

**WFFC Board Meeting Minutes
May 2010 Meeting**

Date: May 4, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Graham and Dunn Law Firm, Seattle

Roll Call:

Officers

*Pres. Ed Sozinho
*1st VP Membership Pete Crumbaker
2nd VP Programs Keith Robbins
3rd VP Christmas Party Earl Harper
Secretary Leland Miyawaki
Treasurer Jim Morrison
*Ghillie Jim MacDonald

*Past President Pat Peterman

Trustees

*3rd Year Rocco Maccarrone
*3rd Year Ed Pettigrew
2nd Year Jim Young
*2nd Year Scott Hagen
*1st Year Craig Koeppler
1st Year Andrew Bennett

Committee Chairmen

*Awards Bill Neal
Conservation Doug Schaad
*Creel Notes Jim van de Erve
*Education Jim Higgins
Fruit & Flowers Pete Baird
*Librarian Mike Wearne
*Outings Dave Schorsch
*Home Waters Mike Santangelo
Raffle Dave Hawkinson
*Website Roger Rohrbeck
*Heritage Chuck Ballard

* = Present (recorded from memory of RR)

1. **Agenda Approval/Modificaton:** None.
2. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes of last board meeting on April 6th, 2010, were approved

3. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday June 1st, 2010

4. **Agenda Items:** Tuesday May 4th, 2010

| ITEM | May New Agenda Issues |
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| a. | Discuss committee report |
| b. | Update of conservation projects, TU, WFC, American Rivers, WSC, CCA |
| c. | Friends of the Cedar River Watershed |
| d. | Yakima Home Waters Schedule |

| Agenda Issues | ACTION |
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| <p><i>Motion to move the June board meeting</i> It was proposed that the June board meeting be moved back to Wed., June 2nd, because of the proximity to the Chopaka outing. That would make the meeting the same day as the Walt Walkinshaw memorial, but the memorial is earlier and shouldn't present a problem.</p> | Approved |
| <p><i>Committee Report Discussion - Board Members</i> The board discussed the results of the committee charged with assessing the potential impact of the proposed gender bylaw change. Pres. Ed Sozinho thanked the committee chairman, Roger Rohrbeck, and the other members of the committee.</p> <p>Roger indicated how the committee worked to fulfill its mission, including four meetings of two hours apiece. When asked whether he believed that the committee met the intent of the motion, Roger indicated that he did.</p> <p>Ed Sozinho indicated that a number of other clubs and organizations will not work with us because of our single-gender policy.</p> <p>Ed indicated that the work of the committee has been completed, that the report is available and its availability has been announced to club members, and as such, that the club can move forward on the issue. Ed indicated that a notice about the vote will be published in the May Creel Notes, in accordance with the requirement to do so 30 days in advance of the vote. No motion about the vote or the issue was necessary.</p> <p>Roger noted that guests at general membership meetings should be potential members of the club. Ed asked whether we should add a bylaw about the nature of meeting guests. Pat Peterman indicated that an amendment could be added to the club operating procedures to stipulate that guests should be potential members. That would not require a bylaw. The point was made</p> | Complete |

