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March 10, 2016 – 10:00 AM
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informative meeting)**

**Next BOARD MEETING Thursday,
March 3, 2016 – 10:00 AM
ODFW BUILDING**

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

The board of directors has decided that *July 1st of each year will be the due date for all membership annual dues.* The bookkeeper, treasurer and membership coordinator suggested that their jobs would be much easier and more efficient when everyone paid at the same time. You will receive a prorated billing inside your April Riffle. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during our change over.

\$20.00 - Individual Membership or
\$30.00 - Immediate family
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President's Corner

By David Sophusson

Hi all, by the time you read this issue of the Riffle all of our little babies will have been placed into the raceways. We started to pond them on Feb 17th and should have them all in the raceways by March 1. It's hard to imagine what it is like for them being born in a little tray with 2500-3000 of their brothers and sisters and then being released into a raceway. Speaking of raceways our liners are getting to the end of their useful life so over the next three years we will be replacing one per year after each release starting with raceway #3. Number three has some issues with the substrate and not knowing what or how long it's going to take to repair we have decided to pond our first group of fish in it instead of raceway #1. So by releasing #3 first in August it will give us some extra time to make repairs and replace the liner. This year's budget meeting we came up with a lot of necessities and wants for the hatchery so throughout the year you may notice some changes and improvements. So here we go again doing what we do best raising some great Chinook salmon. Thanks All!

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CAF General Meeting- Feb. 11, 2016

David Sophusson- the CAF president called the meeting to order at 10:12am. The minutes from the December general meeting were approved as printed in *The Riffle*. David welcomed the 3 new board members- Barbara Hoffman, Barbara Huff and Gene Trinkler – and thanked them for volunteering to serve on the board. David thanked Jim Freedman (retired) for having served on the board and volunteering to continue as the CAF representative to the Lower Rogue Watershed Council.

Treasurer's report- Barbara Huff, the new treasurer, reported the income for Jan. of \$131.78 and a monthly loss of \$4,897.78. There's normally a loss this time of year, but the major expense for Jan. was a \$3,000 replacement liner for raceway 3. The board approved a balanced budget of \$34,629, which was passed around. David thanked Barb and Becky Sophusson for the many hours in preparing a very detailed budget along with projected expenses for necessary near term projects and the possible costs of desired long term projects. Becky explained why CAF should consider changing the accounting to the Quick Book program.

Membership- The board approved converting the due date for all membership and sponsor dues to July 1st beginning this year. Notifications of the change will appear in *The Riffle* and there will be adjustments and pro-rations made for dues already paid this year. In order to eliminate the expense of returned newsletters due to various postal regulations, "Return Service Requested" has been removed from the mailing label.

Hatchery- Vice president, Gary Underhill, reported: some fish are ready to relocate to their new home next week; the feeding schedule will start in March; a patch will be attempted on the leak in the head box of raceway 1; an inquiry was received about a possible adult mentoring program; all systems are ready for the new season.

ODFW- Reel Fishing Days are at the end of April and work has been done around and in the pond at Arizona Beach to make it more accessible and weed free for improved fishing and catching.

Scholarships- In accordance with our educational mission, CAF used to award scholarships to graduating high school students. The board approved a \$500 scholarship award for each of the 3 Curry County High Schools. Jack Sheehan and Barbara Hoffman met with the principal, counsellor and science teacher at Gold Beach high School to establish the requirements to qualify for 2016. Since this is a new project this year, there isn't enough time to establish the award for all 3 schools, but Jack and Barbara will have the basics to expand the award to all the schools next year.

Raffle- Gene Trinkler conducted another exciting raffle, but he's always looking for a replacement. If you've always wanted to be a raffleeer, talk to Gene.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am
Submitted by Glenn Kral, CAF Secretary



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Race way #3-

Fishing Quote of the Month

"The best time to fish is when the water is liquid"



"This sure beats the presentation I was supposed to give at work today"

Hatchery Happenings

Submitted by:

Chris Underhill, Volunteer Coordinator 247-0396

Spring has sprung, and we now have 30,000 Chinook Salmon Babies in Raceway #3 as of Feb 20th we started handfeeding the fry every 2 hours at 10am, Noon, 2pm & 4pm every day, the fry are catch on to this eating thing real quick. As they begin to grow bigger we'll set up the automatic feeders.

