



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting, March 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	
Michael Wearne	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
OPEN	3rd VP - Christmas Party		Pat Peterman	Education	
Jim Goedhart	Treasurer	P	Rick Dubose	Fruit & Flowers	P
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	
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
Gary Bergquist	Past President	P	OPEN	Photographer	
Ron Little	Trustee		Kerry Hodges	Publicity	
Peter Crumbaker	Trustee		OPEN	Raffle	
Bob Birkner	Trustee	P	Jim Goedhart	Roster Publication	
Hugh Clark	Trustee		Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
Robert Tovar	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	
Walt Swanson	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
			OPEN	Youth	
Bob Burdick		P	Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President John Gravendyk called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. The President requested and received a quorum with 9 officers and trustees present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

President

John Gravendyk noted the February general meeting was well attended. John announced that Bob Birkner would be the new club photographer responsible for new member photos to appear on the roster and in the Creel Notes. Bob requested information as to the whereabouts of the reflective umbrella used in the past to take photos. Anyone with information please contact Bob.

Old Business:

The club is still searching for a candidate to fill the 3rd VP position. Suggested candidates are Dave Hakinson, Doug Mollet, Robert Tovar and Carl Wyman. The



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position is responsible for the annual Christmas Party and Auction and has been difficult to fill. In the case that the position continues to be unfilled, Chuck Ballard proposed that members make a contribution of say \$85 dollars in addition to the cost of the banquet instead of raising money through an auction and sale.

Third year board trustees were reminded that 2016 audit reports are due in June.

New Business:

Treasurer/Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart presented the treasurer report. Jim reported that the club's tax form was ready for filing. He reported that the club's old PayPal account has \$8,800 in reserve and will be withdrawn and put into the club's current account. Jim suggested this windfall was a nice start to the club's Christmas fundraising.

The proposed museum of fly-fishing was briefly discussed with little board enthusiasm for the project.

Jim is still working out a few bugs on the club's new website and mentioned most members passwords are very weak. Additionally, the Tricks & Treats box on the website will be subdivided by fish species with specific information for each.

1st VP -Membership

Rick Gaspar

Rick Gaspar said that a few members have not yet paid their annual dues and he is contacting them individually. Membership breakdown: Current members 128, associate members 11, prospective members 15, with an attrition of 10 members all of whom left the club this year. Rick is compiling contact information on the prospective members with the intent to stay in touch. The Meet-Up website is helping and has steered interested people to the club.

Standing Committees:

2nd Vice President - Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne deferred to Bob Burdick who presented an overview of future guest speakers. The March meeting will feature Joseph Bogard speaking on the four Snake River Dams and the economic ramifications of their removal. Bob hopes to approach Sally Jewel, former Interior Secretary, as a future speaker.



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Bob reported on progress for lining up speakers for the 2017 fly-fishing seminar in August. Thus far, there are two speakers: Brita Fordice, whose seminar is how and where to fish for cutthroat in Puget Sound, and Preston Singletary, whose seminar is about aquatic entomology on the Yakima River. Four additional speakers are being sought with the possibility of inviting last year's popular speakers to return again this year. Chuck Ballard volunteered to lead a seminar on the basics for beginning fly fishermen.

Foundation

Greg Crumbacher

Greg Crumbacher has resigned his position and Michael Wearne will be taking over as president of the Foundation. The Foundation still is in need of three additional trustees. The board has asked Mike to recommend possible candidates for the positions at the next meeting.

1st Ghillie

Pat Becker

Pat Becker is asking again for members to sign up in advance of meetings. The RSVP button on our website sends those names to Jim Goedhart who then has to pass them on to Pat. The people coming to the club meetings through the Meet-Up site are not registering at all. Pat is asking that the sign-up procedure be fine-tuned.

Standing Reports:

Education

Chuck Ballard reported that 17 people are signed up for the beginning fly-casting class and four for the advanced class.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch reported that the club's next outing is Nawatzl Lake on March 25. Dave will be at the lake between 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. This outing is a day trip and participants are asked to bring their own refreshments.

On April 15 & 16 is an over night outing to Dry Falls.

On May 3 is a day trip to Hannon Lake.

Dave is compiling a list of fishing holes on the west side of the mountains for more accessible trips for members.



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Creel Notes

Dave Ehrich

The board reminded people that submissions to the next Creel Notes are due by March 11. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word.

Youth

We are hoping to coordinate with other clubs to promote future youth projects. The position is still open.

Conservation

Standing in for Doug Schaad, Bob Birkner mentioned the King Country Streams Project suggesting that future work parties be listed on the club's website. In addition, Jim McRoberts has been asked to list conservation ideas on our website as well.

Heritage

Chuck Ballard

Chuck Ballard put forward a discussion on how to stay up to date with member's videos. No decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.