



# Washington Fly Fishing Club

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2012, 7:00 P.M. Revision = R1

Seattle Tennis Club

### Minutes

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

P= Present, Red=Action Items, Blue = Denotes Guest(s)

✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 PM

## Special Attention Topic

### 1. CLEP- Center for Environmental Law and Policy Letter – Dr. Fran Wood

- A. Fran Wood received a letter from CLEP outlining their current projects and asking us (as a club) to join them publically as an advocate for rivers and streams
- B. A few specific items were asked for:
  - i. To add our WFFC letterhead to theirs to show our advocacy to their aims
  - ii. Request a letter to go out to each club member for a donation
- C. Conservation chair – Doug Schaad reminded the board that we are on the hook for matching funds for 2011 (there is some accounting issues that make it 2011 funds)



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D. Doug also reminded us that conservation will have to present any 2012 “future funds” for approval.

- i. **A motion to join letterheads was approved by the board, then revised. It was decided (in place of the joint letterhead motion) that Fran Wood and Mike Wearne would get together and write a “cover letter” indicating club support.**
- ii. **Conservation to bring request for 2012 funds to the next board meeting**
- iii. **Mike also suggested that Fran talk to “Suzanne” to contact other clubs for support, maybe include FFF**

#### **2. Photo Contest – Mike Wearne**

A. Jim McDonald responded that nothing much has happened so far

- i. **Will get with Pete Draghon about it**

#### **3. Fly Plate – Jim McDonald**

A. Jim McDonald has 2 CD’s of pictures

1. Put a copy on display (tripod) at the next membership meeting for display
2. Going to use Costco to print them up probably ~\$10.00 each
  - a. **Jim McDonald to find out exact cost from Costco**

B. It was also mentioned that we probably should get permission from the purchaser of the fly plate to print this – *We don’t know who purchased it*

- i. **Pete Baird to mail Don Barton his Christmas program where he took some notes on who purchase what**

#### **4. Seafair – Mike Wearne**

A. Talked to President of Seafair

- i. No activity so far

## **New Business**

#### **5. Creel Notes Advertising – Mike Wearne**

A. Member approached Mike about putting a personal classified ad in the Creel Notes

B. Discussion agreement is that this has been already approved for members of the club

- i. Outside vendors or members are not authorized



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C. The board reaffirmed that this is an acceptable policy

#### **6. Christmas Party Cost – Bill Neal**

A. Bill Neal reviewed in detail the bill we got from the Herban Feast (Christmas Party)

i. Expensive overhead (in a nutshell) –(i.e. \$ .85 – napkins)

1. Other venues – have they been considered?

a. We haven't re-upped with Herban Feast as of yet

b. Tennis Club – could handle the crowd – Explore this option

c. Space Needle - negatives, may not have the podium/ announcing direction we'd want, Parking problem

d. Hyatt Bellevue – looked promising, lots of parking, \$75.00 a plate thrown out as a starting number

2. Other potential places mentioned:

a. Oddfellows Hall Capitol Hill – negatives: Parking

b. Swedish Club – negatives: never get back to anyone when contacted

c. Washington Women's Club: negatives, gender issue

d. Mercer Island Community Center: negatives, will need own caterer, beer and wine might not be tolerated

e. Also mentioned: smorgasbord option may be cheaper than plate dinners

#### **7. Christmas Party 2012 – Mike Wearne**

A. Need to pick a Chairman for the upcoming 2012 Party

i. **Board members - send Mike Wearne e-mail's for potential candidates**

ii. **Mike Wearne to start calling potential prospects this month**

#### **8. Membership Renewals – John Gravendyk**

A. 14 non responses

B. 4 resignations

C. A number of current members mentioned they wouldn't be coming to membership meetings but still keeping their membership – good reflection on the club

#### **9. Perry Barth Letter and Response – Craig Koeppler**

A. Craig drafted a response letter to Perry Barth



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- i. Perry's concerns were:
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  - 2. Yakima Homewaters – let's "cut our losses"
- B. Perry responded back to Craig
  - i. Perry is taking his own straw poll about "changes" with his long time member friends – positive "changes" (i.e. gender)

