



PSFF Board Meeting Minutes
Date/Time: June 18, 2026 7:00 pm

Members Present: Dennis Beardsley, David Frazier, Ted Dryer, Anne Stiffler, Fred Olin, Tess Frazier, Joe Harrison, Mike Koslosky, Paul Fournier and a brief appearance by Mike Clancy from the Columbia River.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by David Frazier at 7:02 p.m.

May Meeting Minutes: Dennis moved that the minutes be approved, Tess seconded the motion, motion passed.

May Financial Report: Dennis explained the expected increase in the club's insurance and that he had renewed two CDs. Anne moved that the report be approved, Ted seconded, motion was passed.

Old Business

Scholarship Proposal – Joe wrote a proposal for the club to fund an existing scholarship with a “top off” of \$2000 (plus \$100 for an administration fee) for a student in the University of Washington's School of Aquatic & Fisheries Sciences program. Currently the proposal is for one year with plans to continue if funding works out. The payment will be done next spring as the university has already awarded all scholarships for the 2026-27 academic year. Dennis moved that we support the scholarship proposal and commit to sending \$2100 to the university during the club's 2027 fiscal year, in time to be used for a scholarship awarded for the 2027-28 academic year. Mike Koslosky seconded the motion, motion passed. Joe Harrison volunteered to be the administrator for the scholarship funding.

Website Change to Club Express' Platform: Two meetings scheduled with club representatives and Club Express didn't happen due to technical difficulties on their end. We are still waiting on a reschedule. The new website is not ready for a roll-out yet. Only a couple board members currently have access to the proposed site. Dennis and David will request that all board members/committee chairs have access so we can test it out before the site goes live.

New Business

PSFF Conservation – Steve Knowles is wanting to know what the core conservation goal is for the club. He says he's gotten no feedback on what he has put out to the club. Steve has been providing a lot of great information in the newsletters and for board meetings, for anyone who wants to get involved with a conservation organization or project. After discussion, the board decided that since we aren't actually a

conservation organization, we don't need to have a core conservation goal as a club. Members can use the education information and opportunities that Steve puts out to get involved on an individual basis. Mike Koslosky mentioned the Gig Harbor Fishing Association (a commercial fisherman group) and their efforts in the maintenance of Donkey Creek in Gig Harbor. Mike will reach out to Steve about this.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Joe said we currently have 130 members.

Outings: Paul and Bryan have written an article for the next newsletter about three multi-day outings planned for next year. One outing is to the Potholes area, another to the Sun Lakes area and a third to the Yakima River.

Raffles: Fred said that boxes of flies tied by experienced club tyers get snapped up immediately. He'd like more! Preferably accompanied by names of the flies and suggestions for how/where to use them.

Random: Paul threw out the idea of a "Vintage Stuff Night" for a meeting. Bring your old gear to show off, especially if there's a story behind it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Stiffler
Secretary

Attachment: PSFF Fishery Scholarship proposal

Puget Sound Fly-Fishers – Fishery Scholarship (PSFF-FS)
(June 2026)

Purpose – To provide funding in the form of a scholarship for undergraduate students in the School of Aquatic & Fisheries Sciences at the University of Washington studying problems related to the fishing industry, shellfish, seafood or the marine environment. Funding would be made available in the spring of each year.

Amount - \$2,100 per year per student. Student will receive \$2,000; UW Administration charges a 5% fee of \$100. Intent is for \$2,000 to serve as a “top-off” scholarship for a student that is being recruited by UW.

Source of funds – Annual Holiday Party Auction as primary source of funds. Additional funds to be determined by Board of Directors of PSFF in coordination with the treasurer.

Selection of recipient - Selecting students for various funds is an internal process by Tim Essington as Director at School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (SAFS) and the admin team at SAFS. There are typically multiple funds listed and multiple applicants to which funds are made available. Based on which students choose to apply for various funding sources, Tim would be the person ultimately responsible for selecting student recipients from the pool of applicants.

Recognition of PSFF – Administration of UW will mention PSFF as a donor

Communication with student – the recipient will be encouraged to share the progress and results of their studies with PSFF (UW is not allowed to require the recipient to travel to Tacoma to make a presentation). PSFF should encourage a zoom presentation as a possible solution.

Management of Scholarship - _the PSFF Board of Directors should form a scholarship committee to oversee transfer of funds and oversee communications with UW and the recipient.