo) were discussed and confirmed.

The following banquet schedule was also discussed and confirmed :

Set-up time begins at 5 pm. Guest arrival is at 6 pm with a half hour social. Seating time is 6:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:45 pm. Program and presentation is from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Leslie stressed the need to done and out of the banquet room by 9:00 pm to ensure no additional costs are incurred.

Kevin DuBois requested that photographs for the banquet slide show presentation be sent to him via his e-mail at ispeakforthewetlands@verizon.net.

2010 Membership:

Kevin DuBois proposed using previous member mailing lists to contact inactive and/or previous club members to inform them of upcoming 2010 events and to consider membership renewal. Aaron Johnson agreed to provide the current mailing list to board members.

1st Quarter 2010 Speakers - Alan Caolo & Chris Newsome:

Larry Clemens has booked Alan Caolo, author of *Sight Fishing for Striped Bass*, to speak on March 18, 2010. Mr. Caolo will also conduct a fly tying class with a maximum of 10 people from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm prior to the general meeting for a cost of \$30.00. The class will be held at Larry Clemens' residence. Larry submitted a presentation summary outlining all the specifics. Larry stated the need to advertise the tying class and meeting on the club website and to make announcements at the banquet and at the February general meeting concerning the tying class and presentation by Alan.

Chris Newsome will be the April 2010 speaker.

Mentoring Program:

Larry Clemens provided a Fishing Partners Mentoring Program Proposal Summary handout to all attendees and summarized it's content. A target date of 1 February was agreed to for initial upload, set-up and implementation of the program and it's questionnaires on the club website.

NEW BUSINESS

More and/or different club outings:

New club fishing outing destinations were discussed. Various mid-Atlantic and southeast-Atlantic locations were suggested, including a possible Florida trip. George Hughes and Mike LaHorner volunteered to provide Mitch Osroff Cape Henlopen, DE and Portsmouth Island, NC information. The feasibility of a multiple boat sharking trip was also entertained. Mike Buss, Mitch Osroff, Dave Kushner, and Noel Horne offered their services to coordinate one or more of the proposed outings.

Club presentations and speakers :

Various speakers for 2010 were suggested to target as possibilities as well as club member points of contact for the candidates. Candidates suggested were Brian and Sarah Gardener (Kendall Osborne and Mike Buss), Steve Farrar (Kevin Dubois), and George Woods, a member of Outer Banks club (Leslie Parr).

Skills Development:

Discussion was held concerning casting instruction versus a presentation/speaker during one, possibly two summer meetings with opportunities for short, private instruction. The feasibility of doing this on nearby local water was also discussed. Kevin DuBois suggested Chris Newsome, Larry Clemens suggested a FFF certified instructor and offered to research instructor identification and availability. George Hughes suggested Sarah Gardener. Mike LaHorner offered to check with a Peninsula point of contact concerning a certified instructor. Mike Buss/Mitch Osroff to chair Skills Development Programs committee.

Fly tying :

Discussed feasibility and need for both a beginner and advanced tying areas at the general club meetings. George Hughes volunteered to coordinate. Kyle Sawyer offered his services to assist George.

Club fund raising :

Mike Buss raised concerns about club funds and the need for alternative fund raising strategies. Larry Clemens suggested a local "How to/Where to Fish" compilation that could be sold in book form. Kevin DuBois suggested the club could work Tides games concessions. More traditional forms of fundraising outside the club's normal circle of influence was also considered and discussed. Spencer Hayes/Mike LaHorner to chair Ways and Means committee.

Web site maintenance :

George Hughes and Aaron Johnson offered their continued services for Club website issues : uploads, administration, and general maintenance. George encouraged the board members and officers in attendance, as well as all club members, to fully utilize the website.

Virginia Fly Tying Expo :

Kendall Osborne was waiting on a final cost estimate from a potential venue for the Expo before a final location could be determined. Kendall will also contact Captain Reese Bowles concerning a club "plug" on his Saturday morning radio broadcast.

Boat Show :

Mike Buss led discussion concerning the Mid-Atlantic Boat Show, Feb 12 – Feb 14, at the Virginia Beach Pavillion. The sign-up sheet would be made available and a general announcement for volunteers would be made at the banquet. Mike also verified there are enough shirts and hats for fund raising efforts during the boat show. It was determined that the raffle item for the boat show would be : A wade trip with casting instruction by a club member, waders, and a fly rod and reel combo. Aaron Johnson and Mike LaHorner offered to provide slide shows and video clips on displays at the booth during the show. Pat Hartline volunteered to make the boat show raffle flier.

Core program committees :

Kevin Dubois stressed the need for each Board member to participate in one of the core program committees. In addition, each individual committee needs to prepare a 2010 budget.

Inter-club events :

General discussion was held concerning events with TU, Outer Banks, Core Banks, and Delaware clubs. The Outer Banks club will host VCFA in May 2010 - Ed Palazewski is coordinating and is point of contact. Dave Kushner volunteered his services to assist with the coordination of inter-club events.

Board Meeting location :

Kevin DuBois led discussion on the Board meeting location and suggested the meetings be held at alternative locations. There was general agreement to doing this on occasion, however it was determined to retain the church room and continue having most Board meetings there to prevent loss of the room.

Club participation/philosophy :

Kevin Dubois stressed the need and desire for more member participation and camaraderie, fresh ideas, pursuing and developing different club activities, and occasional social activities among members to improve the club for both current members and potential new members.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mike LaHorner
2010 VCFA Secretary*