



Washington April 2, 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	P
Michael Wearne	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Deborah Katz	3rd VP - Christmas Party	P	Neal Hoffberg	Education	
David Spratt	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	P
Tom Neu	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	P
Marcia Kindinger	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
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Hugh Clark	Trustee	P	Cooper Hartman	Publicity	P
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Deborah Katz	Raffle	P
Bob Birkner	Trustee				
Dick Brenning	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
John Narver	Trustee	P	Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	P
Dr. Bob Burdick		P	Trevor Bennett	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of 13 officers and trustees. The minutes of the March board meeting were approved.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe mentioned that 60 different fishing groups have combined to fight against the people still allowed to dredge for gold in our Washington rivers. Trout Unlimited has led the fight. Robert said the W.F.F.C. is well respected at these conservation meetings. All clubs are sensing how our current U.S. president is setting conservation efforts back 100 years.



Education

Chuck Ballard, standing in for Neal Hoffberg, said our new fly-fishing class was well received. Ten people attended, five were non-members. The upcoming casting class has 18 people signed up. Classes will be held at the Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island. Avid Angler is looking into running an advanced casting class.

Fruits & Flowers

Pat Becker

Pat Becker passed around a sympathy card for board members to sign for passing member and past Ghillie Jim McDonald. Jim's memorial will be on April 14, 2019 at the Huntington Park Club, Des Moines, WA. Cards were also passed for the recovering Tom White of Arizona.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch mentioned that no fish were caught at the Nawatzl Lake outing. The Dry Falls outing approaches on April 13, with no meals planned. A \$20.00 donation will be asked of members signing up on line for the outing. The request is a suggestion and members are reminded that they can pay what they are able.

Lake Hannon is set for May 4 and a meal of brats, chili, and corn bread will be served at lunch. Mike Wearne will ask the archdiocese if we may use some of their canoes. Chopaka Lake will once again take place over Memorial Day weekend. Dave is asking members for planning support since he will be on vacation at the time and unable to attend.

Publicity

Cooper Hartman

Cooper Hartman hopes to have publicity on-line this month. Cooper asks members to send appropriate photos to him to post on-line.

Creel Notes

Dave Ehrich

Dave Ehrich leaves for an extended fishing trip in Montana for the summer. While he is away he will need members to help put out the monthly Creel Notes.

As a side note, Jim Goedhart mentioned that the club now has 270 members and non-members connecting through the website's Meet-up Posts.

Heritage

Chuck Ballard



Chuck Ballard has purchased the new camera equipment to complete the taping of both Hugh Jennings and Pete Baird interviews.

FFI Coordinator

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe said the status of financial support to both the Wild Fish Conservancy and the Western Rivers Conservancy is still being discussed. The WFFC Foundation may share some of its funds for the purpose.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer

Dave Spratt

Dave Spratt presented the first quarter financials. Cash balance at the end of the first quarter is \$102,710.00. Reducing our two storage rooms to one is just about complete.

1st VP – Membership

Mike Moscynski

Mick Moscynski said we have two new members coming out of the fly-fishing class. Currently there are 119 active, 10 associate, 3 honorary members and 12 senior members for a total of 144 members. Mike mentioned that our auction in December requires a quarterly report to the State regardless of the fact that the auction only occurs in the 4th quarter. Changing the live auction to silent auction would get around this requirement.

2nd V.P. – Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne said that the April speaker, Lou Verdugo, The Caddis Fly Shop in Oregon and Oregon Fly Fishing Blog, and will be speaking on fishing opportunities in the Willamette Valley.

1st Ghillie

Marcia Kindinger

Marcia Kindinger said that the sign-up process for our last meeting went well. The credit card only protocol is finally working, as it should.

Old Business

John Gravendyk reported that the Wild Fish Conservancy wrote a complete response to the NOAA Puget Sound Steel Head Recovery Plan.



New Business

- a. Jim McDonald Memorial: A suggestion was made that close friends from the club give a short remembrance, while a toast by all will be made.
- b. March 19th Dinner Meeting and Speaker Evaluation Survey Results: Jim Goedhart discussed the results of questioning members on how to improve participation at our general meetings. In all, 14 members returned their written responses to these questions. The board suggested this survey be done at the end of each quarter. Given this time frame the next survey would be conducted at the June meeting.
- c. The Members Fly Fishing Gear Swap: Will take place at the April 16th meeting.
- d. May 21st Dinner Meeting and 80th Anniversary Celebration: Ideas for the celebration included, gift stickers, coffee cups, business cards for members, historical pictures to hang on the wall into the STC, inviting spouses to join the meeting and celebration and a slide show.
- e. August 20th Dinner Meeting Fly Fishing Seminar: Bob Burdick questioned the board for topics and speakers for this popular event. Possible subjects mentioned:
 - The popularity of steel head fishing as a subject;
 - Atlantic fly tying demonstration;
 - B.C. river guiding;
 - Wild Fish Society, Oregon, presenter;
 - Brita Fordice on areas to fish for cut throat;
 - Gray Struznik on fly fishing the Olympic Peninsula;
 - Ben Paul O.P.S.T. lines;
 - Brian O'Keefe on Oregon waters;
 - Heather Hodson from United Women on the Fly

To date, the only person committed to participate is Denny Westover on European nymphing.

Creel Notes cutoff for April is the 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.