

**WFFC Board Meeting Minutes
2009 Meeting 4**

Date: April 7, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Seattle Tennis Club

1. Roll Call – (Members shaded in blue were present)

Responsibility Key	OFFICERS (Group 1)	TRUSTEES (Group 2)	COMMITTEE (Group 3)
.01	President Pat Peterman	Ed Sozinho	Awards Bill Neal
.02	1st VP Membership Bill Deters	Mike Wearne	Bar Gene Gudger
.03	1st VP Christmas Party Peter Crumbaker	Ed Pettigrew	Conservation Doug Schaad
.04	2nd VP Programs Steve Sunich	Rocco Maccarrone	Creel Notes Jim van de Erve
.05	Secretary Jim Morrison	Jim Young	Education Don Simonson
.06	Treasurer Bob Burdick	Scott Hagen	Fruit & Flowers Pete Baird
.07	Ghillie Jim Macdonald		FFF Coordinator Don Simonson
.08			Home Waters Mike Wearne
.09		PAST PRESIDENT Bill Kuper	Librarian Mike Wearne
.10			Outings Robert Tovar
.11		NON-VOTING OFFICERS Mike Santangelo	Photographer Jim Macdonald
.12			Publicity Andrew Bennett
.13		GUESTS	Raffle Dave Hawkinson
.14			Rosters/Labels John Schuitemaker
.15			Website Roger Rohrbeck
.16			WFFC Foundation Don Simonson
.17			WFFC Heritage Chuck Ballard
.18			Youth Paul Lesh

2. **Agenda Approval/Modification:** None
3. **Minutes Approval** Approved as submitted
4. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday May 5, 2009

ITEM	April New Agenda Issues
a.	Status update on Yakima Home Waters Project
b.	Treasurer's Report for May Board Meeting
c.	Status of New Member Recruitment
d.	Outing Participation
e.	Publicity Update
f.	Meeting Location for Next Year

5. **Presidents Comments/Housekeeping/Agenda Issues & Officer Reports:**

ITEM	Agenda Issues & Officer Reports	ACTION
4.3.08a	<i>Yakima Home Waters Project Update – Mike Wearne</i> Pat asked Mike Wearne for an update on the issues remaining for the Yakima Home Waters project. Mike indicated that the facility survey should be completed a week from today (April 14). Ed Sozinho is coordinating construction with Mark DeWitt (Project Manager) and estimated that it will take two weeks for permits and then construction could begin. Based on these timelines, Pat estimated that we could have an outing at the facility in mid-July. Mike summarized the action items by stating that there were two parallel tracts; permits/lease and construction and that he, Ed, Mark and Kris will coordinate efforts with each other. Ed and Robert Tovar will coordinate the mid-July outing effort.	Open
4.1.06b	<i>Treasurer Report for May- Bob Burdick</i> Bob said that there will be a Treasurer report at the May Board Meeting but that there is an issue with online Quickbooks. After working with Jim Morrison for over four hours it became clear that it was not suitable for our use. Bob verified this issue with two accountant friends who recommend that we move to Quickbook Pro. Bob and Jim will work together to buy, install, and set up the program on a separate hard drive (easy transfer to the next Treasurer) so a budget report can be completed for the May meeting.	Open
4.1.02c	<i>Status of New Member Recruitment – Bill Deters</i> Bill indicated that the situation was not good with nobody in the pipeline. He just got the Meydenbauer list but there were only two names on it. Pat's assessment is that it takes about 3 months to induct a new member which means that the club is	Open

	<p>going to have at least 6 months without new members.</p> <p>How can the Board help Bill? Bill was not sure as it may be a shift in people's interest in joining clubs. Improvements in the web site help a lot. An open discussion followed. Ideas included a distribution of club brochures, a sign at the fly casting classes, a smoker, etc. Pat asked that each Board member send him an email with a list of three things about the WFFC that are important for them. All ideas are welcome. Pat summarized three action items: an outreach smoker, a challenge to members to recruit candidates, and the email reply to Pat about club value.</p>	
4.3.10d	<p><i>Outing Participation - Robert Tovar</i> Robert reported that 24 people have signed up for Dry Falls as of today. He will ask people for help with various tasks. Pat asked that Board members to sign up if at all possible. Robert continued with an update on the Lone Lake outing scheduled for May 9th jointly with the Whidbey Island and Olympic Fly Fishing clubs. The Whidbey Club will furnish the cooking gear and we will bring the food.</p>	Complete
4.3.12e	<p><i>Publicity Update – Pat Peterman</i> Pat mentioned that most of the fly clubs were disappointed with the Meydenbauer event and that there is a 1 day fly fishing fair on June 20th in Monroe that is being organized by Leland Miyawaki. A lot of the area fly fishing shops will be there however the theme of the event is to get people interested in fly fishing as opposed to selling stuff. Club can have a booth that will cost \$100. Board concurred to spend the money and do the event.</p>	Complete
4.1.01f	<p><i>Meeting Location for Next Year – Ed Sozinho</i> Stay at the WTC or move? If we move the process needs to start now. A general discussion led to the conclusion. Pat asked Ed to form a committee to review the subject. Chuck and Peter volunteered to join.</p>	Open
4.1.01a	<p><i>Meal Cost Issue – Pat Peterman</i> Pat raised the issue of the STC billing the club for meals that were forecasted to the chef but were not filled by attendance. Discussions ensued but the subject of coming up with a better method of forecasting numbers was tabled for discussion at the May meeting.</p>	Open
4.1.03a	<p><i>1st VP Christmas Party – Peter Crumbaker</i> Peter said he would have an announcement at the May meeting.</p>	Open
4.1.07a	<p><i>Ghillie – Jim Macdonald</i> Jim indicated that he, Chuck and Mike met at the Rainier Avenue storage facility to reorganize it with new roll-around shelving for better access to the equipment. He also wants to create an</p>	Open

