



Washington Fly Fishing Club
Board Meeting, January 2, 2018, 7:00 PM
 Seattle Tennis Club

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

P = Present

President

President John Gravendyk opened the meeting at 6:54 p.m. with a quorum of nine officers and trustees. The minutes of the December board meeting were approved. Gravendyk welcomed new trustee members Jim Young and John



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Narver. Narver replaces Robert Tover and Young replaces Walt Swanson. Gravendyk acknowledged all committee chairs and trustees reappointed by the president for 2018. In addition, it was noted that Dave Ehrich would continue as Creel Notes Editor for 2018.

Old Business:

A motion was made and passed to approve the current annual dues structure of \$80.00 for active members and \$50.00 for associate members.

New Business:

President Gravendyk brought up the following new business:

New officers and trustees are to review their responsibilities outlined in the club Operations Manual (available on the club website).

Third-year trustees Peter Crumbaker and Ron Little will make up the 2018 Audit Committee. Their report is due at the June 2018 Board Meeting.

Succession planning for club officers, trustees and chairs is critical and should be considering their replacement and appointing them to their committees now. Gravendyk asked that every person bring a suggestion for his or her replacements to the next board meeting.

In the continuing effort to keep all new members engaged and integrated, Gravendyk suggested reviving the New Member Outing, with a joint effort of the Outings, Education and Membership committees in executing the program. One suggestion is to involve new members in a fishing survey of Ballinger Lake with the last weekend of March as the target timeline. The Membership committee has been asked to supply bios of new members.

Pending changes to the club bylaws and notification of members to such changes were deferred until next month's board meeting.

It was decided that the club would not participate with a booth at this years Lynnwood Fly Fishing Show.

1st VP - Membership

Mike Moscynski



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Mike Mosczynski (via president Gravendyk as Mike was not present) if the club could induct one new member at the upcoming awards meeting in January: Pat Haymen. Awards Chairman, Bill Neal and Mike Wearne, VP for Programs, approved the timing for the induction.

2nd VP – Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne presented the future speakers for the first six months of 2018 general meetings:

January Tim Essington will speak on the 100-year anniversary of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

February Phil Rowley (attending with Brian Chan) will speak on still water fishing.

Note: The February general meeting will be on Thursday, February 22 due to conflict with an event scheduled on February 20 at the Seattle Tennis Club.

March the Tom Quinn, author of numerous books on fly-fishing will speak on the perfect cast.

April Lynda Mapes will speak on net pens in Puget Sound

May Phil Baker (topic TBD)

June Roger Fletcher will speak on drift boat design

Treasurer

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart presented the 2017 WFFC budget versus actuals financial report. The 10-page report is posted on the club website and includes the above, as well as results of the holiday fundraiser and preliminary 2018 budget.



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1st Ghillie

Pat Becker

Pat Becker reminded the board that members registering late for general meeting dinner would be now charged a \$5.00 late fee.

Standing Committees:

FFI Coordinator

Pat Peterman

Education Chair Pat Peterman

The fly tying class will proceed even though only five people had signed up effective the time of this meeting.

At the November dinner meeting, Peterman noted that the Education Committee was looking for additional instructors and participation by more members to keep the program going. To this end, Peterman agreed to start a class for members to train as casting instructors with the goal of certification if at least four members would commit to the training. To date, two members have committed and one has expressed interest but not committed. The offer will be rescinded if four people have not come forward in the next week or two.

FFI Coordinator Pat Peterman

Peterman will provide a contact to President and Treasurer for their review in the interest of reducing our very high insurance cost.

Awards

Bill Neal

Bill Neal reported that the annual Letcher Lambuth award for 2017 would go to Tom Fulk. Neal said he will be recognizing the efforts of all those who helped with the holiday fundraiser at the awards meeting. This year's award banquet will not require coat and tie as in previous years.

Fruit & Flowers

Update on Dick Stearns: health remains very guarded.



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Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch is asking for volunteers to step up and help organize this year's spring outings as he steps away from being a full-time chairman. Schorsch has a list of outing ideas for consideration and vote. This year day trips and cost-savings ideas will be emphasized for outings.

Publicity

Kerry Hodges

Mike Moscynski requested that the club look into producing a new marketing brochure.

Once final dates for the casting classes have been decided, they will be given to Hodges for publicity purposes.

Creel Notes

Dave Ehrich

Dave Ehrich noted that fall contributions to Creel Notes from members have dropped off considerably. Ehrich asked that explanations accompany photos submitted. The board assured Ehrich that the Creel Notes were an important part of communication to members and to continue publishing the newsletter.

Youth

Discussion ensued on combining the club's current work on the Wounded Soldiers project with the club's youth outreach mission.

Heritage

Chuck Ballard

It was noted that the camera used for interviewing members is located in storage in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.