

WFFC BOARD MEETING

Date: **January 2, 2008**
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: The Seattle Tennis Club

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call: John Schuitemaker, Doug Schaad, Michael Wearne, Pat Peterman, Craig Koeppler, Keith Robbins, Jim Macdonald, Bill Neal, David Hawkinson, Chuck Ballard, Don Simonson, Rocco Maccarrone, Pete Baird, Bill Kuper, Ed Sozinho, and Marty Leith.
2. Minutes approved without modification.
3. Agenda Modifications: None
4. President's comments:
 - Bill Kuper welcomed everyone, new officers
 - Reminded all that the next board meeting will be on the first Tuesday of February
 - Bill asked that the dues increase and dues form be included in this month's Creel Notes
 - John clarified the Creel Notes distribution process for Bill and board members.
5. **Old Business**

Christmas Party – Craig Koeppler gave an overview of the Christmas Party results. Not all the data is in yet – final results will be presented in February. Fund raising results exceeded previous year. Total revenues were \$5000 to \$7000 over last year. \$1600 was raised from the fly box raffle sales. Discussion ensued about the benefit or lack thereof of the “elves” in getting additional sales. David Hawkinson noted that elves did not assist with ticket sales in any significant way and depending on cost we could avoid that expense at future parties. The raffle portion of the fundraising had the greatest increase with \$4500 more in raffle sales this year than last year. 188 people attended the party. \$28000 in total revenue was received. \$17000 in net revenue after most expenses (some still coming in). There was some discussion on ideas for 2008's party.

Frank Headrick Birthday Party as February Program – Pete Baird gave an overview of the planning for the birthday celebration. Greg Minaker is working on a slide show. There will be a panel of Frank's “buddies” to discuss old times and tell stories. Discussion ensued about securing multiple microphones for the panelists and moderator. It was suggested that a video camera be used to record the party. Parking at the Seattle Tennis Club was discussed with a reminder that members must use the last two rows. Pete to invite the two sons of Frank Headrick to attend. Jim MacDonald has a source for a birthday cake – it will be cleared with the Seattle Tennis Club if an outside cake can be brought in. Pete B. will create a Creel Notes announcement in January to advertise the celebration. Bill K. to check on cost and availability of champagne for toasting Frank from the Seattle Tennis Club. Bill Neal asked if any additional award needs to be created for Frank – discussion ensued and it was determined that the party itself is ample award.

Home Waters – Rocco M. presented on the status of the Home Waters committee. King's Lake was brought to the attention of the committee by Dick Pierson. The committee is following up this promising lead.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Don Simonson announced that Chuck Tye (sp?) has taken on responsibility for PHWFF for the NW. Jim McRoberts has agreed to head up the effort for the WFFC. The WFFC will allow PHWFF a portion of our table at the fly fishing show at Maydenbauer in February.
6. **New Business**

Dinner Meeting Format — Keith Robbins began the discussion and made suggestions regarding changing the flow and timing of the dinner meetings to better honor the guest speaker and make the business portion of the dinner shorter. These included sending the microphone around once for guest introductions and fishing reports. To have the speaker present before business is discussed. Make the fishing reports random so we hear from members who don't usually speak. A lot of discussion ensued with Bill K. taking to the white board to map out an agenda. Different things will be tried to get make

the meeting more efficient and Bill took on the challenge of doing so over the course of the coming month's meetings.

Credits for Participation – Ed Sozinho suggested the club institute a credit system that tracks member participation. Credits would be awarded for attending meetings to chairing committees and holding office. The credit system would be used to reward active members and alert non-active members. The goal would be to communicate to new members that their participation is necessary to remain in the club. The idea garnered interest with more discussion to come.

7. **Committee Reports**

Conservation: No report

Youth: No report

Heritage: February meeting will serve as this year's heritage meeting normally done in November

Outdoors: Bill K. is seeking an outdoors chairman.

Programs: Keith discussed an overview of the speakers for 2008. They will be presented in the Creel Notes and the website.

Awards: Bill Neal spoke about the planning for the January Awards meeting. He will coordinate with Bill K. regarding some award presentations. Bill reminded the program chairman that wine needs to be provided.

Creel Notes: It was mentioned that Creel Notes submissions are due by Tuesday, January 8th.

Ghillie: Jim MacDonald had several items to mention regarding the Ghillie's responsibilities:

- Requested that there are more people with key's so that others can run items to and from the storage facility.
- Wondered about presentation screen availability at STC, Bill K. to follow up with STC catering.
- Will have separate tickets for dinner, beer & wine, and liquor
- Fly swap box was discussed. There is no apparent interest from members so will only be presented periodically.
- Membership brochures need to be printed as we seem to be running out. Some discussion as to whether there might be more available somewhere.
- Will be removing all WFFC items from storage at College Club in next couple of weeks.

Membership: There will be two members to vote on at the next available meeting. Pat made request that Board members sign up for duty at the WFFC table for Maydenbauer fly fishing show to help with recruiting.

Education: Fly tying class started Jan. 3rd. There were 10 students signed up.

Bar: No report

Library: Michael will arrange for group to sort and organize books at storage locker in February.

FFF/WCFF: Fly casting competition planning has begun. Ed Sozinho will be heading this up.

Raffle: No report

Website: No report

Foundation: There will be a meeting of the Foundation in February one week prior to board meeting

Treasurer: Noted that signature authority for our bank account must be changed. John Schuitemaker and John Huey to be taken off, and President Bill Kuper and Treasurer Scott Hagen to be added.

Publicity: No report

Rosters/Labels: There will be information forthcoming on a memorial service for Lyle Manson.

Fruit & Flowers: No report

Photographer: No report

8. Around the Table: Time ran out on the meeting so this was not done.

9. Adjourned at 9:40

Submitted by, John Schuitemaker (substituting for Secretary Jim Morrison)