



# Washington Fly Fishing Club

## February 2011 - Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 1st, 7:00 p.m. Seattle Tennis Club

# Minutes

Rocco Maccarrone	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Dave Ehrich	1st VP - Membership	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Mike Wearne	2nd VP - Programs	P	Doug Schaad	Conservation	P
Mike Santangelo	3rd VP - Christmas Party	P	Jim Van De Erve	Creel Notes & Dry Falls	
Don Barton	Treasurer	P	Jim Higgins	Education	P
Ron Tschetter	Secretary	P	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	P
Jim McDonald	Ghillie	P	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator	
Conrad Gowell	Asst. Ghillie *		Mike Santangelo	Home Waters	P
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Mike Wearne	Librarian	P
Scott Hagen	Trustee		Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls	P
Craig Koeppler	Trustee		Jim McDonald	Photographer	P
Steve Sunich	Trustee	P	Robert Tovar	Publicity	P
Bob Young	Trustee	P	Dave Hawkinson	Raffle	P
Chapin Henry	Trustee	P	John Schuitemaker	Rosters/Labels	
Gil Nyerges	Sr. Advisor *		Greg Crumbaker	Foundation	
Pat Peterman	Past President	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
Pat Peterman	Sr. Parliamentarian *	P	Dick Brening	Youth	P
* = non voting member			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	P

**P= Present** **Blue – Denotes Changes (Replacement or New Approval)**

- ✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:04 PM
- ✓ January minutes were approved by Board
- ✓ The club received letters of acknowledgement and appreciation for 2010 service and support from the following organizations and are on file with the WFFC secretary
  - Reel Recovery
  - Coastal Conservation Association
  - Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest

## Old Business

### 1. Conservation \$'s

- a. RFP was submitted to Board by Doug Schaad



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- b. Accepted by the Board

**2. South Sound Coho**

- a. Dave Schorsch has a meeting with SS Coho interested parties in Puyallup (Middle of February) to discuss potential projects and approaches
- b. Clubs Involved
  - i. South Sound Fly Fishers – Olympia
  - ii. Puget Sound Fly Fishers – Tacoma
  - iii. Others
- c. Comment: Real Estate downturn has been both good and bad. The bad is that some of the potential target sites for conservation work have been purchased and may be out as originally targeted plans of support.

**3. Membership Enhancement**

- a. Idea brought forth
  - i. A member brings a guest to the club, he gains one raffle ticket (this can also be applied to outings) – has to be a legitimate guest with the potential to join the club
- b. These accumulated raffle tickets will be put in a pot for special drawing at the Club Christmas Party
  - i. Member who has accumulated more tickets (of course) will have better chance of winning.
  - ii. The prize selected for this drawing will be “worthwhile”

**4. Tri-fold Club Brochure**

- a. The proofs are in the care of Kris Kristofferson
  - i. A new brochure is the goal with a combination of Stream Ethics included



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- ii. Since this brochure is to be all new – it might be better to re-do this brochure in MS Publisher as a software format
- iii. Bob Tovar, Jim Higgins and Ron Tschetter will work together to get this brochure ready for print - include insert with 2011 Programs and Outings
- iv. Cost for printing 500 brochures from 2005 is ~ \$576.00.

**5. Home Waters**

- a. Some discussion on construction project, what are our obligations with the budget crunch in the club.
  - i. Project is going on as planned but there may be some re-design of structure (\$150.00 to get re-approved by Kittitas County)
  - ii. Plan is still to move forward

**New Business**

**6. Trustee Nomination**

- a. Steve Sunich was unanimously approved replacing Andrew Bennett's term as a club trustee

**7. Publicity Chair**

- a. Bob Tovar is our new Publicity Chair.
  - i. Will work with Ron Tschetter, Jim Higgins, Bob Young and Mike Wearne to get brochure put together
  - ii. Jim Higgins also would like to get some info in the brochure about education
  - iii. Other ideas
    - 1. Article in the Seattle Times about the club as possibility

