



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting, January 3, 2017 7:00 PM
 Seattle Tennis Club

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
John Gravendyk	President	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Rich Gaspar	1st VP - Membership	P	Doug Schaad	Conservation	
Michael Wearne	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	P
OPEN	3rd VP - Christmas Party	P	Pat Peterman	Education	
Jim Goedhart	Treasurer	P	Rick Dubose	Fruit & Flowers	
Tom Neu	Secretary	P	Pat Peterman	IFFF Coordinator	
Pat Becker	1 st Ghillie	P	Kris Kristoferson & Steve Sunich	Home Waters	
Dexter Brown	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)		Mike Wearne	Librarian	P
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
Gary Bergquist	Past President	P	OPEN	Photographer	
Ron Little	Trustee		Kerry Hodges	Publicity	P
Peter Crumbaker	Trustee		OPEN	Raffle	
Bob Birkner	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Roster Publication	P
Hugh Clark	Trustee		Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Robert Tovar	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Walt Swanson	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
			OPEN	Youth	

P = Present

Our new President, John Gravendyk, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM with a quorum of eight Officers and Trustees present. Last month's minutes of December 6 were approved.

Officers Reports:

President

John Gravendyk

John welcomed new and old board members and committee chairs, and re-appointed committee chairs for 2017 in accordance with club bylaws. David Ehrich was introduced as the new Creel Notes editor.

Old Business:

A motion was approved and seconded to keep the current dues, initiation fee, and late payment and club fine structure from 2016 in 2017.



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Past president Gary Bergquist has been removed as the official signer on WFFC accounts and responsibility was passed on to current president, John Gravendyk.

Concern was raised about how and who should handle the “Tips and Tricks” section on the website. Chuck Ballard recommended Walt Swanson for his expertise as chair/editor responsible for the new section.

A motion was made and seconded to propose Honorary Membership for Jim Macdonald to the general membership at the January meeting.

New Business:

Gravendyk asked new officers and trustees to review their responsibilities in the club Operations Manual available on the new website. The third year trustees will make up the audit committee for 2017. Their report to the Board is due in June.

1st Vice President - Membership

Rich Gaspar

Stepping into his new role as 1st VP Membership, Rich asked for ideas on recruiting new members and future induction procedures. Following a discussion it was suggested that the membership committee refine induction procedures to present to the Board.

2nd Vice President – Programs

Michael Wearne

Transitioning program development to Michael, Bob Burdick spoke about current efforts in the pipeline, including having Ryan Smith speak on Puget Sound cutthroats after the January awards ceremonies.

Bill Neal, Awards Committee Chairman, said that this year’s winners would be awarded over two months, January and February. There are nine club members receiving awards for 2016.

3rd Vice President – Christmas Party

OPEN

Gravendyk said that this position would remain open until April. If no one steps forward the Board will need to take this on as a team project.

Treasurer/Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

Jim reported on the 2016 Christmas fundraising results, which have been recorded and submitted to the club’s archives. Jim presented the 2017 preliminary budget.



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Jim proposed three ways to reduce operational costs for the club:

- 1) Consolidate storage into one locker at a savings of \$1,375.00 annually;
- 2) Investigate whether consolidating insurance policies from two to one would result in savings to the club;
- 3) Put a digital club roster on line and request payment to cover costs from those members who want a printed copy.

Jim asked for a price increase for monthly meeting dinners from \$33 to \$34 and Christmas party from \$85 to \$95 to cover the Seattle Tennis Club's 2017 price increase. A motion to increase the monthly dinner cost \$1/meal and the Christmas party \$10/meal was made seconded and approved.

Jim also reported that the new website, which went live in December, is receiving positive feedback so far. Jim said there are a few areas that need content updates, including conservation, outreach and tips and tricks. Additionally, Jim will ask the webmasters for a proposal to use the website as a new recruiting tool.

Standing Committees:

Outings

Dave Schorsch

A motion was made, seconded and passed to charge an appropriate fee for members and guests for some outings, such as Wet Buns, where food and other costs need to be covered. Dave will make recommendations as to which outings the new fee should be applied.

Creel Notes

David Ehrich

New Creel Notes editor David Ehrich is asking for editorial input from members, including stories, photographs, and insider tips – content that would be useful and interesting to members. He will look into using the website to get member content contributions. He is asking for a co-editor to cover the summer months when he is gone. Cut off date for January is the 10th.

Announcements:

Gravendyk asked that each board member and committee chair bring the name of a potential 3rd VP candidate to the next Board meeting.



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Pat Peterman, Education Chairman, reports there are a total of 6 signed up for the fly-tying classes that begins January 5.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 PM. Submitted by Tom Neu