



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
 Seattle Tennis Club
Minutes

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	p
Ron Little	1st VP - Membership	p	Gene Gudger	Bar	p
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs	p	Doug Schaad	Conservation	p
Dick Robbins	3rd VP – Christmas Party	p	Jim Macdonald	Creel Notes	D
Don Barton	Treasurer	p	Jim Higgins	Education	D
Gary Bergquist	Secretary	p	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	p
Jim Macdonald	1 st Ghillie	p	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator	
	2nd. Ghillie *		Kris Kristoffersen & Steve Suni	Home Waters	
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian	p
	TRUSTEES & GUESTS		Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls	
Rocco Maccarrone	Past President		Jim McDonald	Photographer	p
Roger Rohrbeck	Trustee	p	Robert Tovar	Publicity	
Dave Hawkins	Trustee	p	David Hawkinson	Raffle	p
Bob Young	Trustee		John Schuitemaker	Rosters Publication	
Chapin Henry	Trustee	p	Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Don Schroeder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	p
Gene Gudger	Trustee	p	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	p
Jim McRoberts	Guest	p	Dick Brening	Youth	p
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	p
			Kent Lufkin	75 th Anniversary	

P= Present, ,

RED= Revisions to Original, R= Revision, A=Addition, D= Deletion

✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 PM

Minutes of the February 5, 2013 meeting. Reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes approved.

A discussion was had as to the merits of posting minutes to the Club web site prior to being approved by the Board. The consensus was to not make any changes at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Fly Fishing Show



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Mike Wearne, President, reported to the Board the WFFC booth at the Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show generated a list 38 individuals requesting additional information on the Club. Ron Little, 1st VP-Membership, said he will send letters to all of those persons. Little will make arrangements with the Ghillie should one or more potential members attend a Club meeting such that Little is advised of their arrival and is able to extend a proper greeting.

New Business

1. International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) Membership

Robert Burdick moved that the Board recommend to the WFFC the Club initiate proceedings to be re-affiliated with the IFFF. Burdick's motion was seconded. Club Member Jim McRoberts spoke to the Board about the two forms in which a club may participate with the IFFF; as an Affiliate Member or as a Charter Member. After extended discussion by the members of the Board and other attendees, the Burdick motion was passed. As a part of the discussion President Wearne said he will contact the chief executive officer of the IFFF and the president of the IFF Washington Council to invite them to the April members meeting. At that time Wearne and McRoberts will discuss some of the issues and considerations in becoming re-affiliated with the IFFF which will include proper recognition of the WFFC as a founding member of the IFFF in its publications, letterhead and electronic media.

2. Dry Falls Ramp

Robert Burdick commenced a discussion on the inadequacy of the boat ramp at Dry Falls. Burdick stated there is interest on the part of several WFFC members to initiating discussions with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) and Washington State Parks to identify possible capital improvements for the boat ramp. These improvements could potentially be funded or constructed by the WFFC and perhaps other fishing clubs. Members cautioned that these kinds of projects can have long gestation periods and may involve some level of



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environmental review. Burdick also shared with Board a discussion he had with a WDFW representative as to other capital improvements or maintenance projects in which the WFFC could be involved. In years past overtures of this nature had been brushed off or ignored by the WDFW; however, there now appears to be a genuine interest.

Burdick moved to authorize Craig Koeppler and other Club members selected by Koeppler to initiate discussions with the appropriate state agencies. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Lake Hannon (Snohomish County)

President Wearne reported to the Board that he has had tentative discussions with a representative of the owner of Lake Hannon for use of Lake Hannon and the existing facilities (cabins, outdoor cooking facilities and the like) as a possible alternative Home Waters. Wearne said he felt initial discussions were positive and a representative of the owner will be getting back to him.

6. Northwest Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Expo

Jim Higgins said he would be attending this event as will a number of WFFC members.

7. Occupy Skagit

Material was circulated pertaining to this event.

8. Bylaws Review

Robert Burdick reviewed with the Board discussions he has had with other members as to possible amendments to the Club Bylaws. Of particular interest are those provisions relating to voting on new members and readmitting former members. Burdick noted Hugh Clark has volunteered to undertake a review of the WFFC Bylaws. This review would include surveys of members and his/her thoughts on bylaw



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provisions which may be candidates for amendment. A spirited discussion was had among the Board and attendees. Two provisions were identified and discussed as being in need of immediate attention. One such provision was Article II; Section 2 H which is, in effect, a “black ball” provision in voting for new members. The concern expressed about this provision is the potential for abuse, or perceived abuse, in admitting new members. The second provision receiving attention was Article III, Section 5 B. This section pertains to requirements imposed on readmission of former members. It was the feeling of a number of Board members that it made little sense to impose artificial hurdles on readmitting former members.

Motion was made to accept Clark’s offer to lead a group of members in a review of the bylaws and report back to the Board in a timely manner and, additionally, to give priority to proposed amendments to Article II, Section 2 H and Article III, Section 5 B and submit them to the Board within 30 days. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Operating Procedures

In advance of the meeting, Roger Rohrbeck provided each member of the Board with proposed changes to the operating procedures. Rohrbeck stated that, with one exception, the proposed changes were necessitated by the action taken by the membership in changing membership requirements. The exception was the proposed changes to the operating procedure for the Membership Committee. Proposed changes for the Membership Committee have been sitting unaddressed for a number of years and were originally proposed by Pat Peterman and reflect the manner in which the Membership Committee currently operates.

Rohrbeck moved the Board approve the proposed changes to the operating procedures. The motion was seconded and passed.

[All of the changes to the operating procedures have been signed by President Wearne and are on file with the Secretary.]



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Committee Reports

1. Fruit and Flowers – Pete Baird

Pete is following the condition of a member will report as circumstances allow.

2. WFFC Foundation – Greg Crumbaker

Greg Crumbaker advised the Board the WFFC Foundation has requested the WFFC Board to appoint a member of the Foundation's board to fill a vacancy due to the imminent resignation of one of its board members. Hugh Clark was nominated to serve as a member of the WFFC Foundation. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Programs – Robert Burdick

Robert Burdick reminded the Board that Gene Gudger will not only be the speaker for the next meeting but the guest tyer as well.

4. Outings-

President Wearne observed the first outing of the year will be on March 16th at Lone Lake.

6. Education-Jim Higgins

Jim Higgins told the Board the casting classes are scheduled to begin shortly with 8 persons signed up for the advance class and he anticipated about 30 students will be attending the beginners class.

Other:

The Board voted to accord Harlan French Senior Status.



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Meeting adjourned @ 9:30 pm

Submitted by Gary Bergquist March 14, 2013