



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting Minutes Revision = R1 Tuesday, September 4, 2012, 7:00 P.M. Seattle Tennis Club Minutes

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
John Gravendyk	1st VP - Membership	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs		Doug Schaad	Conservation	
Bob Young	3rd VP – Christmas Party		Jim Van De Erve	Creel Notes & Dry Falls	P
Don Barton	Treasurer	P	Jim Higgins	Education	
Ron Tschetter	Secretary	P	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	
Jim Macdonald	1 st Ghillie	P	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator	
Pete Draughon	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	P
Craig Koeppler	Trustee		Robert Tovar	Publicity	
Steve Sunich	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
			Dick Brening	Youth	
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website	P
			Kent Lufkin	75 th Anniversary	

Color Key

P= Present , Red=Action Items,
 Blue = Denotes Guest(s)

Black Bold = Decision Motion-Approval/Disapproval

Purple = Revisions to Original, R= Revision, A=Addition, D= Deletion

- ✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:10 PM
- ✓ **Initiate Motion to approve August board meeting minutes**
 - **Motion passed Unanimously**

Old Business

1. Yakima Homewaters – Mike Wearne

- a. Kris Kristoffersen volunteered to lead up the renegotiation of the Yakima Homewaters lease
 - i. Craig Kloeppler will assist
 1. New lease negotiation will basically consist of:
 - a. Cost going forward
 - b. Target 1 year duration but duration could change
 - c. Board will have authority to approve/disapprove new lease terms



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2. Outings – Mike Wearne

- a. Jay Deeds place (Hood Canal) September 8th
- b. Also, trying to work up a Yakima Homewaters outing this month

3. Riverfest at Bothell – John Gravendyk

- a. WFFC Booth at Pop Keeney Stadium (August 26th) was a success
- b. WFFC Participants were Ron Dion, Mike Wearne, John Gravendyk and Ron Tschetter
 - i. 6 interested individuals signed the name and were contacted by John
 1. Suggestion by Mike Wearne:
 - a. Put together a ‘take home kit’ for kids to tie a Wooley Bugger so they can tie at home
 - i. Hooks – liability?
- c. Display Board
 - i. Needs some sort of “anchoring system” for use in outside venues
 1. Strong wind almost took the Display Board away
 - a. Need sandbag or some other source to keep it stable when in use outdoors

4. Puyallup Outdoor Show 2013 – Mike Wearne

- a. Discussion of possible WFFC participation in this event
 - i. Cost for a booth is \$1,000
 1. Pro’s & Con’s Discussed:
 - a. Attracts a wide variety of people that enjoy the outdoors
 - i. Diverse Crowd – a possible instruct in fly fishing that have never done it before
 - b. Attracts people that may not be interested in fly fishing
 - i. “Mt Loop Highway Types” that like only hunting and “gear type” fishing
 1. We may not get much interest at all
- b. Fly Fishing Show in Lynnwood WA – 2 day event / January 2013
 - i. Another show that we could attend
 1. May not get as a diverse crowd – all are probably fly fisherman and are already members of fly fishing clubs
 2. **Mike Wearne to find out what the cost is to participate in the Lynnwood event – cost of booth**
 3. Treasurer Don Barton mentioned cost will come out of our 2012 budget if we choose to spend money for either event

5. Nominating Committee – Mike Wearne

- a. Next General Meeting – Have an easel available for writing name of potential nominees for 2013 officerships
 - i. **Mike Wearne to write an explanation notice in the Creel Notes**
 - ii. **Jim MacDonald to insure easel from STC will be available**

6. Raffle – Mike Wearne

- a. David Hawkinson no longer wants to do the raffle duties at membership meetings



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- i. **Need to select a new candidate for this job**
 1. **Job for the nominating committee?**

New Business

7. Dues – Don Barton

- a. Bylaws essentially state that Dues structure for upcoming year is set in December and announced in Creel Notes (also December)
 - i. Last year board motioned to raise dues to \$100 then later back it down to \$75 due to the success of our Christmas Party income
- b. Would introduction of a sliding scale dues structure make it more attractive for new younger members?
 - i. New, Younger members pay a figure something less than a “full price”
 - ii. Older member pay “full price”
 - iii. Would have to have an detail explanation behind such a proposal
 1. Current situation and reasons for dues changes
 - a. **Agreement to keep this on the board agenda for future discussion**

8. 75th Anniversary – Don Barton

- a. Kent Lufkin is the chairman of this event (Year 2014)
 - i. Kent proposed a \$10,000 startup dollars earlier this year (not discussed or approved by the board)
 1. Nothing has transpired since that time – is he still interested in this chairmanship?

