



Washington Fly Fishing Club

February 4, 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	P	Neal Hoffberg	Education	P
David Spratt	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
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	P
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Tom Neu	Trustee	P	Cooper Hartman	Publicity	P
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	P
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
Dick Brening	Trustee		Matt Reat	Co-webmaster	P
John Narver	Trustee	P	Mel Fry	Webmaster	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		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 twelve officers and trustees. The January minutes were accepted as presented

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Jim Young will generate a blast to members regarding gill netting on the Columbia River for response.



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Education

Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg reported that the beginning fly tying class is done and went very well. He expressed a thought that it was too short and too packed with two flies per class. Mel Fry, who attended, confirmed this. The book was very well accepted. It was suggested that it go back to 6 weeks with an introduction to the use of the tools.

Neal will be the first volunteer for the Fly Tying Forum, which is rebranding of the Typing Round Table.

The Fly Fishing one day class is set for March 21st. Neal is going to help as well as Walt Swanson, Tom Neu, Jim McRoberts and Lily Cutler, especially with the afternoon casting session

The casting class is set to begin April 2nd with Walt Swanson and Bill Wheeler leading. Bill Wheeler said that he is willing to teach additional/specialized techniques in an advanced class.

Neal continues to coordinate with Heather Hobson for a woman's casting class

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave gathered over 46 suggestions for outings but needs people to host them. It was suggested that certain people who typically attend specific outings could host Pat Becker has offered to host Lake Hannan on May 9th

Dave has a list of good lake outings in the spring.

Robert Tovar has offered his place near Cooper Lake. Wykoff has a cabin on Yakima that is near a part of the river that is 'walkable.'

Dave offered to host Leech Lake

The topic of "stuff" getting to outings was brought up which isn't always a huge issue.

Hosts would need to have a list of items that need to be transported

Port Flagler would be a good outing in April

Streams on the west side of the Cascades have been pretty much blasted by the recent weather.

Oregon for a week was also suggested as a great outing.

Other outings: Kayak Point on Cama beach.

It was suggested that an Outing Committee discuss this further.

Youth John Gravendyk



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John Gravendyk has identified other youth focused fishing interests to partner with and/or support efforts that are in place. Trevor Bennett will continue with Gold Star families. Other organizations include the Mayfly Project which has a Seattle Chapter. It supports foster kids. Stream Girls through Girl Scouts which TU has worked with.

Heritage - Chuck Ballard

A "Snorter Club" dollar bill with Boyd Aigner's signature made its way to someone and will be displayed at the War Birds Museum at Paine Field this summer. This is a relic from WW II

Publicity Cooper Hartman

Cooper will be taking over the Meet Up page. He is also trying to get into the existing WFFC Facebook page. However, no one is clear as to who is the original administrator. Kris Kristofferson may have that information. Cooper is cross referencing the current membership with FB and sending invitations. Cooper will send out a blast requesting photos for content for both FB and Instagram.

Web Masters Mel Fry and Matt Reat

Mel Fry has established emails for 6 or 8 board members at the cost of \$3 a piece per month. Will wait to see if this is beneficial and justifies the cost.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer David Spratt

David Spratt presented the 2020 budget for approval. Anticipated increased expenses are estimated to include about 13% increase over 2019; anticipated increased revenues are estimated to be about 7%, assuming some input from funds available. Biggest budget changes include increased speaker costs and conservation

1st V.P. – Membership Dexter Brown

Dexter Brown said that there are currently _ members, _ of whom are active members. 26% had paid. Senior members currently qualify with 45 years of membership. There are 4 new members in February and 5 new applicants.



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Dexter requests contact information for the people who attend classes to follow up regarding membership.

3rd V.P. -- Christmas

Lily Cutler

Lily hopes to increase the variety of auction and raffle can items for “non-fishers.’ She proposed ideas for making the tables tidier by having photos of big items on display. To be continued.

Old Business:

- It was reported that the letter of appreciation was sent to Fran Woods, who has moved to Corvallis OR (not Eugene) after 65 years of WFFC membership.

New Business:

- Matt Reat presented 30 survey responses to a short survey that was sent to members identifying dinner meeting and outing attendance. The majority of responses were from people who had attended dinner meetings.
- Reasons for not attending more dinner meetings included the usuals: traffic and cost
- Suggestions for improving club functions and speakers include having older members mentor and support younger or new members.
- Destination trips were requested.

New meal format

Jim Goedhart requested feedback about the quality of the first “buffet style” dinner. Some liked it and some didn’t. He reminded the group that it was a necessity due to increased labor costs that would have priced us out of the Seattle Tennis Club.

Some discussion followed regarding increased possibility of “dinner freeloaders” as well as determining how the club will actually be charged for meals. Invoice pending.



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Meeting speaker fees

Neal Hoffberg is requesting a budget increase for speaker fees to \$5500. He presented the speaker fees for the rest of 2020 which did not include travel and lodging. This was approved .

Summer Picnic

Potential cost for venues was discussed as well as format including possibility of potluck, games.

It was suggested that a Saturday in August would be a good time.

Lily Cutler offered to head this up.

A survey exploring interest is suggested.

Tom Neu will contact the Good Shepherd Center which was the site of the last one.

A budget of \$500 was approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Deborah Katz