We started with race way #3 this year because we plan to replace the liner as soon as we release the smolt in August giving us and early start on the repairs.

In just 97 days the fertilized Salmon eggs have grown from Alevin to buttoned-up fry. When the Alevin, loose their egg sacs it's time to move new fry to the race ways. I've been calling new volunteers to help put the fry into the raceways. I'm trying to spread the wealth, because I know everyone likes to help with the fish. Raceway's #2 and #1 should be up and running by the end of Feb. or the 1st week in March. I'm developing a new calendar.



The fry in Raceway #3 chowing down



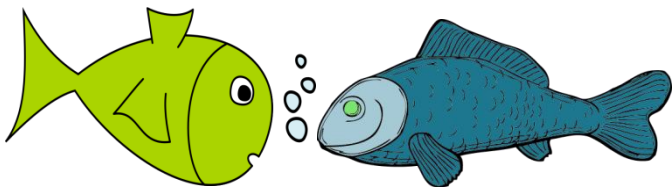
Gary Underhill 10:00 AM hand feeding 2/23/16
we need volunteers to help with the feeding.

Daily feeder's check the water flow and take temps in the incubator room, until all the stacks are empty. Please check the board for feeding instructions on each race way. Take your time with the handfeeding. When filling the automatic feeders make sure to pull the belt enough to engage the timer, if the timer isn't moving, flick the belt until the timer engages, then clean off belt and spread food. If you ever have feeder problems, call me or Gary, we have backup feeders. Clean the screens at the top and bottom of each raceway count and log all dead fish removed.

We currently have 10,000 eggs in the Cedar Valley Hatch box; they will be released into the creek in March. We need to extend the pipe into the creek and remove the screen so the fry will swim out when they are ready, well need some volunteer cub scouts to help net and release. The guys have had a few work parties and have repaired the UV lights in the filtration unit, they've dug out the spring line, a couple of times, they built a new 6 inch intake for the emergency line, and pressure washed to prepare the raceways and set-up the screens. Thanks to all the volunteers for all their hard work.

I have a couple of things to put on your calendar. First, we are preparing for Reel Days at Arizona Beach, this is where ODFW Youth Anglers & Aquatic Instructors, along with CAF & OSCF get as many volunteers as possible and we teach all the 3rd graders from the surrounding area how to fish!! If you haven't helped us before it's a lot of fun. We need volunteers to help teach the kids to fish, to clean fish or to bake food for the volunteers. Brookings kids will be fishing Tues. April 19 and Thur. April 21, the Gold Beach kids will be fishing Tues. April 26th and Thur. April 28th will be the Pt. Orford kid's day. There's nothing like helping a child catch their first fish and we fish, rain or shine!! National Resource Day is May 6th at Indian Creek Hatchery, 8 different stations will be set up and the 4th and 5th graders from Gold Beach and Pt. Orford will participate. The kids will tour the hatchery station, and then feed the fish. The Libby Pond Kid's Fishing Derby will be Saturday June 4th, 8am to noon, we'll have hot dogs & lemonade with raffle prizes and fishing fun!

Last, but not least, the fin clipping trailer will be



"I like insects, mollusks, and crustaceans for now. When I get older, the future is bleak"

heading to Gold Beach mid-June. I can't seem to find the date it's normally around June 18th. I know it was always right before the 4th of July. Our booth has arrived, are we doing the 4th of July booth this year? The Cape Blanco Music Festival will be the beginning of August. Thank you & please call with any questions or problems 1-541-247-0396.
Christine Underhill, CAF Volunteer Coordinator

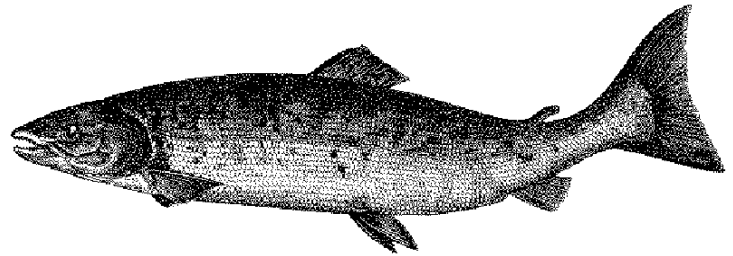
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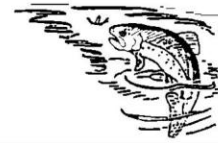
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