



Washington May 7, 2019, 7:00 PM
Seattle Tennis Club

| | OFFICERS | | | COMMITTEE CHAIRS | |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Jim Goedhart | President | P | Gene Gudger | Bar | |
| Mike Moscynski | 1st VP - Membership | | Robert Thorpe | Conservation | P |
| Michael Wearne | 2nd VP - Programs | P | David Ehrich | Creel Notes | |
| Deborah Katz | 3rd VP - Christmas Party | P | Neal Hoffberg | Education | P |
| David Spratt | Treasurer | | Pat Becker | Fruit & Flowers | |
| 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 | | 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 | P | Jim Goedhart | Webmaster | P |
| Greg Crumbaker | Trustee | P | Chuck Ballard | WFFC Heritage | P |
| | GUESTS | | Greg Crumbaker | WFFC Foundation | P |
| Gary Bergquist | | 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 9 officers and trustees. The minutes of the April board meeting were approved.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe reported that he attended the Fly Fishing show last month in Ellensburg where he caught up with members of Fly Fishing International who disclosed to him that an attempt to open a mine in the Okanogan was stopped due to intense pressure from Washington's fishing clubs. Robert also reported that state legislator Frank Chopp neglected to bring the issue of gold dredging's harm to our rivers to the legislative floor.



Education

Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg reported that both the fly-tying and fly-casting classes have done well with a number of participants coming from new club members. Neal suggests that the current fly-tying instructional videos be formatted more like the YouTube presentations on the club's website. Neal informed the board that the Mercer Island casting venue is working out better than the former Greenlake site. Eighty percent of this year's class consists of returning casters. Evaluation forms for the casting class will be passed out at the upcoming last class.

Fruits & Flowers

A rundown of member's status: Kris Kristoferson's mother has passed away, Pat Becker is finishing up her chemotherapy and will have surgery on May 16th at Swedish Hospital, and Gil Nyerges memorial will be on Sunday, May 19th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Highway from 2:30 – 5:00.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch counted 38 boats on Hannon Lake at the recent club outing. Three clubs—Overlake, Hylakers, and WFFC—consumed 5 gallons of chili and a lot of brats for lunch. Dave will not be attending the upcoming Chopaka Lake outing and he asked for members to help transport needed gear and food to and from the lake. Leech Lake outing will be in June.

Publicity

Cooper Hartman

Cooper Hartman is opening up WFFC portals on both Facebook and Instagram. He will be placing a note in our Creel Notes to instruct members how to post on those sites.

Creel Notes

Mel Fry will take over the summer duties publishing the Creel Notes as Dave Erlich sets his sights on fishing in Montana.

Youth

The club is sponsoring a group of young fly fishers for a trip on the Yakima River, meeting up at the Red's Lodge on August 6.



Heritage

Chuck Ballard

Chuck Ballard was able to purchase the new camera that he will use to record member interviews for the historical archive.

WFFC Foundation

Greg Crumbaker

The club will make the same donation as in previous years to sponsor the Casting for Recover outing to Treasure Lake on May 18.

Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart reported that he is fine-tuning the website to correct a problem where some members are not receiving club e-mails. Jim mentioned that our website is now ranked first in popularity among regional fishing club sites. Clubs outside Washington are asking for our help to set up their websites. The board in discussing this request has decided to keep our methods and strategies to ourselves for the time being. On another matter, Jim has decided to remove his name on the club's standing accounts to limit potential liability.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer

Jim Goedhart reporting for Dave Spratt said that all 2018 taxes due have been paid.

2nd V.P. – Programs

Michael Wearne

Michael Wearne said that the May speaker would address the issue of climate change. Also, it was decided that a batch of ethics posters, which were found in storage, would be handed out to new members.

3rd V.P. – Christmas Party

Deborah Katz

Deborah Katz reported that she would put a "save the date" notice for December's Christmas banquet and fundraiser in an upcoming Creel Notes. She reports that food prices for the banquet will remain the same as last year. Soon Deborah will start asking for member donation and photos to use in this year's banquet.

1st Ghillie

Marcia Kindinger



Marcia Kindinger told the board that Mike Moscynski would be supplying nametags for new members.

Old Business

Michael Wearne reported that clearing out the storage locker has begun and fifteen boxes of books have already been removed.

New Business

In the past, the club has made a financial donation to the Western Rivers Conservancy (WRC). The board has approved a motion to contribute \$2,000 this year, which should aid the WRC in its purchase of more land on the banks of the Methow River.

President Goedhart opened up discussion regarding the club's 80th birthday commemoration. The issue is how to position the club for future growth and success. The following ideas were discussed:

- Get new members into committees
- Update operating procedures
- Select and recruit new committee members
- Define WFFC Conservation initiatives and approach other clubs to join, such as hands-on projects (i.e. cleaning rivers)
- Create additional educational opportunities through additional class offerings
- Use social media to coordinate member-to-member communication (i.e. planning fishing trips)
- Encourage members to post fishing reports on the club website
- Bring back the WFFC summer picnic that includes members' families
- Include a period of time or means for socializing at the monthly general meetings
- Hold more roundtables throughout the year (rather than the just one that currently takes place)
- Bring back the new members outing to Rattlesnake Lake
- Implement a workable carpooling app for dinner meetings.



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President Goedhart will keep this discussion going with the board and beyond to all members of the club.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.