9. Historical Creel Notes – Mike Wearne

- a. Thoughts to have back issues digitized
 - i. *Whole cardboard box of Creel Notes back issues brought to board meeting*
- b. **Kris Kristoffersen** (was thought to know of someone who could digitize them for a modest price **Rev 1**)
 - i. He may have some already done?
- c. **Someone to contact Kris Kristoffersen to ask about the low cost digitizing or if he has some of the old Creel Notes already digitized?** **Rev 1**

10. One Fly Competition – Henry Chapin / Mike Wearne

- a. One Fly Competition on the Yakima
 - i. Possible fund raiser
 - ii. October time frame
 1. Suggested it be done in teams to insure honesty
 2. **Mike Wearne to call “Reds” to inquire about how this competition works and how to organize**

11. Club Mementos and Property – Jim MacDonald

- a. Jim has a good inventory of club property and missing pieces



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- i. **Mike Wearne to ask Kris Kristoffersen about some of our club mementos and other 'stuff' that is missing**

12. Women in the Club – Rocco Maccarrone

- a. Last month Augusta (golf club) changed their rules and allowed women into their club
 - i. Rocco's expressed that he thinks now is the time to allow women into the WFFC
 1. May solve our current membership growth problem and any potential problems with being exclusive
- b. Roger Rohrbeck commented that the approach taken 2 years ago didn't work well
 - i. Need to have some club members that are persuasive and respected to engage those who are adamantly against this
 1. Other remarks:
 - a. Club membership on a negative slope
 - b. Dues income barely holding its own
 - c. Attraction of new, younger members has been slow
 - d. Long rang future viability of club in jeopardy

Committee Reports

13. Outings – David Schorsch

- a. Hoods Canal (Jay Deed's place) September 8th
- b. Dry Falls – October 6th and 7th
- c. Wet Buns – November 3rd and 4th
- d. Possible Homewaters (Yakima River) September 29th – One Day Trip
 - i. **September Homewaters One Day outing announcement at September membership meeting – David Schorsch**
- e. Also mentioned: If you go on 3 outings, you've pretty much got back your dues money – spend about \$22 / head on food, beer and appetizers each outing

14. Education – Chuck Ballard / Mike Wearne

- a. Fly tying classes are back on at the Mercer Island Covenant Church (apparently we had lost this privilege due to pastor change but was reconsidered) We now can hold our fly tying classes at the church
- b. Fly fishing class at the University of Washington – support?
 - i. Possibly modeled after Western Washington University program
 - ii. Under the Fisheries Department?

15. Website – Roger Rohrbeck / David Schorsch

- a. David asked about having the ability for non members to communicate their desire to attend an outing by sending a note to the outing chairman
 - i. Roger said this could be done without identifying Dave actual e-mail address
- b. Also noted: WFFC Facebook Page
 1. Pat Peterman created (and apparently still maintains) a Facebook Page for the club **in 2009 while serving as president** a while ago (apparently most board members didn't know we had one). **The link to the club's Facebook**



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Page is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-Fly-Fishing-Club/89812373513>.

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16. Membership – John Gravendyk

- a. J.C. Hungerford to be inducted at September 2012 general meeting
 - i. Mike Wearne will induct J.C. at meeting**
 - ii. Gil Nyerges needs to be contacted for his part in J.C.'s induction ceremony – Who will contact Gil?**

17. Creel Notes – Jim Van De Erve

- a. Articles for September Creel Notes and contributors:
 - 1. Homewaters Negotiation Article – **Mike Wearne**
 - 2. Jay Deeds Outing – **Dave Schorsch**
 - 3. September Yakima Trip – **Dave Schorsch**
 - 4. Riverfest report – **John Gravendyk**
 - 5. East Side Fishing Report – **Allen Peterson (spelled)?**

Around the Room

Ghillie Report - Jim MacDonald

- a. John Thompson showed up for last dinner meeting (he is no longer a member, didn't pay his dues this year) – *he may still think he is a member*
- b. Guest got mad at \$5.00 surcharge for dinner and stormed off
 - i. Thought it might be for the club to just absorb the \$5.00 charges for guests because they wouldn't be aware of pre registration requirement
 - 1. "We are trying to gain members, not run them off"
- c. **Jim MacDonald to write reminder about the \$5.00 surcharge for the Creel Notes**

Creel Notes Report - Jim Van De Erve

- a. **Reminded the board that he needs would like to transition the Creel Notes editor job and needs a replacement named soon.**
 - i. There is some transition work that needs to be done with new candidate

Meeting adjourned @ 8:36PM

Submitted by Ron Tschetter, September 5, 2012

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Changes per input from Board Members - September 10, 2012