



Washington Fly Fishing Club

November 5, 2019
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	P
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)	P	Mike Wearne	Librarian	P
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Hugh Clark	Trustee	P	Cooper Hartman	Publicity	P
Jim Young	Trustee		Deborah Katz	Raffle	P
Bob Birkner	Trustee				
Dick Brenning	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
John Narver	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	P
			Trevor Bennett	Youth	
Bob Burdick		P	Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of nine officers and trustees. The minutes of the October board meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Tovar reported that political outreach continues on issues regarding polluting Washington rivers, including keeping tabs on Washington State Senate bill #5322 and House bill #1261 which ensures compliance with the federal clean water act by prohibiting certain discharges into waters of the state. The legislature will vote on these bills in March 2020. Meanwhile, Robert is staying in touch with Trout Unlimited's Crystal Elliot on these issues.



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Education

Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg reports that planning and acquisition of materials for this year's beginning fly-tying class is ongoing. Information about the class, which starts January 9th, 7-9 p.m. at Evergreen Covenant Church on Mercer Island, is available to the public on the club website. This year's casting class begins on the first Thursday in April and will continue every Thursday for 4 weeks total. Walt Swanson will be instructing this beginning casting class.

Another class being offered will be a comprehensive instruction featuring videos, hands-on casting instructions and general information on fly-fishing and will run for an entire day. A specific date has not been set but will take place sometime mid-March.

Neal asked the board for feedback on upcoming speakers and whether international or local sources are of more interest to members. Some speakers charge fees that generally run \$200 to \$500. Travel expenses are additional costs to the club.

Fruit & Flowers

Pat Becker

Pat Becker reported that Art Alton and Michael Moscynski are continuing to have health problems. Michael remains hospitalized but can receive calls on his cell phone. Dexter Brown will be taking over Michael's position as First V.P. – Membership in his absence.

Outings

Dave Schorsch

Dave Schorsch announced that Wet Buns at Penrose State Park this coming weekend (November 9-10) would be the last outing of the season. The traditional seafood stew will again be prepared for attendees and everyone is reminded to bring their own bowl and spoon. Attendance is estimated at 20 members. Overnight parking is large enough for 6-8 cars.

Creel Notes

Special thanks to Mel Fry for turning out this summer's Creel Notes; Dave Ehrich returns to head that effort once again.

Heritage

Chuck Ballard



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Chuck Ballard is proceeding in his prodigious effort to catalogue all of the Creel Notes produced since 1989. The new Back Cast Books are currently being printed and will be finished this December.

Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart thanked Matt Fry for his help on the club's website. Jim reported that the site still has some glitches, which will require coding changes at an additional expense.

Board Member Reports:

1st V.P. – Membership

WFFC currently has 150 members, 130 of which are active members. The board considered whether to keep the associate member classification and decided to do so for now.

2nd V.P. – Programs

Bob Burdick

Bob Burdick reported on the upcoming annual fishing seminar on Tuesday, November 19th at the Seattle Tennis Club. The roundtable event will feature three speakers leading discussions timed to 45 minutes at which time participants can go on to another speaker. The event is open to members and non-members. Speakers for this year's event are Denny Westover on European nymphing, line and leader management guides from the Avid Angler, and Heather Hudson, founder of United Woman On The Fly and diversity ambassador for Trout Unlimited and one of its casting instructors, who lead a discussion on entomology. Music for the evening is by John Hawn on the piano.

3rd V.P. -- Christmas

Deborah Katz

Deborah Katz assured the board that preparations for the annual Christmas party are on track. Deborah introduced Lily Cutler as her replacement as 3rd V.P. in 2020. Attendance to this year's event will be cut-off at 126 attendees. As in past years, each table will seat 8.

Old Business:



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- The old storage unit #1808 has finally been cleaned out and most of the books and gear have now gone to Greg Messner who will be using the items in the proposed new fly-fishing museum at Western State University.
- John Gravendyk will represent our club and the Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy on Saturday, November 9 in Dupont, Washington.

New Business:

- The board has granted the request of Hugh Clark that Fran Wood to be given honorary membership.
- Chapin Henry presented to the board the nominations of all new officers to be voted in to office at the next general meeting.
- Seattle Tennis Club meal costs and dinner will be more costly at \$57/per person if the present service format remains the same. Due to the escalation in cost, the board decided to offer a dinner buffet at the \$37/per person cost starting in 2020. Also beginning in 2020 the club will recommend a \$10 donation for those attending the meetings but not partaking of dinner. A “jar” will sit on the Ghillie registration table upon entry for donations.

Announcements:

- Chuck Ballard announced that the new launch at Antilon Lake has been completed. The club donated \$500 to this project.
- Greg Crumbaker and Michael Wearne have received an award from the City of Seattle for the voluntarism in the city’s Casting Forward program. Every Thursday the two teach a fly tying class for the city’s homeless population.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Tom Neu