



## *Washington Fly Fishing Club*

**Board Meeting, August 7, 2018, 7:00 PM**

**(Edited 8.22.18)**

Seattle Tennis Club

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
John Gravendyk	President	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Mike Moscynski	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	P
Michael Wearne	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Deborah Katz	3rd VP - Christmas Party	P	OPEN	Education	
Jim Goedhart	Treasurer	P	Rick Dubose	Fruit & Flowers	
Tom Neu	Secretary	P	OPEN	IFFF Coordinator	
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		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Ron Little	Trustee		Kerry Hodges	Publicity	
Jim Young	Trustee	P	OPEN	Raffle	
Bob Birkner	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Roster Publication	
Hugh Clark	Trustee		Gil Nyerges	Senior Advisor	
John Narver	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	
Walt Swanson	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
			Trevor Bennett	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

### **President**

President John Gravendyk opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of eight officers and trustees. The minutes of the May board meeting were approved.



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John acknowledged Robert Thorpe as the club's new Conservation Chair and I.F.F.F. liaison.

### **Old Business:**

John Gravendyk reported that the club lawyers have advised us that approval for the electronic notification status must be renewed annually.\* In the future, the renewal will coincide with the member's annual membership renewal in January.

Jim Goedhart hosted the test run of the up-coming fly-fishing class lesson plan and it was deemed successful by members who attended. Lake Ballinger is still being considered for the class, which will be free to all members and open to the public for a fee. This open event is considered a tool for recruiting new members.

Don Simonson has volunteered to teach members the basics in order that they may help out with the Beginning Fly Casting Class next year. This class is not I.F.F.F. certified.

Chuck Ballard and John Callahan proposed that the club along with other interested clubs appeal to the W.D.F.W. to classify Rat Lake as a fly-fishing-only lake. Dave Schorsch commented that the W.D.F.W. is not likely to add lakes to this classification. Presently, Rat Lake is classified as a quality-waters lake. Funds from W.F.F.C. and other clubs wishing to join in the appeal would be required in order to push this agenda forward. Chuck will do more research on the feasibility of the proposal and get back to the board.

Chuck has a proposal to hold the fish plants for Rat Lake until later in the year to preserve them from over-harvest, thus assuring a better spring opener. Chuck relayed a proposal forwarded by Joan Callahan to rehabilitate two seep lakes below Mardon Resort to make them quality waters.

**\* Note: Although these minutes reflect exactly what President Gravendyk stated, it is now understood that he was in error. Club lawyers advise that once a member agrees to electronic notification no annual renewal of this agreement is necessary.**

### **New Business:**



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Update: The club financial audit will take place before September 16, 2018. Ron Little and Peter Crumbaker, third year trustees, will present the audit report to the board.

### **Board Member Reports:**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Membership

Mike Moscynski

Mike Moscynski noted that we had one new member inducted at the last general meeting and four more inductees for August. Pete Baird is performing the August inductions and Mike is purchasing flies to give to the new members at the ceremony. Pat Becker has ordered new nametags for each of the inductees. As none of the new members have boats, an idea was floated to issue an appeal to members who have boats to sell.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne presented potential speakers to consider for future meetings:

- Owner of the Caddis Fly Shop
- Official from the W.D.F.W. to talk about enforcement and outreach
- Justin Waters on sea-run cutthroat
- Regional biologist, Brian Fortier
- Chad Brown, owner of a Portland fly shop

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Christmas Party

Deborah Katz

Deborah Katz reported that a letter requesting donations has been sent out. The board requested Deborah to present a list of food and wine choices for the event. As a reminder, the total number of event attendees is limited to 120.

#### Treasurer

Jim Goedhart



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Jim Goedhart presented the mid-year actuals versus budget. Storage costs remain at \$3,850.00 per year. Cash on hand is at \$87,000.

Current member status:

- 119 - Active
- 12 - Associate
- 10 - Senior
- 2 - Honorary

It was noted that all new members have come through the club website.

Much discussion ensued concerning our declining dinner meeting attendance. Only an estimated 40-50-percent of members now attend meetings. The board has agreed to spend up to \$200.00 to survey the members for input on this and other issues. In addition to meeting attendance, the board would like to know what members think about the cost of the annual fundraiser. The Christmas dinner fundraiser last year cost the club \$105 per person while members were charged \$85 per person. The survey should help determine whether to raise the price per ticket or whether the club should absorb the costs. Survey Monkey will be used for this survey.

### Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch reported that the August 18 outing has been cancelled, but an outing to Chopaka is being considered for the 4<sup>th</sup> week in September. Other outings include Hood Canal hosted by Jay Deeds on September 8 and Big Twin Lakes on October 6.

### Creel Notes

After a summer hiatus, David Ehrich is resuming production of the Creel Notes. Any contributions from members are due by September 10.

### Conservation

Robert Thorpe



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Robert Thorpe is working on informing state political leaders about the issues facing the W.F.F.C. As this is a continuing effort, Robert is asking members to help with communications (i.e. word-processing), to stay in touch with state officials.

Robert has been designated as our I.F.F.F. contact. He has been working on issues since last March with Len Zickler, Executive/CEO, board members, Livingston staff, and college campus volunteers on restoration projects, and supporting volunteers at Healing Waters. On another subject, Robert mentioned that our current venue at Seattle Tennis Club makes it hard for some members to attend meetings. At this time, the Board will not entertain a change in venue as the Club venue is still viable.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.