



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

Seattle Tennis Club

Minutes

OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards
Ron Little	1st VP - Membership	p	Gene Gudger	Bar
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs	p	Doug Schaad	Conservation
Dick Robbins	3rd VP – Christmas Party		Jim Macdonald	Creel Notes
Don Barton	Treasurer	p	Jim Higgins	Education
Gary Bergquist	Secretary	p	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers
Jim Macdonald	1 st Ghillie	p	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator
	2nd. Ghillie *		Kris Kristoffersen & Steve Suni	Home Waters
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian
TRUSTEES & GUESTS			Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls
Rocco Maccarrone	Past President	p	Jim McDonald	Photographer
Roger Rohrbeck	Trustee	p		Publicity
Dave Hawkins	Trustee	p	David Hawkinson	Raffle
Bob Young	Trustee		John Schuitemaker	Rosters Publication
Chapin Henry	Trustee	p	Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor
Don Schroeder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation
Gene Gudger	Trustee	p	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage
Hugh Clark	Guest	P	Dick Brening	Youth
Craig Koeppler	Guest	P	Roger Rohrbeck	Website
			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 March, 2013, meeting. Reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes approved.

Old Business

None discussed.

New Business

1. International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF) Membership



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President Wearne reported that he has invited Phil Greenlea, President of the IFFF, to a meeting of the WFFC and will contact the president of the IFFF Washington Council to arrange for his attendance at the same meeting.

2. ByLaw Review

President Wearne asked Hugh Clark for a progress report on his work in identifying sections/provisions of the WFFC Bylaws which may be candidates for submission to the membership for amendment Clark handed out a list of proposed changes (copy on file with the Secretary). The proposed changes were identified by Hugh along with his informal committee of John Schuitemaker, Gil Nyerges and Kris Kristoferson. Clark led the Board through the list elaborating on the reasons for inclusion. A general discussion followed. Clark was requested by President Wearne to consider the input from the Board and attendees and prepare a revised list for the next Board meeting.

3. Lake Hannon (Snohomish County)

President Wearne reported to the Board that he is continuing his discussions with the owner of Lake Hannon but had no further information to report.

4. Dry Falls

Craig Koepler reported to the Board that he, Jim Young, Jim McRoberts and Scott Hagen have made some progress on the investigation as to what the WFFC may be able to accomplish towards improving the "boat ramp" at Dry Falls. Koepler said this project will involve more bureaucracy and "red tape" than initially thought. A series of photographs of the "boat ramp" was circulated to help illustrate its current condition. A discussion was had among the attendees as to potential challenges involved and alternative remedies for improving access to the lake. President Wearne observed that when the time arrives



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to begin implementation of a solution the WFFC should enlist other fly fishing clubs for financial contributions and political support.

5. Occupy Skagit

President Wearne noted the Occupy Skagit protest would be held on April 6, 2013.

6. Doug Rose Memorial

President Wearne told the Board a memorial was scheduled for Doug Rose on April 7, 2013 at the Orvis Bellevue store.

7. WFFC 75th Anniversary

A short discussion was led by President Wearne concerning what the WFFC may want to plan for its 75th Anniversary. President Wearne noted he would raise this matter with the general membership at the May meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Fruit and Flowers – Pete Baird

Pete told the attendees that he has heard that Dick Thompson is doing well.

2. Conservation – Doug Schaad

Doug advised the meeting that the Conservation Committee has one or more matters now under consideration and should be prepared to report on them within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

3. Programs – Robert Burdick



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Bob presented the Board with suggestions for potential speakers for 2014 and received comments from attendees as to specific individuals and groups as presenters. The Board and attendees gave Gene Gudger a round of applause for his excellent and well received presentation at the March meeting.

4. Outings- Dave Schorsch

Dave noted the Dry Falls outing is scheduled for April 20th. He said it is important to reserve a camp site on the Washington State Parks web site to alert the ranger as to how many members/guests are anticipated to attend. This information will be essential in making a decision to accelerate or delay certain planned construction.

5. Education-Jim Higgins

Jim Higgins told the Board the casting classes would begin shortly with the Advanced Casting Class at full capacity and 23 students enrolled for the Beginning Casting Class.

6. Membership – Ron Little

Ron reported to the Board that of the 37 persons who signed up for more information about the WFFC at the Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show, approximately 12 have responded favorably to his follow-up contacts. Some indicated a desire to attend a club meeting while others were looking for more information.

Other:

Dave Schorch described to the Board and attendees his observation of what he regarded as unethical angling practices at Dry Falls. Dave said that there were a number of anglers fishing with as many as 3 chironomids on a single line. Dave expressed his strong opinion that



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fishing with chironomid patterns presents a higher mortality rate than other fly fishing techniques and that, at some point, an angler has an ethical obligation to cease fishing using a technique which has a high mortality rate regardless of his/her release of fish caught.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:20 pm

Submitted by Gary Bergquist April 10, 2013