



**Washington Fly Fishing Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, 7:00 P.M.**  
 Seattle Tennis Club  
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	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIR	
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
John Gravendyk	1st VP - Membership	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	P
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	
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 Sun	Home Waters	P
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian	
	TRUSTEES & GUESTS		Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls	P
Rocco Maccarrone	Past President		Jim McDonald	Photographer	P
Craig Koeppler	Trustee	P	Robert Tovar	Publicity	
Steve Sunich	Trustee		David Hawkinson	Raffle	
Bob Young	Trustee	P	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	P
			Dick Brening	Youth	P
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	P
			Kent Lufkin	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	

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

✓ Meeting was called to order (*I was late*)

## Old Business

### 1. Seafair – Mike Wearne

- a. Fly fishing activity outing looks like a go – August timeframe
  - i. Picnic maybe included
    1. President thinks this will be very good advertisement for the club, in addition, a good activity for our servicemen
  - ii. **Mike Wearne to write up an article for Creel Notes**

### 2. Christmas Party Chairman/Location – Mike Wearne

- a. No inputs for possible candidates have been received
  - i. Comments from board members:
    1. Jay Deeds, Dick Stearns, “Abe” (lives on Whidbey), Bob Shore were suggested candidates
- b. Don Barton had talked to “Amy” about doing the Christmas Party at the Tennis Club
  - i. Preliminary cost appears to be cheaper than Herban Feast



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- ii. ~140 people attended the Christmas Party when it was held at the Tennis Club a couple of years ago
- iii. **Don Barton to talk further to “Amy” about holding the Christmas Party at the Tennis Club**

## **New Business**

### **3. Nominees to the WFFC Foundation Board – Mike Wearne**

- a. Dave Ehrich and Jack Berryman were nominated to the WFFC Foundation Board
  - i. Club board members have to approve nominations
    - 1. **Motion to approve both members to Foundation Board**
      - a. **Motion passed unanimously**

### **4. Youth Fitness Expo (Everett WA) May 12<sup>th</sup> – Dick Brening**

- a. Location: Comcast Arena
  - i. Goal: Introduce Youth to Sports
  - ii. 1,000 attended last year
- b. WFFC will participate in this event with a booth, fly tying and casting – will be the only fly club in attendance
  - 1. Will have youth tie Wooley Bugger
  - 2. Will have youth learn some preliminary casting
- c. **Need 6 people to support this effort**
- d. **Need donations of marabou, soft hackle and chenille –emphasis “bright colors”**
  - i. **Roger Rohrbeck to send out an e-mail to club members for volunteers**
  - ii. **Brening to write article for Creel Notes**

### **5. Yakima Homewaters – Mike Wearne (lead off)**

- a. Lease is up in September 2012
  - i. What is the future of this endeavor – renew lease, drop, study further?
- b. Monitoring Use – Roger Rohrbeck
  - i. Reservation System was set up on the web - wasn’t popular and removed
- c. Kris Kristoffersen comments:
  - i. At first excitement for project, then waned
    - 1. Part of club long range plan – done a few years ago
  - ii. Challenged club to make this part of our plan and future
    - 1. Needs to be more club activities at the site, more use
    - 2. Thinks attractive to young and potential young members
- d. Chuck Ballard comments:
  - i. Site and river fishing conditions make it only useable during late spring and early fall – limited use time
  - ii. Budget situation with club members – gas prices, long trip over to site for one day
  - iii. Young people are not joiners



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- iv. Indications from general club membership seem to indicate in favor of not renewing lease
  - e. Dave Schorsch comments:
    - i. This will be the first season with the structure up and finished
    - ii. Thinks assessment cannot be done without evaluating a season with the structure up and available to members
  - f. Don Barton comments:
    - i. Funding for lease is in the budget for year 2012
    - ii. Worried that site is not usable in the practice that it was originally intended
      - 1. Not on the water
      - 2. Limited months for use
      - 3. Suggested scheduling an outing there, Spring event of some kind, perhaps tie it in with FFF conclave in Ellensburg on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
        - a. Possibly an invite to FFF folks on Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>) for get together of some kind
  - g. Craig Koepler comments:
    - i. New lease needs to be created in mind with the improvements made to property
      - 1. Should get a lower rent because of our improvements
  - h. Mike Wearne suggested we assemble a group together to:
    - i. **Propose some recommendations, lease/no lease**
    - ii. **Get a consensus of the club membership**
    - iii. **Would like this put together by July 2012 for a “go forward plan”**
      - 1. **Don Barton proposed a club outing after the FFF Ellensburg event, with a day trip for WFFC members – not sure if there was someone was selected to lead this – I don’t think so**
- 6. Conservation Donation by the Club (not Foundation) – Don Barton**
- a. Club has set aside in the budget conservation donation of \$1,000
    - i. Reel Recovery is historically been supported by WFFC but last year we didn’t contribute
    - ii. Would like to restore support to Reel Recovery - use the conservation donation money of \$1,000 for this cause
      - 1. **Motion to donate \$1,000 to Reel Recovery (Year 2012)**
        - a. **Motion passed unanimously**

