



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
 Seattle Tennis Club
Minutes

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Mike Wearne	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	P
John Gravendyk	1st VP - Membership	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	P
Bob Burdick	2nd VP - Programs	P	Doug Schaad	Conservation	P
Bob Young	3rd VP – Christmas Party	P	Jim Van De Erve	Creel Notes & Dry Falls	P
Don Barton	Treasurer	P	Jim Higgins	Education	P
Ron Tschetter	Secretary	P	Pete Baird	Fruit & Flowers	P
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	
Rocco Maccarrone	Past President	P	Jim McDonald	Photographer	P
Craig Koeppler	Trustee		Robert Tovar	Publicity	
Steve Sunich	Trustee		David Hawkinson	Raffle	
Bob Young	Trustee	P	John Schuitemaker	Rosters Publication	
Chapin Henry	Trustee	P	Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Don Schroeder	Trustee		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Gene Gudger	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
Gary Bergquist	Secretary for 2013	P	Dick Brening	Youth	P
Dick Robbins	3 rd VP for 2013	P	Roger Rohrbeck	Website	P
			Kent Lufkin	75 th Anniversary	

Color Key

P= Present , Red=Action Items/enquiries,

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 @ 7:03 PM

New Business

1. Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show – Mike Wearne

- a. Mike Wearne sent e-mail to show representatives indicating our interest
 - i. No response so far
 - ii. **Will continue contact efforts – Mike Wearne**

2. Fly Tying Kits – Mike Wearne

- a. Availability of a fly tying “kit” for handout at show venues
 - i. Instruction “kit” on tying a Wooly Bugger
 1. Kit contents – Materials, instruction and WFFC brochure
 - a. Jim Higgins is also involved with this project



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3. Christmas Wreath Sale – Henry Chapin

- a. Ordered wreath's will be delivered to Mike Hurt's driveway
 - i. Orders tagged with person's name
- b. **Roger Rohrbeck to send out an e-mail notifying those who purchased wreath's that they are available for pickup including Mike Hurt's location**
- c. It looks as though the net for the club will be ~ \$1,000 this year

4. Christmas Party – Bob Young

- a. Christmas Party is set to go
 - i. Working out financials concerning auction
 - ii. More auction items are encouraged
 - b. Items can be dropped off at Patrick's Fly Shop with an accompanying note
- c. Bob Young to arrive at 1:00 P.M. to start setup
 - i. Those who will be helping out should plan arrive at the same time
- d. 80 people are currently signed up
- e. Auction sample fly boxes with flies were passed around the room
- f. Wine Issue discussion
 - i. Bottles at the table vs. Fill up's at the Bar
 1. Corkage fees
 2. Bottles at the tables seem to "loosen bidder's wallets"
 - a. **Jim McDonald and Bob Young will work on this issue**
- g. Raffle Tickets Sales
 - i. Is Dave Hawkinson involved with this?
 1. **Not sure that this was answered**
- h. No elves this year, **DANG!**
- i. "Keith" is the auctioneer for this year
- j. No skits have been planned as of yet –"nobody volunteered"
 - i. **Pete Baird volunteered to read a poem**
- k. Jim McDonald will run the slide show

5. Club Projector – Jim Higgins

- a. Amplifier, Projector and Sound System is missing
 - i. It's was thought that Don Schroder may of had these items last
 1. Other searches for these items has been futile
- b. Jim Higgins needs these systems for the upcoming fly class
- c. **Motion initiated:**
 - i. **To authorize Jim Higgins to purchase replacement equipment from Mike Nolan minus speakers – estimated cost ~\$500**
 1. **Motion passed unanimously**
 - a. **Rocco Maccarrone mentioned he has some speakers that he would be willing to donate**

