



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Oct 6, 2020

Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Dexter Brown	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	P
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	P
Marcia Kindinger	1 st Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	
Ben Porter	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	P
Tom Neu	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Jim Young	Trustee		Matt Reat	Webmaster	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Mel Fry	Webmaster	
Dick Brening	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
John Narver	Trustee		John Gravendyk	WFFC Foundation	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		John Gravendyk	Youth	P
	GUESTS				

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of nine officers and trustees. The minutes of the September meeting were approved without correction..

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe up-dated the board on his recent work with FFI on dam issues including Lewis County dam.



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Pebble Mine may be off until the agenda perhaps due to the realization by some associated with the White house that it would have a horrible impact on an important fishery and habitat.

Robert continues to reach out to local campaigns.

He provided a report on the dismal state of Eastern Washington streams and lakes that have low water levels.

Jim Goedhart asked Robert Thorpe to highlight a few key items for WFFC to focus on. Robert Thorpe suggested particular attention to the three dams on the Skagit for improved fish passage. He also mentioned removal of sea lions on the Columbia River which should be treated as predators.

Robert Thorpe reiterated that Hillary Franz would be a great speaker for WFFC meeting if there is a need for someone to step in.

Fruit and Flowers - Board member reports

Mike Moczynski continues to improve.

Both John Gravendyk and Gary Bergquist have been in touch with Bob Burdick. Gary accompanied him on a walk.

Chuck Ballard spoke with Art Alton who has a lot of pain but is in good spirits.

Youth - John Gravendyk

John Gravendyk announced that the remaining \$750 in the budget for youth programs has been sent to the Mayfly project which is currently the only youth program that seems to be functioning. Materials for fly tying are purchased and sent out to foster programs on a nationwide basis.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer Dave Spratt

Dave Spratt reports that there has been very little change in income. Expenses have been minimal with some funds disbursed for the holiday fundraiser, speaker fees and website work, as predicted.

The 2019 audit hasn't been done yet. It is usually conducted by 2 trustees. Not clear if this could be conducted on-line somehow.



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Membership Dexter Brown

The club currently has over 150 members. 21 new members are still uninducted. Dexter sends out 'welcome' letters. It was suggested that they be introduced with brief biographies in the Creel Notes. One new member came from the fly fishing class. Meet ups continue to attract attention.

Programs and Educations Neal Hoffberg

Neal has secured speakers into May 2021.

January	Deschutes River Alliance	Sarah Cloud
February	E. Washington Bass fishing	David Paul Williams
March	Fly Fishing Williamson River - Oregon	Marlon Rampy
April	Eastern Wa Lake Planting	Ryan Fortier (pending confirmation)
May	Sea Run Cuts in Puget Sound	Ryan Smith

The Beginning Fly Fishing class went very well. Spacing it in 2 hour blocks over 3 weeks seemed like a great format. The casting portion is scheduled for Oct 24.

3rd V.P. -- December Fundraiser. Lily Cutler

Lily asked for photos of all donated items. She also presented that there needs to be a plan for the kick off whether it is live or a video. A link/button to connect to the event needs to be visible on the web-site. A blast invitation to members needs to be sent out.

She and Jim Goedhart reviewed the format of the 'on-line fundraiser auction' for board members who had not been present at board meetings recently.

The December web virtual fundraiser will be held using "Greater Giving" app which will cost the club \$1200 for its use, plus credit card charges fees.

The auction dates will be Dec 13 - 19.



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Secretary

Deborah Katz

Deborah thanked the board for avoiding cross talk and for presenting according to the agenda so she doesn't lose her mind.

1st Ghillie

Marcie Kindinger

Marcie Kindinger priced hats with WFFC logo through Emerald Waters. They would be \$12 with a minimum purchase of 148, in 3 different colors.

She queried the board as to the purpose for the hats: for members? to sell? This was never clearly settled through discussion. However, some members suggested that WFFC trucker hats would be preferable.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Goedhart reached out to donors from 2019 fundraiser. For those who have not yet full-filled their obligation, they have all agreed to extend to next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. It was reported by a closer reading of the Wa State Gambling Licensing Board that the club does NOT need a gambling license if our raffle brings in less that \$5000.

b. It was suggested that we use our telephone tree to talk up the fundraiser and help folks know how it is going to happen this year.

c. The mailing that asked for suggestions for new members engagement and retention generated some ideas. It was suggested that cold calls to new members might have gone unanswered because they were from unknown phone



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numbers. It was suggested that we might send a text by way of introduction. An email blast from the Board to promote Zoom speakers as well as a specific invitation to the fly tying forum and December fundraiser.

Dave Spratt shared a team building Zoom 'trivia night' that he experienced at his job which he found enjoyable.

Chuck Ballard suggested an opportunity to "pick the brain of a senior/experienced member"

It was also suggested that the Members Only Forum on the web-site be revived as a place to put photos, fishing reports, to set up small fishing outings or perhaps to offer or swap gear. Jim Goedhard said that he will talk to our Website managers regarding this.

It was suggested that new member introductions be done at the start of monthly zoom meeting

d. Discussion of dues for 2021 was tabled until December

e. WFFC Charitable donations: Neal Hoffberg, Gary Bergquist and Jim Young met to decide how to contribute \$4500.

50% was given to Western River Conservancy

25% was given to the Osprey

25% was given to Wild Fish Conservancy

Thank you for taking on this task

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Deborah N Katz
Secretary