



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Board Meeting, November 7, 2017 7:00 PM

Seattle Tennis Club

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
John Gravendyk	President	P	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		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	P	Kerry Hodges	Publicity	P
Peter Crumbaker	Trustee	P	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-2nd VP		Trevor Bennett	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

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



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Bennett would be our new Youth Chairman. John said that the Hannon Lake outing was well attended with excellent fishing.

Old Business:

Kerry Hodges who, with Stephanie Hagen, is helping to manage planning for the annual Christmas party and auction gave an update saying that though donations were going well, fishing gear is still needed for the raffle cans and that mid-tier silent auction items are also needed. Kerry volunteered to pick-up donations if necessary. Some of the club's classic books will be available on auction. John Shewey will be signing his book, Classic Fly Fishing. Harland French has donated 10 large boxes of fly gear. Kerry has asked board members to consider donating an item. On the evening agenda, Kris Kristoferson will be Master of Ceremonies. Keith Robbins will be our auctioneer. Kerry said that she still needed volunteers who can arrive by 3:30 p.m. to set-up auction tables. The board is once again asking all members to wear coat and tie to the Christmas party.

New Business:

2nd VP – Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne presented the line-up of program speakers, they are:

November – John Shewey

January - Representative (TBD), University of Washington Fisheries Dept.

February - Dave Huges

March - Dr. Quinn, University of Washington, speaking on Alaskan

Salmon

April - Linda Mapes on net-pens in Puget Sound

Another future speaker Wearne is hoping to book is an expert on spring fishing on Eastern Washington lakes.

Wearne spoke to a librarian at Western Washington College who represents the college's Special Collections about the club's donation of some of its books. She said she was interested.

Standing Committees:



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Education

Pat Peterman

Pat Peterman told the board that the club's cadre of certified casting instructors is down to two people, himself and Walt Swanson. Pat suggested that, in the future, he make FFI certification classes free to club members if at least three sign up for classes. Rental of the Greenlake venue for fly-casting class is getting very expensive. The Park Department is now charging \$750 per class, plus a percentage of our profits for each series of classes. Pat volunteered to pursue an investigation into an alternative venue with or without water to cast on.

Pat discussed the idea of a strong outreach program, "Introduction to Fly-fishing". Pat has assembled much of the literature to start up this program. He is asking for four volunteers to run with this idea.

Awards

The awards committee meeting is scheduled for December 13 at Bill Neal's home.

Fruits & Flowers

Update on the health of two club members: Perry Barth is still tying flies and doing fine and Dick Sterns is in hospice care.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch is pushing to establish quality local waters for winter fishing for club outings, preferably one-day outings, as they are more popular. Dave is attempting to keep the club up-to-date on WDFW fish plantings, especially as the larger fish plants make for excellent fishing.

Creel Notes

David Ehrich

David Ehrich asks all members to submit content for publication by the 10th of the month.

Conservation

Doug Schaad



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Doug Schaad has been in touch with the Bendzak family at Hi Hium Lake in British Columbia to offer help rebuilding the cabins lost in this summer's fires. He will let Doug know if they need help. Meanwhile, Pat Peterman suggested setting up a Go-Fund-Me site to help raise funds for the cabins. Doug will keep us posted on this.

Announcements:

The Fly-tying Round Table is meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Evergreen Covenant Church on Mercer Island. All members are welcome.

Adjournment:

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