	<p>active inventory list of equipment location so everyone can know where certain equipment is located; for example, the location of the club's projector.</p> <p>The question of consolidation came up as the cost of maintaining two facilities is about \$250 per month. Pat asked Jim to do a study of options and present it at the May meeting.</p>	
4.1.07	<p><i>Ghillie Continued – Mike Santangelo</i> Mike said that club logoed clothing has been ordered and a sample of each in size large will be available for review at the dinner meeting. There are a number of hats which can be purchased right away. The link from our web site to the distributor is ready and will be installed shortly. A suggestion was made to place an article in the Creel Notes to remind members and show them how to order items.</p>	Complete
4.1.07	<p><i>Ghillie Continued – Jim Macdonald</i> Jim asked about the responsibility of some heritage items that were sold at the 2007 Christmas raffle but are still in storage. The items should be removed from inventory but he wasn't clear whether it falls under the responsibility of the Ghillie as it consists of old fly plates. It was determined that the items are his responsibility and should be removed from the inventory list.</p>	Complete
4.2.05	<p><i>Trustees – Jim Young</i> Jim handed out two items; the final copy of the amended and restated Bylaws and a Summary of the changes. The only correction from Jim's March review was the addition of a 3rd Vice President for the Christmas party and further clarification of the duties of the Secretary. The next step toward approval by the membership at the May dinner meeting is the publication of a summary of the changes in the Creel Notes. A markup of the changes will also be placed on the web site. This action was coordinated with Roger.</p> <p>A motion to accept the block of changes to the Bylaws as submitted by Jim was made and approved by the Board. At the general meeting in May, the changes will be put forth as a group of changes for a one time vote rather than solicit an individual vote on each change. If there are objections from the membership on a particular change, the block vote will be pulled back to deal with the objection and represented at the following meeting. Pete suggested that a summary of changes be placed on each table as some members don't use computers.</p>	Complete
4.2.09	<p><i>Question on the Use of Constant Contact - Bill Kuper</i> Bill asked about the effectiveness of Constant Contact. Roger said he had a problem as he developed his own method of maintaining email lists. He admitted that it was time consuming</p>	Complete

	<p>and that his methods did not match Contact's capabilities. Bill offered to provide some training for Roger as its use would save time and be cost effective.</p> <p>Bill had two other items to be resolved; what to do with some fly tying materials that were given to him by a friend whose father had passed away and a check from Pete VanGytenbeek CEO of the FFF involving our the associate membership status. It was suggested that the fly tying materials be given to the raffle chair.</p>	
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6. Committee Reports

4.3.01	<p><i>Awards – Bill Neal</i> Fly boxes are in.</p>	Complete
	<p><i>Bar – Gene Guder</i> No Report</p>	Complete
4.3.03	<p><i>Conservation – Doug Schaad</i> The priority for the CC over the last month has been to encourage WFFC members, friends and other concerned citizens to register their disapproval with legislative intent to remove all current commissioners and restructure the management of WDFW. While we have made some progress, the final decision is unlikely to be made until the end of the legislative season (30 April).</p> <p>We are entering another Sportfishing rules cycle. This a 'major' in which anyone can propose changes to the Commission, or WDFW, if the Commission is abolished. We are actively soliciting proposals from the membership. A statewide ban on the retention of wild steelhead is definitely in play.</p> <p>We recently received two graduate student research proposals from the University of Washington. Both students are being mentored by Tom Quinn. An initial E-mail poll of the Conservation Committee concerning funding did not reach consensus. The initial results and commentary are currently being circulated among the CC membership. I suspect that we will reach consensus prior to the General Membership meeting and award \$1500 in support of research that is aligned with the mission of the WFFC.</p>	Complete
4.3.04	<p><i>Creel Notes – Jim VandeErve</i> Jim summarized the articles he was to receive; an article about the Christmas party location, one about clothing and hats from Mike, the Lone Lake outing from Robert and the Bylaw changes from Jim. Pat will get him some information about the FFC May conclave in Ellensburg and Ed will submit an article on the</p>	Complete

