

## **WFFC BOARD MEETING**

Date: **May 6, 2008**  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: The Seattle Tennis Club

### **AGENDA:**

**Roll Call:** Doug Schaad, Michael Wearne, Pat Peterman, Jim Macdonald, Chuck Ballard, Pete Baird, Bill Kuper, Jim Morrison, Jim Van De Erve, Marty Leith, Ed Sozinho, John Schuitemaker, and Roger Rohrbeck.

Minutes approved without modification.

Agenda Modifications: None

Next Month's Board Meeting; June 3<sup>rd</sup> **(Bill to confirm or change date with Pat as Chair)**

**President's comments:** Bill Kuper welcomed everyone. There was a free flowing discussion on the club's culture, mission, goal, demographics, etc, that was triggered by Don Gulliford's letter to the Board and Bill's response. There were no conclusions or action items. One question that was asked however was: "How much money does the club need in its coffers to meet its goals and objectives"? That question led to further comments that maybe specific goals need to be established; for example, conservation projects.

Doug Schaad indicated that a major conservation project in partnership with the Nature Conservancy for the Skagit River was in development and needed about 6-months to bring to proposal stage for the club's approval to spend of considerable funds.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Home Waters**

**Yakima Project** – Bill Neal (WFFC Foundation) has raised a question about the Foundation's involvement in the project regarding jeopardizing the Foundation's tax status unless the site hosted conservation/outreach/education activities. Comments were made that the project could proceed without Foundation funding and that such activities would occur once the site was operational.

Chuck Ballard asked about the potential pass through of insurance liability against the club from activities that took place on the site independent from any WFFC activity. Bill indicated he would check on that issue

Bill proposed that a permanent Yakima Project Committee be formed that would have the following duties:

1. Finalize the agreement between the Four-Seasons Ranch and the Club.
2. Oversee construction activities; permits, materials, construction, signage, etc.
3. Be responsible for the ongoing management of the site.
4. Coordinate continuing site activities that are proposed and executed by other committees such as Youth, Conservation and Education.
5. Maintain the ongoing relationship with the ranch.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Christmas Party** - After considerable study and analysis of pricing at other venues, it was decided that the Tennis Club offered the best option even though the seating was limited to 160 people. It was suggested that the revenue goals could still be reached by increasing the value of the prizes in particular the auctioning of "experience" items such as condos in desirable locations, etc.. Another suggestion was to set a "theme/goal" for the party reflected the club's value and reputation.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Conservation:** No report.

**Youth:** No report.

**Heritage:** No report.

**Outdoors:** No report

**Programs:** No report.

**Awards:** No report.

**Creel Notes:** Articles are needed for the Yakima Project, and the Dry Falls outing

**Gillie:** Need reimbursement check for the Roster

**Membership:** Need write up for new members outing scheduled for June 21th. Six members have not paid dues.

**Education:** 38 to 40 people are in the casting class. One more session left.

**Library:** Rocco checked out a book which was an event as library activity by club members quite rare.

**FFF/WCFFF:** Attendance at the Ellensburg Conclave was up 50% from last year. The club was very well represented.

**Raffle:** No report.

**Website:** Roger was asked to look into the possibility of adding bulletin board capability to the site so that members could coordinate car pooling for trips.

**Foundation:** The funds (\$40,000) from the estate of Carl Elling have been received.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Publicity:** No report

**Fruit & Flowers:** Pete reported that Chris Rundell is progressing well and that Dick Thompson is now home and his heart rate is back to normal. He is confined to bed but welcomes visitors from those who know him.

**Photographer:** No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Submitted by: Jim Morrison