

**WFFC Board Meeting Minutes  
June 2010 Meeting**

**Date:** June 2, 2010

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Harper Photography, Seattle

**1. Roll Call** – The following members were present:

Pres. Ed Sozinho  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Peter Crumbaker  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP Earl Harper  
Treasurer Jim Morrison  
Secretary Leland Miyawaki  
Ghillie Jim Macdonald  
Assistant Ghillie Don Barton  
Trustee Rocco Maccarrone  
Trustee Ed Pettigrew  
Trustee Jim Young  
Trustee Craig Koeppler  
Dave Hawkinson  
Bill Neal  
Greg Crumbaker  
Pat Peterman  
Roger Rohrbeck  
Jim Higgins  
Mike Santangelo  
Chuck Ballard  
Gil Nyerges  
Jim van de Erve

2. **Agenda Approval/Modification:** Gil Nyerges proposed mail-in ballots for the gender bylaws change. Greg Crumbaker asked for board approval for an educational proposal.
3. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes of last board meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, were approved
4. **Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010
5. **Agenda Items:** Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

ITEM	May New Agenda Issues
a.	Mail-in ballots
b.	Format for the gender bylaw change vote and ballot
c.	Operating procedure change to better define guest as people that

	actively fly fish
d.	Yakima Home Waters Schedule

Agenda Issues	ACTION
<p><b><i>Mail-in ballots for gender by-laws change</i></b></p> <p>Gil Nyerges indicated that there was a mechanism in the bylaws for mail voting. He also indicated that Robert's Rules of Order allows mail-in voting. He proposed a change in the bylaws to allow mail-in voting, saying that the intent of the club founders was for all to have a vote.</p> <p>Ed Sozinho indicated that the bylaws at present mandates bylaws changes be approved by 2/3 vote of members present at the meeting at which the voting takes place. Pat Peterman indicated that the rule in the club bylaws overrules Robert's Rules. Pat Peterman made a point of order that approving Gil's proposal would require a bylaws change. Don Barton indicated that the bylaws are clear. Approval of this proposal would require a two-step process: one to change the bylaws, and the second to vote. Bill Neal said that in the past we have had bylaws votes without mail-in ballots. Ed Sozinho indicated that we have to follow the bylaws in exercising this vote. Peter Crumbaker indicated that the intent of bylaw voting was for all active members to have the opportunity to vote, which they will at the next meeting. Craig Koeppler pointed out that active members are required to be within a 35-mile radius to be able to attend club meeting, so not being able to get to the meeting to vote should not be an issue. Leland Miyawaki pointed out that we are within the 30-day windows for the vote, and that we cannot change now. Don Barton indicated that providing a write-in ballot would invalidate the 30-day window, and voiced the opinion that we need to vote and move on. Rocco Maccarrone indicated that the issue of the gender bylaws change has to be addressed, and it requires members to be present. Gil Nyerges indicated that the vote should happen in June. Pat Peterman indicated that if you want your voice to be heard, you need to show up to the meeting.</p> <p>No motion was made, or required, so the proposal was denied.</p> <p>It was proposed that there be a parliamentary appointment who would verify compliance with Robert's Rules of Order.</p>	Proposal denied
<p><b><i>Board approval for educational proposal</i></b></p> <p>Greg Crumbaker describes an educational opportunity to teach fly fishing skills to residents of a Housing First program consisting mostly of homeless people. It is called the 1811 House. This program would be similar to the Healing Waters program, but its target students would be homeless people who now are in the 1811 House. This program could result in cost savings and community activism. The program would require</p>	Motion to defer approved

<p>three to four hours per club volunteer. We don't want to use any of the teachers in the Youth Education programs or Healing Waters program for this program.</p> <p>Concerns were voiced about safety issues and liability concerns.</p> <p>The housing program is administered by DESC (Downtown Emergency Service Center), a county department. The program would require a staffing plan.</p> <p>Pat Peterman moved that the board defer discussion until Greg Crumbaker has created a staffing plan, a list of volunteer staff, an estimate of the club's time commitment, a budget, an assessment of liability. The motion passed with nine in favor and zero opposed.</p>	
<p><b><i>Format for the gender bylaw change vote and ballot</i></b></p> <p>Leland Miyawaki proposed that the words in parentheses on the ballot be deleted. Ed Sozinho indicated that he felt they were necessary for clarity, which is very important in this vote.</p> <p>The board reviewed the voting procedure. It was proposed that one individual be positioned at the stairs, and that those attending the meeting have to go through that person. He would check the name of the person off the roster.</p> <p>It was proposed to number ballots, and to print them on colored paper so there is no doubt of their authenticity. No one but the ghillie would know the color. Jim Macdonald will determine what color (of ballot or words) and not tell anyone else.</p> <p>Jim Macdonald indicated that he will have a roster to check people against, and that we need to determine who is an associate member, so cannot vote. Associate members will not get a ballot.</p> <p>Ed Sozinho proposed that we should have somebody other than the ghillies to hand out ballots. It was proposed that ballots be placed into a receptacle. It was proposed that each table have a dedicated bucket.</p> <p>It was proposed that the vote take place first in the meeting. It was established that anybody inducted that evening would not be able to vote.</p> <p>It was proposed that the count be done by a member who is in favor of the gender bylaw change and one against it. Another proposal was to have three counters, the two ghillies and someone in favor of the proposal, or maybe Dave and Jim and Mike. However, it was then decided that the ghillies will count the vote.</p> <p>It was proposed that we should tone down any celebration, that there be an announcement first that we should all be gentlemen and exercise decorum throughout the voting process. An announcement would be made at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>It was proposed that the ghillie come to the meeting with a definite number of ballots.</p> <p>It was established that there is a quorum requirement, which</p>	<p>Open</p>

