



## *Washington Fly Fishing Club*

**Board Meeting, May 2, 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	P
Jim Goedhart	Treasurer	P	Rick Dubose	Fruit & Flowers	
Tom Neu	Secretary	P	Pat Peterman	IFFF Coordinator	
Pat Becker	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie	P	Kris Kristoferson & Steve Sunich	Home Waters	
Dexter Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ghillie (non-voting)		Mike Wearne	Librarian	
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
Gary Bergquist	Past President	P	OPEN	Photographer	
Ron Little	Trustee	P	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	P
Walt Swanson	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Bob Burdick		P	OPEN	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President John Gravendyk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The President requested and received a quorum of 9 officers and trustees present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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John Gravendyk thanked Rich Gaspar for presiding over the April general membership meeting.

### **Old Business:**

A motion was made and approved to name Stephanie Hagen the newest member of the Foundation board. She will be joining Michael Wearne and Doug Mollete.

### **New Business:**

Treasurer/Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart reported that members are still not using the club website to sign up for dinner in advance of the monthly general membership meetings. The percentage of members paying at the door has, in fact, increased over last year from 40-percent to the current 52-percent. Waiting to register and pay and the door is time consuming and extra work for the ghillie Pat Becker, which includes counting the money, making out a report, and physically driving to BECU to make the deposit. It also prevents the ghillie from participating in the evening's events. Adding to the problem, the club (ghillie) must submit the number of dinners to the Seattle Tennis Club by Friday the week before with Monday at 5:00 p.m. the absolute cut-off deadline.

The board considered the following suggestions:

Use the subscription section of the website to enter ones credit card into the system;

Place a notice in the Creel Notes along with a brief tutorial;

Hold a tutorial at a general meeting to help members who have yet to sign up on the new website;

Strongly urge people who want dinner at the meeting to register and pay in advance on the website.

Jim discussed two issues with respect to the WFFC website and new members. He proposed looking into making the path easier for new members to sign up on the website. Also, he proposed changing the current prospect report function to allow us to track new members' dues payments and to pay their dues on the public page before becoming a member. Jim received a quote of \$999.00 from our



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web developers for this additional function. After considerable discussion a motion was made and approved for the cost of improvement.

### 1<sup>st</sup> VP -Membership

Rich Gaspar

Rich Gaspar reported that we have five new prospective members in addition to the six new members from last month. Feedback indicates that prospective members are navigating to the new WFFC website in their searches on the web.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Programs

Michael Wearne

Last year's VP programs chair, Bob Burdick, said that next month's guest speaker will be Chester Allen speaking on the desert rivers of Washington and Oregon (Deschutes, John Day, and Yakima rivers). Bob also provided the board a list of six speakers for the August Fishing Seminar, with some new this year and some returning from last year's seminar. The format will be the same as last year. Jim Goedhart will list the seminar on the WFFC website in the Meet-up & Education section. The board is currently working on a door prize.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Ghillie

Pat Becker

Pat Becker said that 3 x 5 inch cards would replace the old WFFC logo cards as dinner place cards as the old ones were problematic.

### **Standing Committees:**

#### Education

Pat Peterman

Pat Peterman informed the board that the IFFF has changed its name to FFI (Fly Fishers International). The FFI has 800 members in the Washington and 13,000 in the national councils. This year's Fly Fishing Fair (Ellensburg) has open committee meetings and Pat has asked that club members try to attend. The upcoming dates for the meetings are August 1st thru 5<sup>th</sup>.

Cold weather has affected participation in the fly casting classes held in April. Of the 23 beginning applicants and six advanced applicants about 50 percent dropped out.



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### Awards

Tied flies are due this month for judging. Winners in the competition will be announced at the June meeting.

### Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorch reminded the board of the upcoming outings and dates:

Hannon Lake, Saturday May 13, chili and corn bread lunch will be served, alcohol is not allowed at the park;

Chopaka Lake, May 27-29

Leech Lake, June 24

Dave mentioned that he would like to get more local outings on the club agenda. Also, new members become members with the expectation that they have the chance to fish with more experienced members. Dave is asking for suggestions on how to facilitate this and help with logistics, hauling gear, etc. on all outings.

### Fruits & Flowers

Chuck Ballard brought the board up-to-date on the status of several ill members

Rich Sterns is now in remission and doing much better;

Perry Barth is in good spirits;

Jim McDonald is still having difficulty.

### Creel Notes

Dave Ehrich

Dave Ehrich announced that he will be gone during the summer and thus there will be no Creel Notes for June, July or August. He is currently soliciting information for the May and September editions.

### Conservation



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John Gravendyk updated the board saying that the lawsuit to keep Elwah River a wild-stock-only fishery has failed and the tribes will continue to have a hatchery on the river.

### **Other Business:**

Gary Berquist will help Chuck Ballard find the club photo album in the storage locker.

Information on our new membership rules will be brought before the next general meeting. Article II, Section 5 states that only four candidates for active membership can be voted upon per month, or 24 per year.

This section of the bylaws is deleted in its entirety.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.