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| <p>that it is difficult to determine whether a guest is a potential member. The point was made that an interest in fly fishing should be sufficient criterion for attending a meeting as a guest, not being a potential member. Pat noted that the past president updates the operating procedures. Pat will do so for this issue. The point was made that an operating procedure change is important to allay the fear that membership standards or meeting rules would be loosened.</p> <p>The vote procedure was discussed. Help will be provided for counting the votes at the June meeting. Ghillie Jim Macdonald will make ballots ahead of time. He indicated that he would like help with wording the ballot, so that the motion is very clear. He does not want there to be any ambiguity. Ed indicated that the ballots should be numbered, and that the ballots will clearly indicate the motion, with a yes/no vote. Members will have to sign in to get into the meeting. If you don't sign in, you will not get a ballot. Associate members will not get a ballot.</p> <p>Jim van de Erve should get Jim Young's notice about the vote from the February Creel Notes, and put it in the May Creel Notes.</p> | |
| <p><i>Motion to post letter about gender bylaw issue</i> A letter about the gender bylaw motion from Steve Raymond, signed by 14 past presidents, was discussed. Chuck Ballard requested that it be read at the board meeting. The letter presented a request to withdraw the gender bylaw amendment. Ed read the letter, and requested that it be put into the board meeting minutes. A question was raised whether the letter should be posted on the members-only area of the WFFC Web site. Ed indicated that he believed that it should be, but that there should be a reply. He and others will post replies. A motion was made, and seconded, to post the letter on the WFFC Web site. The motion passed.</p> | Passed |
| <p><i>Letter about gender bylaw issue:</i></p> <p>“May 4, 2010</p> <p>To the Officers and Trustees of the Washington Fly Fishing Club:</p> <p>Gentlemen:</p> <p>As past presidents of the Washington Fly Fishing Club, we are united in opposition to the proposed bylaws amendment that would change the club's membership policy. We believe the concerns that prompted the officers and trustees to propose this change have since been disproven and our membership policy does not pose any obstacle to the</p> | |

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| <p>board's pursuit of an aggressive agenda. It is time to end the debate over this divisive issue.</p> <p>Accordingly, we call upon the officers and trustees of the club to withdraw the proposed bylaw amendment and get on with the pressing business of the club. If you do so, we stand ready to support and sustain your decision. We are confident a majority of members will join us in doing so.</p> <p>Chuck Ballard John Callahan Don Clough Ron Dion Milt Douglas Frank Headrick Ron Mazurek Gil Nyerges Steve Raymond Bill Redman Bill Rundall James Schmidt Don Simonson Dick Stearns Dick Thompson Frank Webster"</p> | |
| <p><i>Motion to withdraw gender bylaw vote</i> A motion was made, and seconded, to withdraw the vote on the gender bylaw change at the June meeting. The motion failed.</p> | Failed |
| <p><i>Committee Report Discussion - Board Members</i> Ed stated that the Trout Unlimited, Wild Fish Conservancy, and American Rivers organizations will not work with WFFC on projects because of our single-gender policy. We have reached out to the Wild Steelhead Coalition. Keith has reached out to CCA. Ed indicated that he was not sure what their stand on our single-gender policy was.</p> <p>Peter Crumbaker indicated that the Friends of the Cedar Watershed will have an event on Sat., June 12th. They would like a dialog with us on improving vitality. We could link Web site calendars. There will also be an Angler's Event at Cavanaugh Natural Area. They requested that we discuss partnering with them, and get back to them with a response. This is an opportunity for an outreach. We need a leader, someone on the conservation committee. This is a one-time event, but more events are coming.</p> | Complete |
| <p><i>Veterans work---Chuck Ballard</i></p> | Open |

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| <p>Chuck indicated that because veteran's initiatives occur twice a week, that they are thin on resources.</p> | |
| <p><i>Need for club calendar</i>---<i>Ed Sozinho</i> Ed indicated that we need a calendar for the club that posts all events. The question was raised whether the ghillies are responsible for a calendar. Ed indicated that he has asked Don Barton to look into how to do a calendar.</p> | Open |
| <p><i>Jimmy Green event</i>---<i>Leland Miyawaki</i> It was noted that volunteers are needed for the booth. Rocco and Ed volunteered.</p> | Open |
| <p><i>Trailfest event</i>---<i>Ed Sozinho</i> Ed indicated that we've participated in Trailfest in the past. Ed asked Peter Crumbaker to get more information from the group. Ed volunteered himself, and Scott Hagen volunteered.</p> | Open |
| <p><i>WDFW call for volunteers</i>---<i>Ed Sozinho</i> It was noted that the WDFW call for volunteers doesn't work for WFFC.</p> | Complete |
| <p><i>Yakima Home Waters report</i> --- <i>Mike Santangelo</i> The first stage of the permit has been approved. The second stage is at the county for approval. Two bids are in. One is for \$5500 in material and roofing. The bids are from Dunn Lumber and a business in Ellensburg.</p> <p>We will finalize drawings next week, and submit to the county. Mike met with the county to exchange information. We start the primary building on 5-22. A small group of five members will do controls, lay it out, and place posts. On 6-5, the club general membership will be invited to come over and participate.</p> <p>A question was raised about how much the club budgeted for the Home Waters project construction. Ed indicated that we budgeted \$7500 for materials. The Foundation is paying for everything.</p> <p>It was stated that we will need \$7500 for the hut, and \$2500 for the other structure. We need permits because of the flood plain. Review will cost \$200 per structure. The plans are being reviewed. We will need to make modifications to the drawings.</p> <p>It was stated that for the July event, we will have the back-up plan of using the clubhouse near the barn. That will be in the event that the structure has not been completed.</p> <p>There was a proposal to tweak the drawings and another to negotiate the price.</p> | Open |

