



**Washington Fly Fishing Club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 7:00 P.M.**  
 Seattle Tennis Club  
**Minutes**

OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS		
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	p
Charlie Davis	1st VP - Membership		Gene Gudger	Bar	
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs	p	Doug Schaad	Conservation	
Dick Robbins	3rd VP – Christmas Party	p	Ron Tschetter	Creel Notes	
Don Barton	Treasurer	p	Pat Peterman	Education	p
Gary Bergquist	Secretary	p	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	p
Jim Macdonald	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie	p	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator	
	2nd. Ghillie *		Kris Kristoffersen & Steve Suni	Home Waters	
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian	p
TRUSTEES & GUESTS			Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls	p
Rocco Maccarrone	Past President	p	Jim McDonald	Photographer	
Roger Rohrbeck	Trustee	p		Publicity	
Dave Hawkins	Trustee		David Hawkinson	Raffle	
Bob Young	Trustee		John Schuitemaker	Rosters Publication	
Chapin Henry	Trustee	p	Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Don Schroeder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Gene Gudger	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	p
Bill Redmond	Guest	P	Dick Brening	Youth	p
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	p
			Kent Lufkin	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	

P= Present, ,

**RED= Revisions to Original, R= Revision, A=Addition, D= Deletion**

✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:00 PM

**1. Minutes of the June 4, and July 2, 2013 meetings.** Readings of the minutes of the June and July meetings were waived and the minutes approved.

**2. Old Business.**

**a. Dry Falls.** President Mike Wearne stated that he will be speaking with Craig Koepler as to the status of proposed improvements to the Dry Falls launch area. Bob Burdick noted he had heard a method of treatment for the aquatic vegetation may have been selected. It was mentioned the implementation of a solution may be months from being



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approved. One Board member expressed his frustration at what he thought was a seemingly endless bureaucratic mumbo jumbo for as simple a project as was being proposed.

**b. FFF Membership.** Jim Young is in charge of the FFF membership application which President Wearne said was progressing.

**3. New Business**

**a. Nominee for Honorary Member.** Bob Burdick made a motion that the Board nominates Bill McMillan for Honorary Membership in the Club. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote. The Board action will be forwarded to the Membership Committee as per the WFFC Bylaws.

In the discussion, Roger Rohrbeck noted the Membership Committee has been operating as an ad hoc committee which, in Roger's view may be preferable to a standing committee which could prove to be to assemble to assemble for action in a timely manner.

**b. Christmas Party.** Dick Robbins, VP said he was now pulling together the people he thought would be necessary to give him the help necessary for this project. The attendees joined in a lengthy discussion with suggestions to Dick as to past experiences and recommendations he should consider.

**c. Club Pins.** Bill Neal, Awards, reported he is working with a company in the design of a pin for use as the award for future winners of the Boyd Aigner Annual Fly Tying Competition. A pin would be in lieu of cash prizes. Bill circulated an artist's rendition of a pin. Bill noted awarding a pin will be less expensive over time as manufacturer charge a single setup charge and thereafter individual pins will cost less than cash awards. Discussion followed as to the design of the pin's fly pattern and whether the pin should be manufactured in a manner to distinguish it from pins awarded to past presidents. Chuck Ballard volunteered to work



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on the design of the pin's fly pattern. Consensus of the attendees was favorable to replacement of cash awards with a distinctive pin as well as to the design circulated.

**d. Membership.** President Wearne noted that Charlie Davis has taken over as VP Membership and there was discussion as to communicating Charlie's appointment to the Membership. There was a general discussion as to the extent of the Board's efforts in contacting former members with a view to their re-joining the Club. Contrary views were expressed and no action taken.

**e. Sunset Bay Beach Camp.** Dick Brenning, Youth, is in contact with the director of the Sunset Bay Beach Camp and will be exploring what level of involvement in the camp's activities by the Club may be practical.

