

WFFC BOARD MEETING

Date: **April 1, 2008**
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: The Seattle Tennis Club

AGENDA:

Roll Call: Doug Schaad, Michael Wearne, Pat Peterman, Craig Koeppler, Jim Macdonald, Chuck Ballard, Rocco Maccarrone, Pete Baird, Bill Kuper, Scott Hagen, Jim Morrison, Ed Pettigrew, and Jim VanDeErve.

Minutes approved without modification.

Agenda Modifications: None

Next Month's Board Meeting; May 6th

President's comments: Bill Kuper welcomed everyone and commented that the Home Waters project for the Yakima site was approved and that he expected that the final contract for the site would be completed in the next two weeks now that Darlene was back from vacation. He estimated a late May timeframe for construction of the site.

OLD BUSINESS

March Meeting

Everyone had quite positive comments about the bourbon tasting event. It was also mentioned that people should sign up early for the Tom Douglas event in June 15th at the Palace Ballroom as there is limited seating. Sign up should be done through the club web site.

Project Healing Waters Update

Chuck Ballard indicated that the first orientation had been completed. He said it went OK but could have been better organized by the VA rep.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Peterman – Dues and membership

Pat indicated that there were 188 members on the roster that one member had died and one chose not to renew from last year. Dues have been collected from all but 20 members. All had been contacted and indicated that they were going to pay. This is the first year that age information was available for the club. It shows that the median age is 62.8 years old. There are four new members in the pipeline of which three need to be interviewed at the April dinner meeting. Three additional invitations have been extended to contacts from the Fly Fishing Expo.

Roco Maccarrone – Home Waters

Roco said that the committee was continuing to look for lake access. Camp Kory in Carnation and King's Lake in Duval were being investigated.

Scott Hagen – Finance

Scott delivered the state of the clubs finances: Checking Account - \$31,437; a CD for \$42,217; a second CD (Conservation project only) for \$22,000 and an additional \$23,000 in a money market account. Scott further requested that all bills/invoices come directly to his home instead of the club PO Box in order to pay bills on time.

This idea was discussed at length and it was determined that the PO Box on Mercer Island should be continued for address continuity. Pete Baird will continue to collect from the box and distribute the correspondence to the appropriate Board member for action. However there is an issue concerning location of PO Box keys. Jim McDonald said that the Gillie should be the keeper of the key location as part of the managing the club's general inventory. The Board was in agreement.

Mike Wearne

Mike mentioned that the Northwest Youth & Fly Fishing Academy was looking for donations. The goal of this group is to educate young people to care for the environment through fly fishing. The consensus of the Board is that more information is needed for a decision. General comments from the Board indicated that there needs to be a "re-vigoration" of the clubs youth programs. No further action was mentioned.

Bill Kuper

Bill indicated that there was a capacity issue with the Tennis Club and the club's Christmas party as the venue can only accommodate a maximum of 150 people. He indicated he would discuss the issue with the club and that he and Craig would take the lead in resolving the issue.

Pat Peterman

Pat requested that a notice/information appear in the Creel Notes about the WSCFFF Conclave in Ellensburg on May 3rd. The Board agreed.

Committee Reports

Conservation: Doug Schaad submitted a letter that the club is sending to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (See Attachment). The letter basically says that the club is worried about the killing of sea lions in the fish ladders and wants the state to use non-lethal methods to remove the predators. However, should the Commission chose to kill the animals, the club will not participate in any legal actions. (General comments from the Board members was that the State should kill the SOB's)

Youth: No report.

Heritage: No report.

Outdoors: Fall outings need to finalized and published in the Creel Notes.

Programs: No report.

Awards: No report.

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

Ghillie: See discussions above. Marty Leith will act as Gillie at the dinner meeting and that people are needed to help at the sign-in desk.

Library: No report.

Raffle: No report.

Website: Roger indicated that the web site should be used for Outings sign-up. It was agreed to make the modifications.

Foundation: No repost

Treasurer: See Budget Discussions.

Publicity: No report

Fruit & Flowers: Pete reported that Dick Thompson is now back home from the hospital. It was also decided that reports on member's health status be kept as emails rather than notices in the Creel Notes to maintain a more direct and personal contact with concerned members.

Photographer: No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by: Jim Morrison