

WFFC BOARD MEETING

Date: **June 3, 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, Jim Morrison, Jim Van De Erve, John Schuitemaker, Roger Rohrbeck, Scott Hagen, Ed Pettigrew, Craig Koppler, Bill Neal, and Rocco Maccarrone

Minutes approved without modification.

Agenda Modifications: None

Next Month's Board Meeting; July 1st

President's comments: Pat Peterman welcomed everyone. Pat had no printed agenda and opened the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The June dinner meeting is 2/3 full. Sign up should be made through the club web site.

Pat is looking for members to come to the June "New Members Outing" (June 21st) at Rattle Snake Lake. Again, members need to sign up on the web site for the event.

Someone at the May dinner meeting complained to Pat that the Kelp Newsletter violated the club's prohibition on handing out "political material". Consensus around the table was that the individual's opinion was wrong because the newsletter conveyed conservation information without reference to a political party. Stronger comments about the individual and his ideas about what is political information were voiced but not recorded.

Home Waters

Yakima Project –The Board is still looking for recommendations for a Chair Person for the Yakima Home Waters Project. Pat requested that we ask for a volunteer at the general meeting on June 17th. The scope of duties for the position includes:

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.

Other Home Waters Projects – The Home Waters Committee has met with Tim Rose the owner and developer of Camp Kory; the former Nestle dairy training center in Carnation. Camp Kory is part of the Paul Newman's Hole-in-the-Wall Gang camps that provides children with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions a camping experience while extending year-round support to their families and health care providers.

The Camp property contains Horseshow Lake (about 5 acres in size) adjacent to the Snoqualmie River. Tim is looking to the club for volunteer hours and expertise to manage the fishery and provide a fly fishing experience and mentoring to the children when the camp is in session.

Some questions from Board members included:

1. What is the history of the lake and is it prone to flooding?
2. What is the quality of the water and does it support trout?
3. Does the club need to provide all or some of the manpower necessary to maintain the lake?
4. Does the level of the lake need to be raised or lined with a plastic liner?
5. Most likely a consultant needs to be hired to determine these issues. Who pays for this effort?

Doug Schaad indicated the section of the Snoqualmie River adjacent to the lake (Chinook Bend) is scheduled for major investment in the habitat for salmon recovery. This could have positive impact on the lake and club's access to the river.

The consensus of the group was that the effort should continue but to start the relationship slowly and ask the camp for dates for classes and a better understanding of what the camp needs for resources.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Party – The decision was made to defer to the July meeting for the formation of a Christmas Party Committee. Craig Koppler offered to write an article for the Creel Notes looking for volunteers. Comments went around the table asking for ideas on fund raising and goals for the party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation: Doug Schaad indicated that the Conservation Committee is continuing to investigate the wetland mitigation and riparian restoration endeavors near the mouth of the Stillaguamish River. Largely funded by the Nature Conservancy and multiple other community partners, this effort may well become a major conservation endeavor to benefit salmonids in the Stillaguamish River system. A decision on the role of the WFFC is likely to be several months away.

The Committee will also be endorsing a proposal by the Evergreen Fly Fishing Club to the WDFW Commission to restore access to Ebey Lake; a fly-fishing-only lake that has been denied public access for a number of years. It is anticipated that the proposal will go before the Commission in August.

Youth: No report.

Heritage: Bill Neal asked that a note be put into the Creel Notes asking the membership if we wanted to continue with the "Gold Button Award". There seems to be a lack of interest in the tradition.

Outdoors: The Lone Lake event hosted by the Whidbey Island Fly Club was a success with good food, good fishing and nice weather. A thank you needs to be sent. The Chopaka Lake outing was also successful although the weather had everything from hail to sun shine. Fishing was good although the fish were generally small in size.

Programs: No report.

Awards: No report.

Creel Notes: Submission dates for input has been moved up by three days.

Gillie: The gillie needs to order "Past President" pins and the information on where to do so.

Membership: Membership stands at 181 members with 2 unpaid and 1 in the pipeline for induction.

Education: No report.

Library: No report.

FFF/WCFFF: The headquarters of the FFF is probably moving to Colorado next year and this year's conclave is in White Fish Montana. There is a lobbying effort to put the issue of single gender clubs before the board for official acceptance into the FFF.

Raffle: No report.

Website: The prototype bulliten board is working but Roger wants additional testing before making it live.

Foundation: No report.

Treasurer: Robert Thorpe submitted a bar bill for \$295 from the January 2007 Christmas party for payment. Scott wanted Board approval because the expense is not in his 2008 budget. It was approved.

Publicity: No report

Fruit & Flowers: No report.

Photographer: No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by: Jim Morrison