



Washington Fly Fishing Club

January 7, 2020
Seattle Tennis Club

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P			
Dexter Brown	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	
Neal Hoffberg	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Lily Cutler	3rd VP - Christmas Party		Neal Hoffberg	Education	P
David Spratt	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	P
Deborah Katz	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	
Marcia Kindinger	1 st Ghillie	P	Kris Kristoferson & Steve Sunich	Home Waters	
Ben Porter	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)	P			
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Tom Neu	Trustee	P	Cooper Hartman	Publicity	
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P			
Dick Brening	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
John Narver	Trustee		Mel Fry	Webmaster	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
			John Gravendyk	Youth	P
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of eleven officers and trustees. Corrections to the minutes of the December board meeting were made and approved

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe was absent from the meeting but had sent an email to board members that he had met with legislators re: the dredging issue. With a short legislative session, he encouraged all members to contact their local legislators about this issue with the suggestion of a blast email regarding this.



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The club could consider supporting or becoming involved with Bellevue TU brand conservation efforts.

It was mentioned that the local TU chapter is skilled at this process.

Education

Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg states that the fly tying class is all set up with 9 signed up. Books are on the way to arrive in time for the class at 40% list price.

The fly tying Round Table will continue as is but will transform into its new format after the beginning class is over.

Neal Hoffberg reports that every month is booked for speakers at club dinners except for July. Jim Goedhart will try to contact Pacific Anglers in Vancouver, BC.

The WFFC one-day fly fishing information class will be held on March 21st at the Evergreen Covenant Church on Mercer Island from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The casting class is set to begin April 2nd with Walt Swanson and Bill Wheeler leading

Neal provided the upcoming speakers list:

- January Fishing in glacial waters
- February Linda Mapes – Orca Whale Recovery
- March Ryan Fortier – WDFW
- April Jim Cox – Western River Conservancy
- May Heather Hobson – United Women of the Fly

It was suggested that Heather Hobson could do a woman's casting course with potential for WFFC to co-sponsor. Neal Hoffberg will contact.

Outings

Outings are attended by a core group. It was suggested that videos or photos from outings be posted in order to increase interest.

Youth



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John Gravendyk has graciously offered to be involved with the NW Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy which was seeking few leadership. It was suggested that he might also head up the WFFC youth initiatives going forward.

Foundation Interface

John Gravendyk

It was suggested that the foundation make a report about its status to the WFFC club members. This would be a way to increase its visibility. Gary Bergquist suggested that this would be appropriate annually at a dinner meeting as well as to the WFFC board.

Web Masters

Mel Fry

Mel Fry is helping to streamline the club's electronic communications. One priority would be to set up a mail server on the club's website. Mel is exploring the cost involved with having emails for club president

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer

David Spratt

David Spratt requests 2020 budgets to present to the membership in February. Financially, this didn't change much in the last quarter. Outings donations were beneficial.

Loss at dinner meetings was decreased with prepayments - \$507 which is a huge improvement. Donations were made to Bonefish/tarpon recovery.

Quikbooks license was renewed and there was a cost to up-grade our out of date website.

The WFFC End of Year 2019 Actual Revenue was \$60,117 with Expenses of \$55,886, with a net Revenue of \$4232 and a December 31st available cash-on-hand balance of \$109,090.

We will have a savings going forward with removal of one of the storage units

1st V.P. – Membership

Dexter Brown



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Dexter Brown said that there are currently 157 members, 133 of whom are active members. 26% had paid. Senior members currently qualify with 45 years of membership.

3rd V.P. -- Christmas

Deborah Katz

Some discussion re: make up of raffle can offerings which are almost 100% donated by members. It was suggested that some raffle cans include non-fishing items. Gary Bergquist recalled that raffle cans had distinct themes in the past, perhaps because of more generous contributions from stores.

Some new destination trips need to be identified due to limited response this year. It was suggested that credit card numbers be acquired at the beginning of the evening to make check out quicker.

We are losing potential income because we don't have a convenient means for employer matching contributions - though contributors will receive a letter acknowledging their tax deductible contribution to the Foundation.

The December brought in total proceeds of \$34,155 . This resulted in net WFFC proceeds of \$16,767 and \$12,492 for the WFFC Foundation via Raise the Paddle. This was 19% less for the WFFC but and 85% increase for the Foundation over the 2018.

Old Business:

- Chuck Ballard clarified the project regarding documenting culvert survey work.

New Business:

- Gary Bergquist proposed that the following declaration of appreciation be presented to long-standing member, Fran Wood, who has recently moved to Eugene:
- **“The Board having been advised that Member Fran Wood will be relocating, or has relocated, his residence from Seattle to Eugene, Oregon, desires to acknowledge Fran’s long membership in and contributions to the WFFC as well as his faithful attendance at WFFC meetings; the following resolution is hereby adopted:**



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- **Resolved. The President of the WFFC is hereby directed to send a letter to Fran expressing the appreciation of the Board of Trustees for Fran Wood's long time membership in, and contributions to the WFFC, as well as his faithful attendance at WFFC meetings, particularly over the last ten years."**
- This proposal was unanimously accepted by all present.
- Jim Goedhart requested feedback regarding what we feel the club has accomplished in the last year.
- Jim Goedhart presented data regarding attendance at dinner meetings and outings.
- Mel and Matt Reat, will put together a survey to evaluate needs and desires of club members - how many meetings they have attended. Mel will work on a set of questions. It was suggested that an 'exit interview' might be useful.
- Mel noted that there is no electronic record keeping system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Deborah Katz