



Washington February 5, 2019, 7:00 PM

Seattle Tennis Club

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P	Gene Gudger	Bar	
Mike Moscynski	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	
Michael Wearne	2nd VP - Programs		David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Deborah Katz	3rd VP - Christmas Party	P	Chuck Ballard (Acting)	Education	P
David Spratt	Treasurer		Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	P
Tom Neu	Secretary		Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	
Marcia Kindinger	1 st Ghillie	P	Kris Kristoferson & Steve Sunich	Home Waters	
Dexter Brown	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)		Mike Wearne	Librarian	
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Hugh Clark	Trustee		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	P
Jim Young	Trustee		Deborah Katz	Raffle	P
Bob Birkner	Trustee				
Dick Brenning	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
John Narver	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	P
Gary Berquist			Trevor Bennett	Youth	P
Bob Burdick			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of seven officers and trustees. The minutes of the December board meeting were approved. The January minutes were not distributed so their approval will wait until the next board meeting.

Board Meeting Reports:

Treasurer

Jim Goedhart for David Spratt

Highlights of the treasurer's report:

- a) Costs are increasing \$50.00/per meeting at the Seattle Tennis Club.



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- b) The chef's choice dinner will go from \$31.48 to \$34.34 this coming year. The board is considering raising the cost to members from \$35 to \$37/per meal.
- c) Our upcoming 80-year anniversary dinner, including wine, is expected to cost members \$50/per plate. The club has budgeted \$1,200 for the extra cost.
- d) Current plans to consolidate our small storage room will save the club \$1,000.
- e) In the future, some outings that provide food and drink will charge members \$20/per person. In the past, outings providing food and drink were free.
- f) This year's Christmas fundraiser brought in \$17,500 in revenue.
- g) The total 2019 budget is estimated at \$71,480 a 9% increase from last year.
- h) A motion was presented and seconded to accept the 2019 budget. The motion passed.

1st VP - Membership

Mike Mosczynski

The club brought in 23 new members in 2018. Current membership is broken down as follows:

Active –	126
Associate –	12
Senior –	12
Honorary –	<u>3</u>
Total Members	153

Seventy-three members have so far paid their annual dues. A final e-mail will be sent to members in arrears notifying them of their delinquency and the additional \$20 fee, which will be strictly enforced this year.

The website is working well in attracting new members. In addition, fly-tying classes have successfully attracted new members.

Mike is attempting to get new members to submit headshots to add to the membership roster.

Marcia Kindinger, 1st Ghillie, belongs to Women Anglers, a group that numbers 800 women. She will reach out to them about membership in WFFC.

2nd VP - Programs

Michael Wearne

Program speakers for the next three months are:



- February – Becky Bennett from the WDFW on law enforcement outreach
- March – Ryan Fortier from WDFW District 6 fisheries biologist. At the same meeting the members gear swap and sale will be held.
- April -- Lou Verdugo, The Caddis Fly: Oregon Fly Fishing Blog on Willamette Valley fly-fishing

3rd VP – Christmas Party

Deborah Katz

Deborah Katz said that the fundraiser this year went off without a hitch. The board once again brought up the price of the auction silent tickets. Currently the price is \$1 per ticket but the suggestion is that it increase to \$2 this year.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Education

Chuck Ballard (Acting)

Certified IFF teacher, Don Simonson, will tutor members who wish to teach participants in the upcoming beginning casting class. Members interested will attend his workshop on Camano Island on March 16, 2019.

The beginning fly fishing class will be March 23 (location TBD, details forthcoming). The beginning casting class begins on April 4 at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island with six subsequent classes all on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. The class limit is 21.

Outings

Dave Schorsch is putting together a list of upcoming outings. He will report back to the board.

Publicity

Cooper Hartman

Cooper Hartman is developing a moat around our website to help direct future members to our website. He will post content on social media to get the ball rolling. Facebook and Instagram are possible platforms for future public outreach.

Youth

Trevor Bennett

Trevor Bennett is in conversations with guides at Redd's Fly Shop on the Yakima River. They are proposing a half-day float trip on the river for Gold Star Kids in late



August. An overnight camping experience is included. WFFC will contribute money to help fund the outing.

In late August the Washington Fly Fishing Academy will have a weeklong camp in Lacey, also for kids. WFFC member Bob Young has helped out at this camp the past few years. The cost per camper is \$500. WFFC will contribute \$1,000 total. The Foundation will provide funds for individual campers in need.

Conservation

John Gravendyk brought a proposition to the board that the WFFC be a signatory on the Wild Fish Conservancy comments to NOAA's Draft Wild Puget Sound Steelhead Recover Plan. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Jim Goedhart presented a detailed inquiry to the board – WFFC Membership and Events Participation Analysis. In summary, the purpose of the analysis is to determine how we get more members to participate in both monthly general meetings and dinners even as membership itself increases.

The analysis seeks to shed light on the following pertaining to the decrease in participation in month meetings and dinners:

- Is cost a problem?
- Is transportation a problem? Would car-pooling help?
- Are the speakers not drawing interest or are the subjects not pertinent?
- Are we not engaging members enough to want to participate in the community?

With regards to outings, very few members are participating, why is that and what can be done?

- Enlist various fly shops to co-ordinate with WFFC to get more people (members and non-members alike) to the outings.

Jim Goedhart will ask committee heads to participate in a think tank at his home in the future to strategize challenges and opportunities, and most importantly to answer the question: How does the club support the goals of new members in the future??

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.