



**Washington Fly Fishing Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, AUGUST 26, 2014 7:00 P.M.**  
 Seattle Tennis Club  
**Minutes**

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Michael Moscynski	President	p	Bill Neal	Awards	
Charlie Davis	1st VP - Membership	p	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs	p	Doug Schaad	Conservation	p
Dave Schorsch	3rd VP – Christmas Party	p	Ron Tschetter	Creel Notes	
Bob Young	Treasurer	p	Pat Peterman	Education	p
Gary Bergquist	Secretary	p	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	
Jim Macdonald	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie		Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator	
Abe Lillard	2nd. Ghillie *		Kris Kristoferson & Steve Sunid	Home Waters	
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian	p
	TRUSTEES & GUESTS		Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls	p
Mike Wearne	Past President	p	Jim McDonald	Photographer	
Roger Rohrbeck	Trustee	p	Kerry Oldenburg	Publicity	p
Dave Hawkinson	Trustee		David Hawkinson	Raffle	
Ron Dion	Trustee	p	Jim Goedhart	Rosters Publication	
Mark Pratt	Trustee		Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Don Schroeder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Gene Gudger	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	p
Craig Koeppler	Guest		Pat Becker	Youth	p
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	p
			Dave Schorsch	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	D

P= Present, ,

✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:15 PM

President Michael Moscynski noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The President reminded the attendees the August board meeting had been cancelled and the September meeting rescheduled to today, August 26<sup>th</sup>, to avoid conflicts with the Labor Day weekend.

As the first order of business, President Moscynski requested a motion waiving reading of and approval of the July meeting minutes. Motion was made, seconded and passed.



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**Reports:** President Mosczynski then called for reports from the officers of the Club

**Officers**

Membership. Charlie Davis. Charlie reported that two persons were interviewed as prospective members immediately prior to the July members meeting and upon recommendation of those conducting the interviews the matter was referred to the members at the July meeting for a vote. The members approved both nominees for membership. The two new members are husband and wife and the first married couple admitted as members at the same time. Charlie said that due to an oversight De Vonne Wells was not interviewed for membership at the July meeting; however, she will be interviewed as soon as practical. It is hoped after a successful interview, Ms Wells' application for membership will be voted upon at the next membership meeting.

Programs. Bob Burdick. Bob announced Dave Fast, biologist for the Yakama Tribe, will not be able to make a presentation to the members as previously scheduled. Bob has scheduled Jim Cox of Western Rivers Conservancy as a speaker in lieu of Dave Fast.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dave Schorsch. Dave said members are now signing up for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. Dave mentioned some of the displays which will be at the dinner along with his continuing request for vintage and current photos of members for a "Photo Wall". Among the planned activities are a jazz band and a poetry recital by Pete Baird. Dave has other activities under consideration. There was a general discussion on administrative matters pertaining to reservations and payment options for the dinner. Dave said the menu had been set. It was also noted there will be an announcement to the effect requesting those attending the dinner dress in a manner appropriate to the occasion.

Christmas Party Dave Schorsch. No report

Treasurer. Bob Young. Bob reviewed the account balances.



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Secretary. Gary Bergquist. Noted he will have comments on the Club insurance policy in the near term.

Ghillie Jim Macdonald. Not present

**Standing Committees**

Audit Committee Gene Gudger. Not present. President Moscynski told the attendees that Gene is working on an outline of responsibilities for bookkeeping services to be provided on a contractual basis.

Conservation. Doug Schaad. Doug said the Conservation Committee is in the process of reviewing WDFW's proposed Columbia River Basin fishing rules. Doug said the scope of the propose rules was broad and included a number of proposals which may well prove to be controversial. Comments to the WDFW on its proposed rules are due on or before October 16<sup>th</sup> and Doug indicated the Conservation Committee is in the process of determining the particular proposals on which it will be submitting comments.

Education. Pat Peterman. Pat did not have a report as such but he expressed his observation the Club was in need of additional IFF certified casting instructors. Pat has under consideration one or more classes to prepare interested members for IFF certification as a casting instructor.

Fruit & Flowers. Pete Baird. Not present.

IFFF Coordinator Don Simoson. Not present. In Don's absence there was a short discussion of receiving a written commitment by the IFF to recognize the WFFC as a founding club of the IFFF on IFF electronic and printed publications. It was observed the WFFC is not under any



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constraints in stating it was a founding club as that is simply a statement of fact.

Outings Dave Schorsch. Dave said the next outing will be held at Hood Canal and hosted by Jay Deeds. In response to a question of what the Club could consider in terms of river/stream focused outings in addition to those held at lakes and on the salt, Dave offered for discussion the notion of individuals serving as an outing host. The general idea is for one or more members to host a small group of members to fish a particular river or stream. An extended discussion followed. Matters touched upon during the discussion included; using the WFFC Forum (on the WFFC web site) as a device for announcements by individual members of his/her intention to fish a particular location inviting other members along, using “mini outings” as an method for new members to meet other members and explore new fishing waters, whether attracting new members is just not a high a priority for some members and use of public section of WFFC web site to allow nonmembers to learn of informal member outings.

Mike Wearne spoke to the outing scheduled for Lake Hannan and the prospect of the Club providing some instruction for fly fishing and fly tying for youth at Camp Hamilton.

Publicity Kerry Oldenburg. Kerry was introduced by President Moscynski as the new Publicity chair. Kerry requested input from the Board and other attendees on areas in which she should focus her time and efforts. A general discussion followed on both internal and external communications in both print and electronic media. Some suggested Kerry be introduced to former chairs for their thoughts and recommendations for her consideration.

Youth Pat Becker. No report.



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Other            Membership Meetings. A wide ranging discussion was had as to the manner in which membership meetings are now conducted. A number of former presidents relayed their experiences in conducting meetings. President Moscyński described how he manages meetings which includes time for the invited speaker, conducting Club business, introduction of invited guests, fishing reports, ferry schedules (which are important to some members) and the conflicts and challenges in realizing those objectives within the allotted time.

Sponsoring new members. The Club's Bylaws generally provide that one needs to be a member for two years before he or she may sponsor a candidate for membership. A board member raised for discussion whether a new member should be barred from sponsorship for his or her initial two years as a member. This stimulated an extended discussion as to the purpose of the rule and whether changing it would be to the advantage of the Club. Some expressed a view that some period of membership should be required as it allows a new member to get a sense of what the Club is all about prior to nominating someone for membership. The discussion extended to the exploration of the responsibilities of sponsors to those whom they sponsor as new members. Of particular interest to some was the notion of imbuing sponsors with a sense of continuing commitment to new members as a mentor for not only interacting with and getting to know Club members but, if appropriate, the finer particulars in the art of fly angling. It was generally agreed these were important considerations and will be discussed and refined for future action.

Donations.        On motions duly made, seconded and passed the Board authorized the following donations:

\$750.00 to the Western Rivers Conservancy  
\$500.00 to Camp Hamilton CYO, [Lake Hannon]

Meeting adjourned @ 9:10 pm



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Submitted by Gary Bergquist  
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