**8. New Youth Chair Appointment**



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- a. Dick Brening assigned to youth chair
- b. Dick distributed questionnaire (survey) to board members
  - i. Dick has listed ~ dozen idea's targeting youth
  - ii. Dick asked board members to rate each idea with the goal of selecting an idea to focus our time and monies

**9. New Foundation Trustees for 2011**

- a. Don Schaad, Chapin Henry, Steve Sunich
  - i. All approved by the board

**10. Christmas Party 2011**

- a. Mike Santangelo asked for board approval to continue with the Herban Feast as a location for annual Christmas party
  - i. Approved
- b. Move Christmas Party date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December (13<sup>th</sup>) vs. the 3<sup>rd</sup> week – the thought that this years was too close to Christmas
  - i. Approved
- c. More a focus on fund raising for 2011
- d. This last year has been tough to get big items for the party
  - i. Mike asked for help for raising money
  - ii. Possible paid trips (taking good spender on fishing trip
    1. i.e humpy fishing – offer it to someone who can pay

**11. Outings**

- a. Yakima Outing in September
  - i. Budget issues?



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- ii. Mike spoke up – would have to fill in with speaker if this doesn't happen – has a couple people in mind –free
- b. Lake Lenice Cleanup outing
  - i. Later in the season – possibly October
    - 1. Casual Outing? Not official?

**12. Sequim Fly Show**

- a. Should we have a table?
  - i. Small show – local venue
    - 1. It was decided that the club will not participate

**13. Stream and Beach Rights**

- a. Sunich idea of tote card
  - i. Explain rights of beach and stream
- b. Possible sources
  - i. Outdoor Access Coalition
  - ii. Puget Sound Partnership
    - 1. Sunich to investigate further

**14. Resignations**

- a. The club received the following member resignations
  - i. Ed Pettigrew, Ed Sozinho, Bill Kuper, Earl Harper, Scott Rosenkranz, Doug Smith, Andrew Bennett
  - ii. Rocco read the letter to the board – which essentially had to do with the diversity of the club – gender issue.
    - 1. It was agreed not to respond to the letter



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2. Not to grant the cover e-mail's request to publish it on the website
3. It was agreed to accept the resignations and move on
4. A copy of the e-mail and letter are on file with the secretary

**15. Dry Falls Water Level**

- a. Jim Van de Erve is active on this project
- b. Surplus Water is available and can be purchased
  - i. Contracts with Bureau of Reclamation is the way it's usually done
  - ii. Continue with investigation

**16. Ed Sozinho Past President Resignation**

- a. Ed's resignation as a board and voting member required the board to act
- b. Pat Peterman volunteered to take his position as the Past President (since he was the president before Ed)
  - i. Motion approved by board

**17. 2011 Budget**

- a. Treasurer Don Barton handed out excel sheets with past, present and proposed income and expenses information
  - i. Club has been running a deficit for the last few years
  - ii. Goal: to reverse the trend and balance the budget
  - iii. How: reverse spending by \$8,000 is the president's goal
- b. Don Barton went over the proposed budget for 2011
- c. Line Items
  - i. Home Waters – Yakima River
    1. Chapin Henry suggested a count of people who actually use it



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2. Currently it is a “sacred cow” and won’t be touched
3. \$1270 taken out of Home water Structure
- ii. Christmas Party
  1. Focus on Larger Income 2011 - +\$29,000
- iii. President Dinner
  1. Chopped
- iv. Creel Notes
  1. Mailed Copies – February issue will be last full mailing.
  2. Will still mail out copies to 11 members and NGO’s that have no e-mail address (total of ~ 25 copies)
- v. Contributions
  1. Reel Recovery – cut
  2. Casting Forward – cut
- d. Bottom Line
  - i. 2011 Budget ended with discussed cut at \$1.00 surplus!
  - ii. Column A (with discussed cuts) was approved unanimously

**18. Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 PM**



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