



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

OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards
Charlie Davis	1st VP - Membership	P	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
Gary Bergquist	Secretary	P	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers
Jim Macdonald	1 st Ghillie	P	Don Simonson	FFF Coordinator
	2nd. Ghillie *		Kris Kristoffrsen & Steve Sunic	Home Waters
	* = non-voting officer		Mike Wearne	Librarian
TRUSTEES & GUESTS			Dave Schorsch	Outdoors & Dry Falls
Rocco Maccarrone	Past President	P	Jim MacDonald	Photographer
Roger Rohrbeck	Trustee	P		Publicity
Dave Hawkinson	Trustee	P	Dave Hawkinson	Raffle
Bob Young	Trustee		Mike Mosczynski	Rosters Publication
Chapin Henry	Trustee	P	Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor
Don Schroder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation
Gene Gudger	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage
			Dick Brening	Youth
			Roger Rohrbeck	Website
				75 th Anniversary

P= Present, ,

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

✓ Meeting was called to order @ 7:05 PM

A quorum being present the meeting started by Don Barton, Treasure, in the absence of President Mike Wearne.

Don said the WFFC Bylaws require the Board to set membership dues at its December meeting for the upcoming year. Don stated the Club's current dues structure provides sufficient revenue for the Club's operations as currently conducted. Don stated, the "Club is marginally profitable", Discussion ensued as to the merits of increasing the dues or not. It was noted the last increase in dues was met with dissatisfaction of much of the Membership and subsequently rescinded. Several board



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members expressed a concern as to the effects of a dues increase on attracting new members. Motion was made to retain the current dues structure for 2014. Motion was seconded and passed.

The next matter considered was reinstating an initiation fee for new members. [The current initiation fee is \$0] Proponents argued the Club and certain of its members incurred costs in admitting new members such as pins, copies of "Back Cast" and photocopies and other miscellaneous expenses. Some stated an initiation fee should be assessed as a demonstration of a new member's commitment to the Club. Opponents argued reinstatement of an initiation fee will be counterproductive to the Club's efforts to attract new members and there was no demonstrable need for the additional revenue.

Motion was made to reinstate an initiation fee and seconded. Motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 5 votes opposed. Motion was made to set the initiation fee starting in 2014 at \$25.00. The motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 5 votes opposed.

President Mike Wearne arrived at the meeting. Mike placed the November minutes before the Board. Motion was made and seconded to waive reading of the minutes and approve them. Motion was passed.

Christmas Party. President Wearne next asked Dick Robbins to report on the status of the Christmas Party. Dick said things were coming together. He and Greg Crumbaker would be meeting tomorrow night to finalize items which would be included in the Live Auction as well as those which will be in the raffle. Dick invited anyone who was interested to attend and participate. Dick reviewed a partial list of items now on hand for the event and allowed that additional items may be needed for the raffle. It was suggested that a list of all the live auction items be sent to all members by email in advance of the dinner. This will to allow members time to consider which items are attractive to them as well as assembling partners to make pooled bids.



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Dick said he will have “packets” for attendees with bidding numbers and for non-members, membership applications.

Dick Brenning noted he would be running the “Fly Box Raffle” and has 30 boxes for this year’s event.

Committee Reports

Conservation. Doug Schaad. Doug noted the dam proposed on the upper Snoqualmie River has received only 10 comments from the public which Doug felt indicates an apparent lack of interest. On a more positive note Doug said three streams feeding the Columbia River will be closed to planting with hatchery fish. This is a small victory in a long process.

Education. Pat Peterman. Pat told the attendees classes for fly tying and beginning and advanced fly casting were on schedule and, through the efforts of Roger Rohrbeck, non-members can sign up and pay for these classes on the WFFC web site.

Fruit and Flowers. Pete Baird circulated a card for Jim Young on the passing of his mother.

Outings. Dave Schorsch. Dave said he will be working on a schedule with other fly clubs in an attempt to both avoid two clubs holding outs on the same water at the same time and to advertise the WFFC outings to attract new members.

Foundation. Greg Crumbaker. Greg noted the Foundation received an acknowledgement and thanks for its recent donation to the Western Washington Fly Fishing Museum.

Programs. Bob Burdick. Bob reminded the attendees there will be no speaker for the January meeting as that meeting is the Awards Dinner. He noted there were potential speakers for the 75th Anniversary event but he would need to have firm date to schedule one for the event.



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Bob also is looking for suggestions for topics and mentors for the Round Table Dinner. Bob is considering inviting a speaker from law enforcement for a Club meeting.

A general discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantages of combining the 75th Anniversary Event with the 2014 Christmas Party. A wide range of views and opinions were expressed. No decision was made

Membership. Charlie Davis. Charlie recommended the January Board Meeting have on its agenda a series of topics related to increasing membership. Charlie said specific recommendations or proposals adopted by the Board could then be thoroughly vetted by a committee formed for this and other membership issues. Charlie has secured commitments from several members to serve on such a committee.

Awards. Bill Neal Bill noted the three non-member entrants to the Boyd Aigner Fly Tying contest had yet to be given formal recognition for their participation. Greg Crumbaker suggested these individuals be presented with a plaque. Discussion followed as to the form of recognition and whether it should be at the upcoming Christmas Dinner or at the Awards Dinner. It was determined this was an issue to be decided by the committee chair.

Around the Room.

Pat Peterman reported the dates on which 2014 Fly Tying Expo will be held in Albany, Oregon as March 7th, 8th and 9th. One attendee encouraged all to consider going to this event as it is well worth the time.

Mike Moscynski, President Elect for 2014, addressed the Board and committee chairs. Mike said he was looking forward to working with the board and committee chairs in the new year and expressed his appreciation for those who have contacted him and offered their help.



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The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Gary Bergquist, Secretary
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