<p>is that 25% of active members be present. If a quorum is present, a positive vote would be 2/3 of active members present.</p> <p>Roger Rohrbeck volunteered to make sure that everybody gets a ballot.</p> <p>It was proposed that the operating procedure change that would verify that guest at the meeting are potential members of the club be tabled until after the vote.</p>	
<p><b><i>Operating procedure change to better define guest as people that actively fly fish</i></b></p> <p>It was proposed that the operating procedure change that would verify that a guest at the meeting is a potential member of the club be tabled until after the vote.</p>	Proposal tabled
<p><b><i>Home Waters Schedule</i></b></p> <p>Mike Santangelo gave status about the Home Waters project. We still do not have a permit. The owner offered to allow us to use her barn so we will have someplace to use for the meeting if the construction is not completed.</p> <p>Until we get a permit, the building process is on hold. Some of the drawings are not completed. However, as a resulting of having the barn to use, if we don't get the permit, we will still have a place to hold the meeting.</p> <p>Roger Rohrbeck indicated that only five members have signed up for the July meeting event so far. It was established that signups must be done by the June meeting. It was also established that a member can bring a guest and significant other.</p> <p>It was established that there will be a \$30 fee, whether the member attends by the bus or not.</p> <p>It was established that members on our their own if they want to use a boat or guide.</p> <p>It was clarified that the permit has been approved with revisions. We need to make the revisions and resubmit. The permit is in the comment cycle at present. We will not start the building until we have a permit.</p>	Open

**6. Old Business**

<p><b><i>Calendar</i></b></p> <p>Roger Rohrbeck has done a printable version of the calendar. Don Barton has filled it in from last January 1<sup>st</sup>..If members want to add to the calendar, they need to contact one of the ghillies, either Jim or Don. The calendar is for the use of the board or members. Don will write an article on the process for the Creel Notes.</p> <p>It was noted that the Aims and Purposes in the Creel Notes should include trout, steelhead, and salmon. Jim van de Erve indicated that he would change that.</p>	
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<p><b>Christmas Party Update</b></p> <p>Earl Harper indicated that the estimate for a sit-down dinner is \$700 more than for buffet. There are two choices for a sit-down dinner: two out of beef tenderloin, cod, pork loin, chicken breasts, and ravioli. The cost of the buffet would be \$10,500 to 150. The cost for sit-down would be \$11,200 for 150.</p> <p>The per-person cost would be \$75 or \$68.</p> <p>Earl Harper and Peter Crumbaker will compare notes about the arrangement. If at the same venue, we would need 150 attendees to keep the price.</p> <p>It was asked if we will be able to bring our spouse. That hasn't been decided yet.</p> <p>The cost is such that we may have to subsidize it.</p> <p>We need to sign off soon.</p>	Open
<p><b>Friends of the Cedar</b></p> <p>Peter Crumbaker feels confident about this project. We will have enough volunteers. Same thing with the Jimmy Green Fair—we will have enough volunteers.</p>	Open
<p><b>Donation to New York Fly Fishing Academy</b></p> <p>Paul Lesh indicated that Mike Clancy asked for donations. This organization would like us to sponsor the attendance of a youth to this academy. A full sponsorship would be \$500. The dates would be 6-20 through 6-26.</p> <p>Pat Peterman provided background information. He indicated that this was not budgeted for this year, unless in the youth budget. Pat indicated that his recollection was that there was something strange and controversial in this proposal.</p> <p>The academy involves a fly fishing camp, an overnight camp, on Hick's Lake in Lacey. This is a joint venture of several local organizations, including Trout Unlimited We funded it for a while in the past, but then withdrew funding.</p> <p>It was decided that we shelve our involvement, and that we indicate to the requester that we don't have the budget for it. We will re-consider the program later.</p>	
<p><b>David Ishii</b></p> <p>Dave Hawkinson spoke about Dave Ishii, a former member who is a real human-interest story. Even though his membership has lapsed, it was proposed that the Creel Notes be sent to him. Pat Peterman proposed making him an honorary member, a designation that is available to the board, but has rarely been used. We have one honorary member now. Dave Ishii is a 40-year member. To make him an honorary member, the board would recommend it, and the full membership would vote on it.</p> <p>Peter Crumbaker made a motion that at the June meeting, we vote for Dave Ishii as an honorary member. The motion passed. Ed will present to the membership.</p>	Passed

Dave Hawkinson added that we should try to bring back members who have left, such as Cliff Barker.	
<b><i>Fly Fishing Hall of Fame Certificates</i></b> Chuck indicated that he has these certificates, and was wondering whether he should submit them to the Western Washington University Fly Fishing Collection. Ed indicated that yes, he should.	

**7. Officer Reports**

None	
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**8. Trustee Reports**

None	
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**9. Committee Reports**

None.	
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**10. Around the Table**

<b><i>Chopaka Article</i></b> Jim van de Erve asked for an article on the Chopaka outing. It was mentioned that candidates for generating the article are Pete Baird, Dick Brening, and Dick Stearns.	
<b><i>Date of Skykomish Opening</i></b> There was discussion about when the Skykomish opens for steelhead. It was stated that the river opened June 1 <sup>st</sup> and tributaries open June 5 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b><i>Signup for July Meeting</i></b> Everyone was reminded the sign up for the July meeting at the Home Waters.	

**11. It was announced that the next board meeting would be on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, on the eastside. Craig Koepler's house was mentioned.**

**12. Meeting was adjourned.**

**Minutes submitted by Jim van de Erve.**