

WFFC BOARD MEETING

Date: **October 1, 2007**
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: The College Club of Seattle

AGENDA:

1. Roll Call: John Schuitemaker, David Ehrich, Jim Van de Erve Kris Kristofferson, Doug Schaad, Mike Wearne, Don Schroder Pat Peterman, Peter Crumbaker, Craig Koeppler, Don Simonson, Ron Dion, Gene Grudger, Keith Robbins, Jim Macdonald and Richard Rohrbeck
2. Minutes approved without modification.

3. Old Business

March 2008 Dinner Meeting — Last regular meeting, John S. took a straw poll on membership preference between the same date, but different location versus STC on the regular date. Leaning toward alternative location, a couple places were discussed. Some liked the idea of having a catered meal as a way of learning how that goes. Keith R. will make a proposal for Hula's and other volunteered to help. The nature of the program was also discussed and some thought was given to making Frank's 100th birthday the focus of the program. Action items: look into Horticulture Center, Central District Senior Center, and Hula's. Some discussion ensued to the nature of the program, but was cut off as being premature and grandular.

Christmas party planning — Craig Koeppler reported that things were going well, donations were on track and the gift fly boxes are filling up. Doug reports that we will have smoked salmon. Keith has volunteered again to conduct the auction. The slide show is on, but members still need to send their photos to Ed S. (in the jpeg format by email or CD) of any WFFC events or personal fishing moments in this past year. We also discussed various typical events and how the evening pacing goes. Members also discussed the young ladies in holiday dress and some strong opinions were shared.

Revisions and updates to Operating Procedures — If you have any changes to your committee operating procedures, please send them to Bob Birkner.

4. New Business

Location for Board Meetings — We can have our meetings at STC, but they don't have food service on Mondays. We could move back to Tuesdays and buy food at the STC cafe. Some reservations were shared about traffic, but no alternatives were offered.

New Microphone — John S. had trouble with replacing the battery and the unit is quite old and has had problems. STC will let us use theirs for \$25 a month. Jim M. offered to recondition the microphone gratis. If he is unsuccessful, John was strongly urged to buy a new one assuming STC will let us and we can find one compatible with their equipment.

Dinner Meeting Price — Our negotiated price with STC is \$26. John would like us to pay the credit card transaction fee, but would like to raise the price to \$27 for all members to cover this fee and create a small cushion. Board members liked the idea and Peter C. quickly made a motion, Don S. second. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.

5. Committee Reports:

Conservation: Doug S. reported that the committee met and discussed several issues. King Co. has going ahead with riparian renovation on the Tolt River as we suggested. Tagging South Sound Coho smolt revealed alarming survival rates. Heather Bartlett will talk at the Urban Horticulture Center about Steelhead management. Triploids are being advised for several B.C. Lakes. The NF Stilly clean up had an abysmal turn out of only 4 people. These valiant gentlemen almost filled the back of a pick up. Doug felt his preparation efforts were far in excess of the turnouts. Perhaps the WFFC has abdicated its responsibility for this river? Kris K. suggested we make the Stilly clean up a club activity including fishing. Doug pointed out that he had done this and gone to great pains to

schedule the weekend carefully. He also pointed out that damming up Crab Creek into a 26 mile lake which the Club will oppose. Other plans to dam wild rivers will be discussed.

Youth: Kris expects to pull together a club meeting soon.

Heritage: Kris thanked John S for finding suitable storage into which Kris has moved several of the items he had stored at his home. John pointed out it is an 8 x 8' space and we managed to scavenge shelves. The unit is climate controlled. Our current library will move from the College Club into this storage soon.

Outdoors: Ron reported small attendance for all but the longstanding outings. Since they might open the upper Columbia, the Methow (Oct 20) outing is looking good. Ron will be able to announce at the regular club meeting. We have 27 people signed up for Dry Falls, 7 people for WET BUNS (Nov 3-4) at Penrose SP. We have the group area reserved with 10 sites for RVs and 10 tent sites.

Programs: No report.

Awards: No report.

Creel Notes: Jim Van de Erve would like the club to purchase or exchange his license for Adobe Acrobat. The Board gave him permission to buy if necessary. Cut off for submissions for the next issue is October 7, 2007.

Ghillie: No report.

Membership: Pat reported that we have a couple new folks to vote on with great qualifications and we have two new people on deck and will be voted on the next meeting they can attend. Pat also wondered who was tracking the potential new members who made recent events. John S. suggested each of us who invited people to keep track of their guests.

Education: Don wondered if he and Gil Nyerges should move on organizing the educational equipment. Gil would like to improve tracking this equipment. Don pointed out that only the Youth Committee and Gil use the vises. Don only uses a few rods for his programs and students provide the rest. On another subject Don will call an education committee meeting to brainstorm different paths the Club might take for education programs.

Bar: Gene is looking for October coverage.

Library: Mike W. will call a moving date for the library.

FFF/WCFF: Don S. reported that Ed S. will head the committee to administer and score the competition at the upcoming FFF Spring Conclave (May 3 in the Kititas County Fair Grounds and near by park.). This year's contest will be a team competition and we should have at least two teams competing. Contact Ed to judge and/or compete. (Yes, you can do both!) Bring your rod, they will provide a 5 wt line and reel.

Raffle: No report.

Website: Kris reports great progress on the WFFC website, thanks to Roger Rhorbeck, including new areas with different levels of access such as a "members only" area.

Foundation: No report.

Treasurer: No report

Publicity: No report

Rosters/Labels: John S. gave roster changes to the Creel notes.

Fruit & Flowers: John S. shared a letter from Pete reporting that Gil is doing well. Jon Williams' wife is home from the hospital and recovering.

Archives/Historian: No report.

Photographer: Jim M. got help taking pictures last meeting.

6. Around the Table

Kris K. reminded us about the Reel Recovery Retreat on Oct 16 at Suncadia. If you have or had cancer or know another member who might qualify, Kris recommends participation. Contact Kris or check out www.reelrecovery.org. Pat P. thought we might buy dinner for new young prospective members for their first time meeting. John S. suggested that all members treat their guests at least the first time.

7. Adjourned at 9:03.