



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting, December 5, 2017 7:00 PM

Seattle Tennis Club

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
John Gravendyk	President		Gene Gudger	Bar	
Rich Gaspar	1st VP - Membership		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	P	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	Bob Birkner	Photographer	P
Ron Little	Trustee		Kerry Hodges	Publicity	P
Peter Crumbaker	Trustee		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	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	
GUESTS			Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Bob Burdick	Co-2 nd VP		Trevor Bennett	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

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President

Due to President John Gravendyk's absence, Michael Wearne opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of 7 officers and trustees. Wearne introduced our new



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chair of the youth committee, Trevor Bennett. Wearne also announced that the club has inducted 20 new members in 2017.

Old Business:

Kerry Hodges who, with Stephanie Hagen, is helping to manage planning for the annual Christmas party and auction gave an update on auction items saying that donations are going well. This year Pat Becker and Jim Goedhart will staff the entry table ticket sales. Volunteers are asked to be at the Seattle Tennis Club at 3:30 p.m. to help set up auction tables. Raffle tickets will cost \$20 for 20 tickets. The silent auction will take place before dinner is served and the live auction will proceed after dinner. Michael Moscynski has secured our raffle license from the State and mentioned our final accounting is due to the State in January 2018. All donations are due as early as possible and not accepted on the day of the auction. Registration for the event will close on Friday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.

New Business:

Treasurer

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart asked the board to consider raising the price of monthly dinners, as currently the club is not breaking even with the cost exceeding the price charged. This issue will be taken up at the January board meeting.

Our auctioneer has asked to waive personal payment and instead contribute his \$750.00 fee to the Coastal Cutthroat Coalition and his request will be honored.

Goedhart told the board that website support will cost the club \$100.00 per month next year.

Michael Moscynski, speaking for 1st VP Membership Rich Gaspar, told the board that new members would be inducted at the February general meeting. Moscynski said that the club's new member policy has helped secure new members and that the new member questioner has helped him get back to and communicate on a more personal level.

1st Ghillie, Pat Becker, said Gil Nyerges asked if a club member could give him a lift from Edmonds to the Christmas event/auction. Anyone able to assist should use the club website or contact Pat Becker.



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Standing Committees:

Youth

Trevor Bennett

Trevor Bennett laid out a comprehensive program to get kids involved with the club with 5th – 12th grades targeted. The goal of the program is for parents to get their kids involved in fly-casting classes with the purpose to inspire the younger generation to be avid fly fishermen. Bob Birkner has information for Trevor based on his research on local Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations. He will fill Trevor in at a future date.

Pat Peterson provided Trevor with legal information on issues related to conducting fly-fishing classes at various venues.

2nd VP – Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne presented the list of upcoming speakers:

January University of Washington assistant director of fisheries Tim Essington will give a talk on the 100-year centennial of the UW Fisheries Department.

February Fishing expert Phil Rowley will speak on the subject of still waters.

March University of Washington faculty member Tom Quinn will speak on Alaskan fisheries.

April Journalist Lynda Mapes will update the club on the subjects of Washington State net pen and the Elwha River.

May Bill Baker

Summer speakers include drift-boat expert Rodger Fletcher and Fly-fishing fanatic Chad Brown (specific months TBD).



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Michael Wearne said that Rick Gaspar has volunteered his apartment for any speaker needing overnight lodging.

Education

Pat Peterman

Pat Peterman said no one has yet signed up for fly tying classes. Meanwhile, Peterman is researching new venues as Greenlake has become too expensive at \$750.00 per session plus percentage of profit. Peterman has all the teaching assistants needed (5) for the classes which begin the first week in April and continue for 6 weeks. In addition, 4 people have signed up for the yearlong casting certification program.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Outings are done for the year and Dave Schorsch's year-end expenses have been given to the treasurer. In the new year, the board will take a close look at outing expenditures to see if there are ways to lower costs. Schorsch noted that despite turnout for outings this year was lower than previous years. Day versus weekend outings are still popular. He suggested the club consider mid-week outings in the future to bolster attendance.

Creel Notes

Dave Ehrich

Creel notes are due on December 9, 2017

Other Business:

Tabled until a further meeting: Can we/should we ask members who do not attend the Christmas fundraiser to make a donation instead?

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.