## Committee Reports

### **10. Conservation – Mike Schaad**

- A. As for now, Elwha River will not have any proposed Chambers Creek Steelhead introduced by Indian tribe stocking program in concurrence with dam removal efforts
  - i. Other items:
    - 1. Curtailment of hatcheries in the future is very probable
- B. **Short periodic reports on the Elwha to Jim Van DeErve for Creel Notes as news becomes available – Doug Schaad**

### **11. Education – Jim Higgins**

- A. Fly Casting Classes start the 1<sup>st</sup> week in April
  - i. Signups ( currently):
    - 1. 4 advanced class
    - 2. 19 for beginning class
    - 3. Class information has been sent to the Seattle Times for publication

### **12. Fruit and Flowers – Pete Baird**

- A. Current Reports
  - i. Greg Crumbaker – Doing well
  - ii. Bill Rundall (wife Chris) at Skyline – recovering well from back issues – will be home in a week or two
  - iii. Perry Barth – Recovering from glucose problem – doing fine
  - iv. Dave Ishii (member who passed away) – **moment of silence for him will be observed at the next membership meeting**
  - v. Marv Young – hospice care – no recent reports

### **13. Outings – Dave Schorsch**

- A. Lone Lake – this Saturday
  - 1. New members outing
  - 2. Other clubs will be there also



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- B. Outing information isn't available to non-members to sign up for an outing
  - i. If the goal is to attract members, then non-members should be able to sign up for an outing to introduce themselves to the club and club members
  - ii. There were no objections from any board members
    - 1. **Dave Schorsch will contact Roger Rohrbeck to see what can be done about "uncoupling" the outing signup sheets from the member only logon.**
- C. Dry Falls
  - i. **Dave Schorsch to send informational announcement to Mike Wearne for at the next membership meeting**
- D. Replacement Tents
  - i. May need to spend some money for a couple of replacement tents –  
(2 of them look in bad shape structurally)

#### **14. Youth – Dick Brening**

- A. Salmon in the Classroom (program presentation by teachers at our February meeting) will be pursued
  - i. **Request for funds application has been sent to their group/ organization for them to write up – “we think this happened” – “Hugh sent it” Note: probably needs a follow up to insure that an application was sent to Salmon in Classroom folks.**

#### **15. Programs – Bob Burdick**

- A. Bob is looking ahead to next year (2013)
  - i. Would like to line up guest speakers for year 2013 (early months) ahead of time
    - 1. So the 2013 program officer doesn't have to scramble to find guest speakers early in the year
    - 2. **Send an e-mail to Bob indicating speakers you would like to see**
- B. Trying to get in contact with “Paache”?
  - i. **Would like input from board/club members on high profile fly fishing speakers they would like to have as program guest speaker - send e-mail input to Bob Burdick**

#### **16. Around the Room**

- A. Jim Van De Evre



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- i. **Would like a post Lone Lake outing article/report for Creel Notes from Dave Schorsch**
    - ii. **Any trip reports are welcome additions for Creel Notes**
  - B. Mike Wearne
    - i. **Christmas Party VP Selection needs to be done by next meeting**
  - C. John Gravendyk
    - i. Possible potential member in the works
  - D. Mike Wearne
    - i. **Ishii write up**
  - E. Jim Higgins
    - i. Casting Classes start in April
  - F. Dick Brening
    - i. Fly Tiers Roundtable – would like to have a better turnout
      - 1. Occurs second Wednesday of the month – Mercer Island Covenant Church @~ 6:30 start time
  - G. Chuck Ballard
    - i. Need release from purchaser of fly plate at Christmas Party to have fly plate photograph sold – **Jim McDonald to call “Ollie Cobb” – someone mentioned that may have been who purchased the fly plate**
- ✓ Meeting was adjourned @ 8:51 PM