



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting, September 5, 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	
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	
Gary Bergquist	Past President	P	Bob Birkner	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	
Bob Burdick	Co-2 nd VP	P	OPEN	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

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 August meeting were approved. John thanked Rick Gaspar for presiding over the August general meeting and Round Table.

Old Business:

Kerry Hodges who, with Stephanie Hagen, is helping to manage planning for the annual Christmas party submitted a menu plan.

Bob Birkner, tasked with helping new members integrate into the club and utilize their individual talents, submitted several suggestions:



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- Use mentors to interview and introduce new members to all Committee Chairs who can describe their committee's volunteer tasks/needs, or;
- Select appropriate Committee Chairs based on interests determined during interview;
- Committee Chairs accept/reject members to their committee;
- Mentors give feedback to the Membership Committee;
- Insure chairs are following through on this plan of action.

Bob identified specific projects in both the youth and conversation areas, presenting comments from Andy Batcho, who works with the Washington State Duwamish-Green Chapter Trout Unlimited, on engaging members in chapter projects.

Pat Becker suggested club projects to target older groups, such as explorer, search & rescue, or police groups.

New Business:

Treasurer/Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart weighed in on engaging new members and offered that the club website is a good tool to set up projects for new members. Jim will present a report at the next board meeting listing interests of both new and established members. This list can presently be found under "Members Report" on the website.

Jim suggested two new items be added to the website:

- Capability to choose seating at banquets and special events;
- Dave Schorsch's presentation on Puget Sound Cutthroat Fishing to the "Tips & Tricks" section.

Jim said that plug-ins (apps) are costing the club \$534/per year.

Chuck Ballard requests a report on budget demands for the upcoming Christmas party. Jim will have those figures for the board at the meeting in October.

1st VP – Membership

Rich Gaspar

Rich Gaspar reported he has three prospects for membership. Rich said that current members are not stepping up as mentors, a critical part of engaging new members.



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Club members can do more in personally contacting new members about upcoming outings and inviting them to personal fishing outings.

A persistent question when it comes to the mentorship program is to define what the responsibilities are. Rich will develop a more definitive explanation of those responsibilities and present it to the board in October.

Meanwhile, the club's current membership is at 141 with a goal of 200.

2nd VP – Programs

Michael Wearne/Bob Burdick

Bob Burdick presented an overview of the August Round Table: 47 members and 2 guests attended. The six presenters (see below) and their subject matter were critiqued and a discussion ensued on whom to ask back in 2018. The board asked that Chuck Ballard's tutorial on basics of fly fishing be put on the club's website.

- Dave Schorsch, "How, When, and Where to catch Puget Sound Cutthroat"
- Preston Singletary, "How to fish the Yakima and what flies to use and when"
- Richard Embry, "The critical knots every fisherman should know"
- Matt Palch, "How, When, and Where to fish Rocky Ford, the Issac Lakes, and Crab Creek plus a few more secretive spots"
- Chuck Ballard, "The basics of fly fishing – fly, leader, line, reel, and rod and what to do with them"
- Jerry Buron, "Chironomids—How to tie them, and how, when, and where to use them"

Michael Wearne set out the general meeting speakers for the remaining of 2017 and early 2018:

- September is Brian O'Keefe
- October is John Shewey of *Northwest Fly Fishing Magazine*
- November is Don Thomas speaking on fly fishing in Montana and Australia
- December TBD
- January TBD
- February is Dave Hughes (yet to be confirmed)



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Michael will look into having journalist Linda Mapes and a representative from the Indian tribes to discuss the salmon net pen situation.

Standing Committees:

Outings

Upcoming outings:

- Jay Deeds home on Hood Canal, September 9
- Lake Hannon, October 28
- Dry Falls, on-hold as the fishery has declined

Other Business:

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 19th.

Creel Notes submission deadline is September 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35o p.m.