

VCFA Board Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 4, 2010

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at Bayside Presbyterian Church with the following members in attendance: Ron Russell, Dave Kushner, Kevin DuBois, Kendall Osborne, Mike LaHorner, Noel Horne, Mike Buss, Larry Clemens, Kyle Sawyer, and Ed Owens.

Secretary's Report : (Mike LaHorner)

Mike LaHorner provided the Minutes from the previous meeting held Thursday, February 4, 2010 to all attendees. Mike made note of one omission caught after printing (since corrected). A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Kendall Osborne)

Kendall Osborne read the Financial Report from February 2010. Kendall reported that the club took in (receipts) \$569 in February 2010 from renewals, new members, sales, boat show raffle, and change returned from the boat show petty cash for a net proceed of \$469. There were no February disbursements. Balance on hand is \$3,510.58 (not yet balanced against bank statement). A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

Kevin DuBois handed out storage unit keys to committee chairs and reported that he had made an initial clean up of the club storage unit. Kevin also developed a preliminary storage unit inventory list and provided a copy to those present.

Kevin went on to stress the importance of representation and the expectations of all committee chair's and members' respective roles and responsibilities as well as the importance of supporting committee functions and notification in the event of an absence.

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

Mike Buss reported that the "Thank You" letters from the club to the vendors that sponsored the Banquet raffle items had been sent.

Kevin queried the status of whether the sponsors had been listed on the VCFA homepage. No one present knew for sure and neither Website chairs - George Hughes or Aaron Johnson, were present to provide info.

Kendall Osborne reported on the status of club member articles for the local How to/Where to fish compilation of articles to be sold in book form as a club fund raiser. Kendall also indicated he was waiting to hear back from Chris Newsome and George Hughes.

Kendall also reported that he posted a query to club members on the Website concerning use of the banquet vendor discount letters by members. Those not being used could be used by the club to purchase discounted items to use for club raffles. Mike Buss offered to send Kendall a list of those who received vendor discount letters at the banquet. Mike also informed those present that Winston had a rod discount offer in progress.

Brief discussion was held concerning other fundraising strategies, specifically "outside of the club" fund raisers. Mike LaHorner indicated he would make efforts to research and present options.

Programs Report: (Kevin DuBois, Chair)

Larry Clemens provided status of coordination efforts for the March general club meeting and fly tying seminar by Alan Caolo. Larry Clemens reported that all issues and scheduling were resolved and in place. The tying seminar by Alan will be hosted at Larry Clemens' residence from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Alan will speak at the general club meeting at 7:30 p.m. Larry indicated there was still one spot available for the tying seminar.

Kevin DuBois reported that everything was coordinated and the venue reserved for the Virginia Coastal Fly Fishing Expo on March 20, 2010 at Norfolk Collegiate Middle school on Tidewater Drive in Norfolk.

Larry Clemens reported that he had contacted the casting instructor that he had previously identified, he is currently out of state and has limited availability throughout the year. Mike LaHorner indicated that he would contact FFF casting instructor Harry Robinson.

Kevin DuBois reported that he had continued efforts to contact and coordinate with Shore Catch Guide service concerning a NJ tuna presentation for later in the year . Kevin also contacted Steve Farrar concerning being a guest tier, currently a summer timeframe is being discussed.

Mike Buss provided follow-up to the fly tying and fly casting clinic at the Virginia Living Museum. The date has been set for October 9, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$25 of the \$40 enrollment fee will go to the club. Larry Clemens will be the lead tying instructor, a total of 3 instructors are required. Mike Buss will lead casting instruction. Mike has emailed information to the VLM point of contact for VLM flier development. The clinic will be limited to 10-12 people, format to be half casting, half tying, lunch break, swap casters and tiers after lunch. Mike indicated it would be a good opportunity to expose those with an interest in fly fishing to the club and club volunteers were needed.

Larry Clemens provided information concerning offering formal tying classes. Duration would be 6 weeks. 6 – 10 people would be required to make it feasible. Larry has an existing curriculum. Larry also suggested posting information on the Website and making meeting announcements.

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

Mike Buss reported that he would be contacting Ed Palazewski for further coordination of the OBX Club-hosted VCFA Outer Banks trip in May. Mike also has a contact for lodging during the May Outer Banks trip for anyone who might be interested. Mike also reported that the rental house for 2010's annual Harkers Island/Cape Lookout false albacore outing in October/November was filling up quickly.

Kevin DuBois finalized details for the MAFA-hosted trip to Cape Henlopen during his MAFA Fly Fest visit. The date has been set for June 5, 2010 and Kevin suggested several carpooling options.

Mike Buss indicated he would be making Rappahannock shad trips starting in the last week of March and encouraged those present to join him on an outing.

Website Report : (George Hughes, Aaron Johnson, Chairs)

Kevin queried the status of the Mentoring Program info and photo galley Website set-up, as well as whether banquet photos had been uploaded. No one present knew for sure and neither Website chairs - George Hughes or Aaron Johnson, were present to provide info.

VCFA Conservation / Menhaden Regulation Transfer to VMRC : (Dave Kushner)

Dave Kushner presented a conservation proposal for board and club membership consideration. Dave proposed a 5 phase approach : 1. Revise VCFA mission statement to include conservation. 2. Discuss club interest in conservation at general meeting. 3. Post conservation statement on Website. 4. Open a conservation forum on the Website. 5. Consider a specific conservation program program for the monthly general meeting. Discussion ensued concerning forum moderation and it was agreed to discuss with George Hughes and Aaron Johnson at the April board meeting.

General discussion ensued concerning the wording of the proposed VCFA mission statement change. It was agreed to read : "Our mission is to encourage the development of fly fishing in Virginia and North Carolina waters, and to promote conservation."

Dave also provided a follow-up Menhaden update and recommended that VCFA be a signature on the recent Menhaden harvesting conservation statement. Ed Owens made a motion that VCFA be a signature, Noel Horne seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

In accordance with club by-laws, it was agreed that the mission statement change proposal would be presented at the March and April general meetings and voted on at the May meeting. In addition to the proposal, general club conservation issues interest would be discussed and gauged.

Mike Buss indicated he receives VMRC newsletters and would make those available to Dave Kushner. General discussion followed concerning whether a VCFA representative should be present at VMRC meetings with no final decision reached.

Mike Buss notified those present that the VCFA pamphlet had been corrected/updated.

An all hands effort then ensued, led by Mike LaHorner and Kevin Dubois, to "line by line" update and revise the VCFA Action Items and Tasker Tracker.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mike LaHorner
2010 VCFA Secretary*