



Washington Fly Fishing Club

June 2, 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 | P |
| 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 | P |
| John Gravendyk | Past President | P | Lily Cutler | Raffle | P |
| Tom Neu | Trustee | P | Pete Baird | Senior Advisor | P |
| Jim Young | Trustee | P | Matt Reat | Webmaster | P |
| Gary Bergquist | Trustee | P | Mel Fry | Webmaster | |
| Dick Brening | Trustee | P | Chuck Ballard | WFFC Heritage | P |
| John Narver | Trustee | | John Gravendyk | WFFC Foundation | P |
| Greg Crumbaker | Trustee | | John Gravendyk | Youth | P |
| | GUESTS | | | | |
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P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a quorum of eleven officers and trustees. The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe reported that he sent the letter to Washington Department of Ecology regarding the dam proposal on the Chehalis River.

He plans to explore action against the Pebble Mine with other local organizations. He reports that Methow Valley Fly Fishers expressed thanks for our \$500 contribution.



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Education and Programs

Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg is planning to have Brian O'Keefe as our speaker for June. He will be giving a presentation on getting great fish photos with your iPhone. July is open. Neal has reached out to Blake at Gig Harbor Fly Shop to have him do a presentation on fishing the Sound. Otherwise, Neal will reach out to a guide who is familiar with the Upper Sacramento area of Calif for native rainbow and steelhead. Neal is exploring presenters who are skilled at Virtual meetings and is looking for suggestion.

The Virtual Fly Tying session is ready to go but a night needs to be determined. He is hoping that it will start at a skill level accessible for those who recently completed the class. It was suggested that they will tie a Triple Brassie. The recipe with materials list should be sent out to the whole club.

Publicity Cooper Hartman

Cooper Hartman reported that social media is running smoothly. He will try to get a link to the WFFC website on Instagram. He requests more photos from everybody.

Creel Notes - cut off June 12th

Heritage - Chuck Ballard

Chuck Ballard reports that the videos have been duplicated for the University of Montana. The MOU has been signed stipulating use of these videos. (Jim - not sure?)

Foundation Interface - John Gravendyk has reached out to Mike Wearne in order to get regular up-dates to present to the Board.

Board Member Reports:



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1st V.P. – Membership

Dexter Brown

Current membership is 151 with two new members recently joined. Dexter needs more materials for the new member packages.

The web-site appears to be working well for new members.

Dexter Brown needs to talk to Mel Fry re: access to e-mail inquiries.

He also needs to get photos of the new members in our roster.

3rd V.P. -- Christmas

Lily Cutler

Lily Cutler will wait until the July board meeting to provide a full report. She has been ordering some new items to put into baskets for the December fund-raiser. She has asked Dave McCoy for copies of some of his amazing photos.

New Business:

a. Telephone tree outreach feedback

Gary Bergquist was pleasantly surprised by the response to his calls. Pete Baird said that Keith Pikeril was in the hospital, had no response from Harlan French.

He said that Curt Jacobs has a roster of over 800 members which would be a great find for the club.

Lily Cutler also reported a positive and enjoyable experience.

It was suggested that this should be repeated in a few months, depending on the duration of the pandemic

b. WFFC photo gallery website enhancement would cost about \$800.

Marcia Kindinger asked about our Zoom meeting videos as well as tying class videos being stored on the web-site as well.

c. WFFC election of Board Members is set in the by-laws. Jim suggested the use of the “election buddy” app. It had been brought up to re-vote in the current board - at least those who agree to serve for another year. Per the by-laws, a nominating committee of five members is selected from the membership. They cannot currently be on the board or trustees. Trustee terms are three years; officers are elected annually.



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Jim will put a notice in the Creel Notes regarding forming a nominating committee.

- d. WFFC outings and dinner meetings - Jim Goedhart presented a graphic indicating that we would need to be in Phase III which allows up to 50 attendees at an event before we can consider WFFC sponsored outings. With anticipated progression to Phase III and counties that are approaching Phase III, Jim presented likelihood of different lakes that could support an outing. Phase II will allow for small group opportunities. Seattle Tennis Club has opened its pickle ball courts and outdoor tennis courts. Jim will write a note for Creel Notes in support of waiting for Phase III for club activities.
- e. WFFC member engagement is encouraged with photos, fishing reports at any time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Deborah N Katz