6. Club Dues History – Don Barton



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- a. A history of club dues and yearly charges were submitted to the board
 - a. Copy is on file with secretary
- b. Roger Rohrbeck calculations showed we brought in ~\$10,170 dues dollars this year
 - i. Projected dues for 2013 is \$9,290
- c. Discussion followed concerning 2013 dues
 - a. Do we raise, maintain at current level?
 - i. John Gravendyk thought that we need a good reason to raise them
 1. Getting people last year to renew was very dicey – the \$100 dollars originally tagged didn't set well with existing members
 - ii. Bob Young thought most members are aware that the club treasury is ~\$100,000 and doesn't give much of a good reason to up the dues
 - iii. Rocco Maccarrone mentioned that an increase would raise our financial position and we haven't had a dues raise since 2008
 - iv. Roger Rohrbeck thought scrutinizing our expenditures rather than raising dues should be our interest. Furthermore, the policy with the foundation is somewhat of a mystery to most members and how the club actually works with the foundation
 - v. Don Barton stated that our membership is in decline and attracting new members is challenging. Restoring our membership health should be a prime goal.
 - vi. Bob Burdick thought that the jump in dues last year was too big and it might be better to raise them just a little each year than one big jump
- d. The conclusion is there was no strong "selling point" to raise dues for 2013 and the current rates will remain

Committee Reports

7. Education – Jim Higgins

- a. Fly tying class is scheduled for January 3rd 2013
 - i. 6 students are currently signed up to attend

8. Fruit and Flowers – Pete Baird

- a. Art Alton would appreciate an e-mail or call
 - i. Laid up with health problems
- b. Dick Sterns is recovering from recent surgery

9. Website /Wreath Sales – Roger Rohrbeck

- a. "Last gasp sales pitch" to board members for ordering a Christmas wreath –with paper forms in hand

10. Programs – Bob Burdick

- a. Bob asked for feedback concerning the Kurt Beardsley presentation at our last club meeting
 - i. Comments were mixed
 1. Content was generally voiced as good



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2. Speaker wasn't use to speaking in public
- b. Bob Young mentioned "Coach Duffield" (spelled?) voiced his eagerness to be a presenter at a general membership meeting
 - i. He is a bone fishing guide and donated a \$600 guided trip for the Christmas Party
- c. 2 steelhead speakers are willing to put on a presentation at general membership meeting
 - i. Bob Burdick asked for suggestions on which one
 1. Bill McMillan
 2. Eric Scanzi (spelled?) – Lower B.C. Steelhead Guide
 - a. Either one was deemed acceptable

11. Youth – Dick Brening

- a. WFFC was present at the Youth Expo in Everett last year
- b. We've been re-invited for 2013
 - i. Location this next year is at McCollum athletic field (Everett)
 1. Costs us \$125 for a spot
- c. **Motion initiated:**
 - i. **Authorization to spend \$125 for participation at Youth Expo 2013 and support effort with club volunteers**
 1. **Motion passed unanimously**
- d. Dick also added he would like WFFC to follow up (after Youth Expo) with a fly fishing class in Everett a month later

12. Membership – John Gravendyk

- a. Membership has been an encouraging
 - i. Numerous new members these last few months
- b. Mike Brown and son are excited about membership
 - i. Mike Brown's son would like to start a fly fishing organization at the U of W
 1. Mike Wearne stated the WFFC will back it if such club is formed at the U of W

13. Creel Notes Report - Jim Van De Erve

- b. Articles for November Creel Notes and contributors:
 - i. Charlie Davis Biography - **John Gravendyk**
 - ii. Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show – **Mike Wearne**
 - iii. Membership Renewal Form (need to be attached to the Creel Notes) - **Roger Rohrbeck to send**
 - iv. Article to plug renewal of membership for 2013 – **John Gravendyk**
 - v. Conservation Article (maybe) – **Doug Schaad**
 - vi. Fly Tying Class – **Jim Higgins**
 - vii. Fishing Trip – **Gene Grudger**



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Around the Room

Bob Young – Letcher Lambuth’s Workbench is up for auction at Christmas Party

- a. Will be delivered to auction buyer

Dick Brening – Jim McRobert’s effort supporting PTSD patients

- a. Patients are now at American Lake facility (Tacoma)
- b. Thursday afternoon’s – seeking volunteers

Jim MacDonald – Tri Fold brochures /ethics prints

- a. Mike Wearne has some of the old Tri Fold brochures
- b. No Ethics print ups are currently available
 - a. Bob Young can get some printed up – has the masters
 - b. Leland can use a few of these at “his store”

Jim MacDonald – Stearn’s past president pin, Letcher Lambuth book, storage

- a. Wants to sell it back to the club
 - a. Chuck Ballard would like to purchase it
- b. Letcher Lambuth book is missing from the library
- c. Return to storage items
 - a. Contact Jim when returning items so he can keep track of what is in each facility

Meeting adjourned @ 8:47PM

Submitted by Ron Tschetter, December 6, 2012