	<p>casting competition. Jim is also looking for backup for his Creel Note editor position do to travel. He is planning to put a request for a volunteer in the newsletter. Roger said Ron (??) who published the Overlake Fly Club newsletter indicated that he would be interested. Other names were mentioned.</p>	
4.3.05	<p><i>Education – Don Simonson</i> Don was unable to make the meeting but Pat said that there were 25 people signed up for the casting class and that 5 have signed up for the advanced class. Likewise, he anticipates that 3 to 5 more people will join the sessions.</p> <p>Pat said that we need an Education Chair as Don has indicated that this is his last year in the position. He asked Board members to email him with suggestions for candidates.</p>	Complete
4.3.06	<p><i>Fruit & Flowers – Pete Baird</i> Pete indicated that Don Barton who lives in the Magnolia area has volunteered to be a driver.</p>	Complete
4.3.07	<p><i>FFF – Don Simonson</i> Again, Pat filled in for Don and had two items for discussion. The FFF is having a raffle where each member club will receive a block of tickets (200) and some marketing materials. The tickets are \$20 each and each council will have two winners that will receive 5 days of guided fishing in Colorado. All the sold tickets on a nationwide basis will go into a general drawing at the national conclave where the grand winner will receive a trip to Chile.</p> <p>The FFF needs to raise \$50,000 and any amount over that number will be shared with the member clubs and not the state councils. While the WFFC is not a direct FFF club member, we would be treated as such and would benefit in the overage fund distribution.</p> <p>Pat asked the Board if we wanted to participate as the club has many members who belong to the FFF. The Board was in consensus that we should participate.</p>	Complete
4.3.08	<p><i>Home Waters – Mike Wearne</i> No further reporting.</p>	Complete
4.3.09	<p><i>Librarian – Mike Wearne</i> Mike said that Greg Thomas an author of a series of books was at our last meeting. He has written guides for Washington, Montana and others. Mike bought the series for the club and has had him autograph the copies.</p>	Complete

4.3.10	<i>Outings – Robert Tovar</i> Robert plans to have Joe (?) or Tom Campbell to talk at the April dinner about Lone Lake. Chuck suggested that Gil be included as he lives on the lake.	Complete
4.3..11	<i>Photographer – Jim Macdonald</i> No report	Complete
4.3.12	<i>Publicity – Andrew Bennett</i> Ed said that the committee met for the first time to develop their strategies, goals and objectives.	Complete
4.3.13	<i>Raffle – Dave Hawkinson</i> Dave said that the fly shops were having a tough time with economy and he is looking for donations.	Complete
4.3.14	<i>Roster/Labels – John Schuitemaker</i> John said that the roster will be delivered at the April meeting. He will also write an article for the Creel Notes.	Complete
4.3.15	<i>Website – Roger Rohrbeck</i> Roger has been looking for help with the web site and has chosen Bill Deters.	Complete
4.3.16	<i>WFFC Foundation – Don Simonson</i> Pat said that the club has a request to appoint two new members but does not have a list of present members with their time in the position. Pete said he would get the list to Pat.	Complete
4.3.17	<i>WFFC Heritage – Chuck Ballard</i> No report	Complete
4.3.18	<i>Youth – Paul Lesh</i> Paul gave a report about the Youth outing at Kris's place on Camino Island. About 30 people were there including lots kids and a great time was had by all. He will write an article for the Creel Notes. He has also made contact with Bonnie Russel with the Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts. She is in charge of their "venturing program" for older scouts. On May 13 th , 14 th and 15 th they are having a conference for the program's adult leaders in the Puget Sound area. On Friday morning the 15 th they invited the club to give these leaders a session on fly fishing to get them excited about the sport. A goal for the club by participating in this conference would be access to the leaders who could in turn use the club as a resource to teach the scouts fly fishing. Bonnie expects about 30 adult leaders to attend the program.	Complete

	<p>Paul needs some presentation materials for the session and help with the project as he will be traveling until the 13th. Pat asked that Paul contact Don Simonson as he has program plans and could come up with staffing ideas. Paul believes that 5 or 6 club members will be needed for the project. Paul will write an article for the Creel Notes.</p>	
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1. Around the Table

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM