



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting, February 7, 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	P
Michael Wearne	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
OPEN	3rd VP - Christmas Party		Pat Peterman	Education	P
Jim Goedhart	Treasurer	P	Rick Dubose	Fruit & Flowers	
Tom Neu	Secretary		Pat Peterman	IFFF Coordinator	P
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	
Peter Crumbaker	Trustee	P	OPEN	Raffle	
Bob Birkner	Trustee	P	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	P
Stephanie Hagen		P	OPEN	Youth	
Bob Birkner		P	Bill Neal	Awards	P

P = Present

President John Gravendyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The President requested and received a quorum and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Old Business:



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting, February 7, 2017 7:00 PM

Seattle Tennis Club

The need for a 3rd VP for the Christmas party was discussed with several names suggested: Mike Moscynski, Kris Kristoferson and Peter Crumbaker for the position. Following a discussion it was decided that the Board would select the next chair.

New Business:

New Member Recruitment

An extended discussion flowed from a chart showing that the majority of our members are 60 ears of age or older with 70 as the average age. A suggestion was made to streamline the membership process by suspending some of the requirements for classes, outings and meeting attendance. Further discussion centered on how to attract more millennials.

A suggestion was made to emphasize recruitment of new members from friends and family members during the March to June period. Also suggested was and to form a greeting committee to make potential members feel more welcome. Jim Goedhart suggested using Meet Up, a popular millennial Internet site that matches people to others who want to join in on activities. Jim noted the cost to be on the site is \$15/month. Pat Peterman suggested a Facebook page as another possible option to aid in recruiting new members.

Among other suggestions offered to increase membership: Put more emphasis on conservation, fishing and other activities, more specific educational information on fishing specific lakes, and add an educational component to monthly meetings.

Also noted was a request for members to support area fly shops.

Section III, Article 3

A motion was made to change Section III, Article 3 of the bylaws to allow the Board to determine the requirements and qualifications for membership.

*Section III, Article 3 of the bylaws of the WFFC is hereby amended by deletion of all the provisions thereof in the entirety and replaced with the following language:
"The Board of Trustees shall determine the qualifications and procedures for Club membership as it may from time to time deem appropriate.*



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting, February 7, 2017 7:00 PM

Seattle Tennis Club

The motion was moved, seconded and approved by the Board on February 8, 2017.

Standing Committees:

1st Vice President - Membership

Rich Gaspar

Rich reminded everyone that dues are due now. A mass mailing to members reminding them to pay their dues will be coming out soon. Rich also said that he would enlist members to help with new member prospecting and recruitment.

Education

Pat Peterman

Pat reported that the beginning fly tying class is going well. There is enough interest to expand the class if more members can be found to help teach. Pat reminded everyone that the Lynnwood fly-fishing show is February 17 and 18th, as well as a number of others in Ellensburg and Albany, OR in the near future.

Awards

Bill Neal

Bill indicated that he had some books that needed to be scanned for the Club website. It was noted that Chuck Ballard has the Heritage materials, that the Boyd Aigner flies have been inventoried and that Gil Nyerges has a number of those flies, but no decision has been made with what to do with them. Options mentioned were to sell them at meetings or at the Christmas party. Finally, Bill reminded the Board that awards would be given out at the next meeting.

Fruit and Flowers

Chuck Ballard

Chuck reported on members Perry Barth who is up and around visiting briefly with an old friend, Dick Stearns who is not doing well, Jim Hansen who is undergoing further chemotherapy, and Jim McDonald who has an ill parent.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave indicated that the Club needs an Outings section on the website but that he is not in a position to manage it. He thought the Forum could be used for that purpose. He announced that March 25th is the day outing at Nahwatzel Lake, south of Shelton on the Shelton-Matlock Road off Hwy 101, where there are a



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting, February 7, 2017 7:00 PM

Seattle Tennis Club

number of small lakes that provide good fishing. Following Nahwatzel Lake, there are several outings coming up: Dry Falls, April 15-16, Lake Chopaka, May 27, 28 and 29th, and Leech Lake, June 24-25. Dave is actively looking for volunteers to host outings and manage the trips.

Conservation

Doug Schaad

Dave reported that the Conservation Committee is giving \$500 to plant fish and that two letters have been sent to WDFW regarding the need for aerators in several locations.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer

Jim Goedhart

Jim presented the 2017 budget. In it changes were proposed to budget line items, including: adding more comped dinners for fly-tying students and casting class members, outings from \$2,000 to \$1,000, add a line item for Meet Up.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2017 budget as modified. It was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Meeting notes provided by Stephanie Hagen for Secretary Tom Neu in his absence.