

# WFFC BOARD MEETING

Date: **December 3, 2007**  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: The College Club of Seattle

## **AGENDA:**

1. Roll Call: John Schuitemaker, David Ehrich, Pat Peterman, John Huey, Bill Neal, Pete Baird, Doug Schaad, Michael Wearne, Ed Sozinho, Bill Kuper, Peter Crumbaker, Craig Koepler, Don Simonson, Chuck Ballard, Bob Birkner, Jim Macdonald, Richard Rohrbeck, Kris Kristofferson, and Jim McDonald.
2. John welcomed newly elected members.
3. Minutes approved without modification.
4. Agenda Modifications: Craig asked to discuss location for the Foundation Committee and he wanted to discuss posting contributors to the auction on the website. Peter C. asked to add a discussion on items for sale

## **5. Old Business**

**January Board Meetings** — John S. noted the Board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2 at the STC. Please note that members who come early for dinner must pay with credit cards.

**Christmas Party planning** — Craig reported that things are on track and all indications are set for a smooth event. A few veterans offered valuable advice.

**Location of March Meeting** — John S. reminded us that the March meeting will be at the STC on Wednesday, March 19. Because the STC has a sizable meeting that night as well, be warned that parking will be tight.

**Operating Procedures** — Bob B. reported that no changes to the OPs were forthcoming. He handed out CDs of the OPs for those interested.

## **New Business**

**Club dues** — John S. opened the discussion by reviewing previous discussions. He also noted that budget increases require a need that requires budget adjustment. John H. went over the numbers and noted that we are operating right at break even. Bob floated an idea that if we raised the dues for 2009, members who participated in service events would get to maintain the 2008 levels. For example, Board members, committee chairs, instructors would be credited along with those who volunteer. The objective would ultimately be to increase participation but we would see some increase in budget. Discussion ensued. One important point was raised that the Conservation Committee expenses were well under anticipated and that is skewing the budget. **Pat P. moved to raise dues to \$70; change the By-laws to waive "Senior Members" as defined in the OPs to include those members with at least 10 years of membership and at least 70 years of age; and keep the Associate Member fee to \$35 and amend the definition of the Associated Membership include members under 30 years of age who chose to join and no vote.** (Sozinho second.) Discussion ensued. David E. suggested we treat each idea separately. Pat withdrew his motion (with second) and then **Pat Peterman moved to raise dues to \$70. (Koepler second.)** Discussion ensued. Yes-9; No-1; Ab-0. Motion carried.

Pat returned to his earlier points and asked if we should have a tiered membership dues structure? Ehrich thought a straw poll was called for. John asked members if they were interested in pursuing the idea and 4 Board member thought it worth further discussion.

**Bob B. moved to raise Associate Members dues from \$35 to \$45 (Sozinho second).** Discussion ensued. Yes-9; No-1.

**Project Healing Waters** — John S. briefed the Board on the gist of Project Healing Waters (PHW), a group devoted to helping veterans from the Beacon Hill VA hospital recover with the help of fishing trips, group education and the like. The group wants WFFC to sponsor a local chapter of PHW that would require us to organize the activities, solicit other volunteers from our club as well as other like-minded groups like Trout Unlimited and fulfill

oversight requirements. John asked if the WFFC has interest and more importantly, if someone would like to step up to the job of coordinating the project. The point was raised that this would raise the profile of the WFFC. Expenses and financial exposure were discussed. Moving forward was the will of the group.

**Web Sight Acknowledgement** — Craig K. would like to add acknowledgment to those businesses who contributed to the Christmas Party to our web sight for 90 days. Several members noted how common this practice is for other clubs. Other members noted that the WFFC has strong feelings against product endorsement in our publications. A reasonable compromise was reached.

## 6. **Committee Reports:**

Conservation: No report

Youth: No report.

**Heritage:** Chuck Ballard noted that WWU interviewed Walt Walkinshaw and Fran Wood for their library.

Outdoors: No report

Programs: No report

**Awards:** Bill noted we will not award the Lambuth award this year.

Creel Notes: No report.

**Ghillie:** John S. spoke on behalf of the Ghillie about how STC handles drinks. We will be able to buy drinks by cash. Buying drinks by credit card, they would have to buy tickets (two prices) along with their meal or members would have to buy them separately by credit card. Peter C. shared his list of options for selling items with our logo that we may want to order in the future. He shared detailed information.

**Membership:** Pat P. reported that we have only one application in the pipeline and Pat reminded us to keep up the good work on an outstanding membership year.

**Education:** Don S. shared some ideas the committee came up with including a two-handed casting class. The usual classes will also be offered. An all around fishing class is still in the works.

Bar: No report.

**Library:** Mike W. reported the library was moved and will require organization.

**FFF/WCFF:** The conclave is April in Ellensburg and we are administering the casting competition, coordinated by Ed S.

Raffle: No report.

**Website:** Kris reports that Roger R. put in many hours of hard work at the Membership site. Kudos.

**Foundation:** The annual meeting will be in February. Can we hold meeting at the STC prior to our general membership (5 PM)? John shared contact information.

Treasurer: No report.

Publicity: No report.

**Rosters/Labels:** John S. reported that updates via the web are working well.

**Fruit & Flowers:** Peter B. shared that Walt Walkinshaw is recovering slowly and it may be a while before he can make a meeting. Other details were shared. Peter also talked about the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for Frank. He welcomes any volunteers who wish to help with the festivities. John S. asked Pete's help in keeping the Fruit & Flowers report a bit shorter for the regular meetings.

**Photographer:** Jim M. is working with the web site developers to update the photos.

7. **Around the Table:** Outgoing Board members showed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board. Peter B. screened the Associate Members for accuracy. New members expressed excitement in anticipation of their service.

8. **Adjourned at 9:15.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Ehrich