## **Committee Reports**

**7. Conservation – Doug Schaad**

- a. Elwha River
  - i. Progressing – a few minor issues still need to be resolved
- b. Hoh River
  - i. Steelhead returns are poor – this year and prior years



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**8. Education- Jim Higgins (via Mike Wearne)**

- a. 28 signed up for beginning casting classes
- b. 8 for the advanced casting

**9. Fruit and Flowers - Pete Baird**

- a. Sympathy card and flowers sent to Judy Young (Marv Young's widow)
  - i. Thank you phone call received

**10. Outings - Dave Schorsch**

- a. Scheduled Outings
  - i. Dry Falls - April 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>
    - 1. Exploratory trip taken by Dave to Dry Falls recently
      - a. Water level is about the same as last
      - b. Brown's are big and numerous
  - ii. Chopaka - Memorial Day Weekend
  - iii. Possible B.C. trip in June
- b. **Reminder - outing sign up on the WFFC web - to get a headcount**
  - 1. **Roger Rohrbeck to send out mass reminder e-mail to members**
- c. In our last board meeting, it was proposed/mentioned about "opening the website" for non-members to sign up outings (to enhance membership)
  - i. **Roger Rohrbeck (webmaster) is absolutely against this idea**
    - 1. Idea appears to have been dropped

**11. WFFC Foundation - Pete Baird**

- a. Because of Greg Cumbaker's recent illness, Pete Baird has agreed to be the "lame duck president" till Greg recovers sufficiently to assume President duties
  - i. May luncheon meeting is being scheduled to sort out the club/foundation donation structure, come to some conclusions and finalize future strategy

**12. Youth- Dick Brening**

- a. Salmon in the Classroom program people have a foundation request form and are in the process of submitting it

**13. Programs - Bob Burdick**

- a. Suggestion to include high profile fly anglers to our programs (when available) has been noted
  - i. May have to ask a club speaker originally scheduled to speak to defer if a high profile becomes available
- b. April Vokey donated auction item (Guided Trip) for the club Christmas Party worth ~\$1,000+
  - i. Also, sent a nice thank you note for inviting her to speak at last month meeting

**14. Membership - John Gravendyk**

- a. 2012 membership count =144, from 2011 count of 165
  - i. Trend is down
- b. Randy Raymond requested a guest interview at Dry Falls
  - a. The potential member can't make regular membership meetings
- c. Les Johnson resigned his club membership (can't make meetings anymore)



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- a. **Motion was made to make Les Johnson an Honorary WFFC Member**
    - i. **Motion passed unanimously**
  - d. Concept idea was to put a "Join our Club" button on the WFFC website which would "link" to instruction steps for membership
    - i. Need someone to design (artwork/programming?)
      - 1. **Kris Kristoffersen to discuss further**
- 15. FFF Conclave – Mike Wearne/Bob Young**
- a. Don Simonson is the club contact for this event
    - a. **Bob Young volunteered to put an article together in the Creel Notes – needs recent FFF brochure**
- 16. Outings – Dave Schorsch**
- a. Asked Jim Van De Erve to repeat the article on upcoming Dry Falls outing for April Creel Notes
  - b. **Dave to write up a Creel Notes article for upcoming Chopaka Outing**
- 17. Awards – Bill Neal**
- a. Comment: **Bill Neal needs to give input on results – assume Creel Notes article?**
- 18. Reel Recovery – Kris Kristoffersen**
- a. **Kris to write a article on Reel Recovery program**
- 19. Creel Notes – Jim Van De Erve**
- a. Trip Reports always welcome
    - a. Possible reports mentioned:
      - i. **Oregon Creek trip report - ? Schaad**
      - ii. **Schorsch report – Dry Falls pre fish, other?**
      - iii. **Chapin Henry trip to Idaho/Oregon**

## **Around the Room**

**20. Jim McDonald**

- a. Christmas Party fly plate was purchased by Ollie Cobb
  - a. Release form sent to Ollie for an "ok to print" poster/ picture
  - b. Costco will print these posters

**21. Roger Rohrbeck**

- a. Mike Hurt membership lapsing?
  - a. **Chapin Henry to remind him to send in membership renewal**

**22. Pete Baird**

- a. Rule out Mercer Island Community Center for Christmas Party
- b. Need professional bartender, \$\$\$ - more expensive than originally thought

**23. Don Barton**

- a. WFFC roster printout for 2012 is back on
  - a. **Don Barton will contact John Schuitemaker to get roster printing started**

Meeting adjourned @ 9:14PM



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Submitted by Ron Tschetter, April 5, 2012