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| <p>For the July event, everyone will need a parking pass for that day.</p> <p>Every time that a member visits the Home Waters site, the member will need to go to the Web site and report.</p> | |
| <p>Parking at Seattle Tennis Club</p> <p>There was an incident last month at STC in which a member was confronted by an STC employee about our parking. Ed spoke with Andy of STC, who confirmed that we can park against the north and east walls.</p> <p>The plans are not to have another board meeting at STC, and the July meeting will not be there. The June meeting will, however, be a large one.</p> | Complete |

5. Officer Reports

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6. Trustee Reports

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| <p>Casting Pond---Craig Koeppler</p> <p>Craig indicated that he will make contact with the Golden Gate Casting Club, which uses casting ponds in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Craig will ask them how they do their casting ponds, with the potential that we could do the same here.</p> <p>The question was raised about how we would handle spey casting in a casting pond?</p> | Open |
| <p>Potential Dry Falls Project---Rocco Maccarrone</p> <p>Rocco proposed that the club be involved in a project to address the problem of the low water level of Dry Falls.</p> <p>Scott Hagen indicated that the dam is part of the state park.</p> | Complete |

7. Committee Reports

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| <p>Outings---Dave Schorsch</p> <p>Dave indicated that there were 24 vehicles at the Lone Lake outing, and at least 32 people. Mark Pratt is phoning members to suggest that they attend the outings. Dave indicated that there will likely be 50-55 club attendees at the Chopaka outing. There were 32 at the Dry Falls outing.</p> | Open |
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| <p>Dave is working out the details for a Leech Lake outing in August.</p> <p>There will not be any outings for June or July (July because of the Yakima outing).</p> <p>We have temporary canopies in case they are needed for an outing.</p> <p>It was suggested that we could do an outing to Lake Hosmer in central Oregon in late June or July.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we could do an outing to British Columbia. Dave will do research on that proposal.</p> <p>It was indicated that Roach Lake and Penticton are also possibilities for outings.</p> <p>It was noted that there has been an increase in the interest in outings. Kudos were given to Dave.</p> | |
| <p>Education—Jim Higgins Jim reported that the advanced casting class was completed, and that there were 42 to 43 attendees for the beginning class. Some of those attendees have applied for membership in the club.</p> | Complete |
| <p>FFF – Pat Peterman Pat noted that the FFF conclave was held in Ellensburg. There were 20 to 25 WFFC members in attendance, tying and teaching (including middle-school kids). The club was well-represented. Pat will write an article on the conclave for the Creel Notes.</p> <p>Walt Johnson and Boyd Aigner were inducted into the FFF Fly Tying Hall of Fame.</p> <p>Pat noted that it would be good to get a big-name caster for a casting weekend, potentially to give a class for club members.</p> | Open |

8. Around the Table

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| Board meeting attendees offered up fishing reports. | Complete |
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9. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Jim van de Erve.