**f. Wild Fish Conservancy.** Bill Redmond observed the Wild Fish Conservancy ("WFC") has been, and continues to be, intimately involved in the removal of dams on the Elwha River as well as extensive monitoring of the Elwha's restoration. Bill urged the Board to consider continuing its funding of WFC in these efforts. Discussion followed as to the nature of the current funding and the status of the pending litigation over certain aspects of the river restoration efforts.

**g. Education Committee.** The President advised the Board and attendees that Jim Higgins had resigned as Education Committee Chair and Pat Peterman has accepted appointment as his successor.

Pat addressed the Education Committee's current operations:

- i. Fly Tying classes. Dick Brening manages the fly tying classes.
- ii. Beginning and Advanced Fly Casting and
- iv. Project Healing Waters which is being managed by Jim McRoberts.



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As to the fly tying classes and the two casting classes, Pat suggested the fees for the classes be increased from \$50 to \$60 per student. In response to a question as to the rationale for these increases, Pat noted the committee was now just about breaking even under the current fee schedule and would use the additional revenue for expanding the committee's operations. Pat also noted that even with the proposed increase the Club's classes would be less than fees charged by other organizations for similar. The fee increases were approved by the Board.

Pat then described to the Board and other attendees two proposals for consideration.

One is for the Club to sponsor a day of education for its members and guests which could consist of corrective casting assistance, pointers and suggestions on fishing techniques and an examination of new equipment and gear offered by manufacturers.

The second suggestion is for the Club taking the lead in sponsoring a fly casting completion which would replace the 5 wt completion at the Ellensburg Conclave previously operated by the FFF. Pat explained Club sponsorship of such an event would entail the formation of a WFFC Casting Team. Pat felt it important a casting team have adequate time to practice in advance of the event.

Discussion followed and Pat indicated that he would provide follow up information at a future board meeting.

**h. Fruit and Flowers.** Pete Baird noted the passing of Dick Thompson. Pete told the attendee that he and other Club members had the opportunity to visit with Dick the week prior to his death. Pete said Dick genuinely appreciated their visit.

Pete also reported that Ed Arechevala , a former club member and father of past president John Arechavala, had also passed on.



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**i. Outings.** Dave Schorch noted the next Club outing will be at Jay Deeds' place at Seabeck October 14-15<sup>th</sup>. Camping areas are available at the state park near to Jay's residence. Dave asked those who have water craft with room for additional anglers to please let him know.

Dave then opened a discussion on moving the October outing from Dry Falls to Big Twin Lakes. After a thorough discussion of the advantages of holding this outing at Big Twin Lakes, the Board decided to move the outing to Big Twin Lakes. It was noted there should be as wide a dissemination of this change as can be done such that all members are aware of the change in location.

**j. Heritage.** Chuck Ballard described he was continuing with his interviews of senior Club members. Chuck said was able to interview Dick Thompson prior to his death. Chuck has given a copy of the interview (on a CD) to Dick's family and thought a portion of it may be used at Dick's memorial service.

**k. Creel Notes.** President Wearne noted that Ron Tschetter was doing an outstanding job as editor and members needed to continue providing Ron with material.

**l. Programs.** Bob Burdick, VP began his discussion by soliciting comments on the previous speaker as has been his practice. Bob said he is considering requesting future speakers to provide a written summary or outline of his/her talk so that members may have it as a source of future reference. Discussion followed as subjects which lend themselves to outlines or summaries and those that would not. In general the consensus was that for some speakers an outline or summary would be welcome and particular note was taken of the quality of the hand outs Chad Jackson provided at his presentation.

Bob said the next three speakers will address bone fishing in Hawaii, how to fish in New Zealand on \$100/day and a history of the regulation of cutthroat fishing in the Puget Sound.



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A subject raised and discussed were the avenues available for greater circulation/publicity of the Club Meetings and its featured speakers. It was thought more exposure would not only increase awareness of the Club but also attract more attendees at Club meetings.

**m. Member Pins.** Jim McDonald, Ghillie, reported that he will be ordering additional members' pins.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:20 pm

Submitted by Gary Bergquist September 6, 2013