



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, APRIL 1, 2014 7:00 P.M.
 Seattle Tennis Club
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	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Michael Moscynski	President		Bill Neal	Awards	
Charlie Davis	1st VP - Membership	p	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs	p	Doug Schaad	Conservation	p
Dave Schorsch	3rd VP – Christmas Party	p	Ron Tschetter	Creel Notes	
Bob Young	Treasurer	p	Pat Peterman	Education	p
Gary Bergquist	Secretary	p	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	p
Jim Macdonald	1 st Ghillie	p	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator	
Abe Lillard	2nd. Ghillie *		Kris Kristoferson & Steve Suni	Home Waters	
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian	p
	TRUSTEES & GUESTS		Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls	
Mike Wearne	Past President	p	Jim McDonald	Photographer	p
Roger Rohrbeck	Trustee	p	Steve Boyer	Publicity	
Dave Hawkinson	Trustee	p	David Hawkinson	Raffle	p
Maurice Skeith	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Rosters Publication	
Mark Pratt	Trustee		Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Don Schroeder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Gene Gudger	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	p
			Dick Brening	Youth	
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	p
			Dave Schorsch	75 th Anniversary	

P= Present, ,

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

✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 PM

In the absence of President Moscynski, Charlie Davis, 1st Vice President, chaired the meeting. Charlie called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present. Charlie asked for a motion to waive the reading of the March meeting minutes and to approve the same. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

Reports

Membership. Charlie Davis reported that applications for space for nonprofit organizations for the 2015 Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show would be available in June. Discussion was had as to the merits of paying commercial rates for a booth on the “main” floor of the event and of other



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uses of funds to attract new members. Pat Peterman observed that since the structure of the membership meetings was changed to place club business at the end of the meeting guests were not inclined to remain after the speaker and break. It is during the business session which prospective members would learn more about the Club. In Pat's view, prospective members need to learn what benefits there are to being a member. Some expressed opinions that funds would be better spent on developing activities which would be of interest to prospective members such as mentoring, clinics on aspects of fly fishing techniques, gear and related equipment.

Charlie then raised the question of whether or not the Club should pay for dinners of guests. After some discussion it did not appear to be too much enthusiasm for doing so.

Charlie said there would be one candidate for membership to be voted upon at the next membership meeting.

Programs. Bob Burdick noted the WFFC web site has been updated to reflect speakers for through the balance of the year and into 2015: Dave Fast, Regional Biologist for the Yakama Tribe, will speak at the September meeting and Kelly Galloup will speak at the November Meeting while Kelly Glissmeyer will speak at the February 2015 meeting.

75th Anniversary Celebration and Christmas Party. Dave Schorsch reported that while there have been some efforts on soliciting donations for auction/raffle at the Christmas party, he would not be working on that event until later in the year. Dave said he has had several meetings with members who have volunteered to help with the 75th Anniversary celebration. The group is planning on a limited number of door prizes but decided against using this event as a fund raiser. The current plan is to concentrate on the Club's past with displays of photographs, audios of interviews of past members, and the like. There will also be a "grip and grin" display of photos of Club members with a strong focus on the before and after.....that is photos of members as anglers in their youth as well as photos of more current vintage. Dave is encouraging all members to sort



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through old photos for this display. Dave will be looking for additional volunteers for specific tasks.

There are plans to purchase glass ware with a WFFC logo (specific to the 75th Anniversary). It is planned the tables will be set with one or more of these glasses for each member and guest. Dave will be putting some procedure in place to allow for members to purchase of additional glasses.

Treasurer. Bob Young passed out a statement which showed the Club's receipts and expenses through the first quarter of 20`4. Bob also reported the account with DA Davidson had been closed with the funds moved to the Club's account with BofA.

Secretary. The scrivener announced he is looking for a copy of the Club's liability insurance policy and if not located will obtain one from the agency through which the policy was purchased.

Ghillie Jim Macdonald said that it has come to his attention that a former Club president has not been given a past president's pin. It was suggested the matter be referred to Bill Neal.

Education. Pat Peterman told the attendees the registrations for the beginning and advanced fly casting classes was not as robust as in past years with 20 people signed up for the beginning class and 8 or so for the advanced class. There was discussion of the need for replacing the equipment used in these classes. The rods and reels used are showing their age and some hard use. Pat said that some rods are furnished to class participants; however, there is an expectation that each student is responsible for furnishing his/her own equipment.

Fruit & Flowers. Pete Baird led a discussion on contributions for the benefit of those impacted by the landslide at Oso. Motion was made to make a contribution of \$500 to the American Red Cross for this purpose. Motion was seconded and passed.



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Outings. Dave Schorsch told the attendees he had recently returned from Dry Falls. The water level has come up from last fall but the lake has not fully recovered. Dave said water was certainly fishable and the fishing was good and he is not inclined to change the upcoming outing to different location. Dave noted there were some changes made to the camp ground and would be speaking with the park ranger as to how these would impact the outing.

Dave mentioned that he would not be able to attend the Memorial Day weekend outing and is looking for someone to act as a host in his stead.

There was a general discussion of fish mortality in catch and release areas as Dave reported he saw a disturbing high number of dead fish at Dry Falls. In a discussion with a WDFW biologist it was said there may well be different approach taken on the number of fish which could be caught even though all were released. The morality rate will be considered a budget item as WDFW simply does not have funding for unlimited stocking.

Mike Wearne discussed a proposal he has from Camp Hamilton (Lake Hannon). The proposal is for the Club to use the camp on April 26th and two days in the fall. Mike will be contacting Camp Hamilton to work out the details. The proposal does not indicate there will be any cost to the Club.

Taxes. The scrivener reported that all income tax returns for the years 2010 through 2013 have been filed and the application for reinstatement of the Club's tax exempt status has also been filed. It is anticipated the Club will have its tax exempt status reinstated retroactively and should hear from the Internal Revenue Service in July or September.

Fly Tying/Fishing/Boy Scouts. Mike Wearne said he has learned that in order to work with the Scouts one needs to take a class offered by the Scouts which was described as involving a modest amount of time. Pat Peterman strongly suggested that one should go further and become a



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certified instructor for the Boy Scouts. Pat said instructors certified by the Boy Scouts were covered under the Scouts liability insurance.

FFF. The status of the WFFC as a member of the FFF was discussed but not resolved. Pat Peterman said he would contact the FFF to determine the current status.

Conservation. Doug Schaad said that a recent court ruling has generated somewhat of an upheaval in the WDFW and would have an impact on certain of its policies going forward.

Other. It was noted the Budget for 2014 should be presented to the membership for approval.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm

Submitted by Gary Bergquist
April 8th, 2013