



Washington Fly Fishing Club

December 3, 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	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	P
Tom Neu	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	
Marcia Kindinger	1 st Ghillie	P	Kris Kristoferson & Steve Sunich	Home Waters	
Dexter Brown	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)	P	Mike Wearne	Librarian	
	TRUSTEES		Dave Schorsch	Outings	
John Gravendyk	Past President		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
Hugh Clark	Trustee		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	P
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Deborah Katz	Raffle	
Bob Birkner	Trustee				
Dick Brenning	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
John Narver	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
	GUESTS		Greg Crumbaker	WFFC Foundation	
Gary Berquist		P	Trevor Bennett	Youth	
			Bill Neal	Awards	

P = Present

President

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

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe continues to update the board regarding Washington state Senate and House bills ensuring compliance with the federal clean water act. Vote on the bills will be March 2020.

Education

Neal Hoffberg



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Neal Hoffberg reports that 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. Walt Swanson will lead the fly casting class at Luther Burbank Park. The starting date is yet to be determined. Neal provided the upcoming speakers list:

- January Hillary Franz (pending)
- February Linda Mapes – Orca Whale Recovery
- March Ryan Fortier – WDFW
- April Jim Cox – Western River Conservancy
- May Heather Hobson – United Women of the Fly

Fruit & Flowers

Pat Becker

Pat Becker reported that Michael Mosczynski is now out of the hospital, but Art Alton's health remains very guarded.

Outings

A request was made for a list of all materials used for outings currently in the club storage locker. Dave Schorsch continues to reach out to members willing to host future club outings.

Publicity

Cooper Hartman

Cooper Hartman mentioned that there are currently no updates on the club's social media platforms.

Creel Notes

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.

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer

David Spratt

David Spratt said the discussion to use Quick Books rather than the club's current spreadsheet program has been dismissed. David said the annual membership fee will remain the same for 2020: Members \$85 and Associates \$50. Our web page will be activated to accept member dues for the upcoming year ASAP.



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1st V.P. – Membership

Dexter Brown

Dexter Brown, speaking for Mike Moscynski, said that the club has three new members, two who came through our website and one from a referral.

Neal Hoffberg, Education Chairman, suggested establishing a woman-only fly-fishing instruction class in the future.

3rd V.P. -- Christmas

Deborah Katz

Deborah Katz reported on the upcoming Christmas fundraiser. We will have 25 items in the silent auction and 17 items in the live auction. A list of all items will be provided to each member at their place setting. The bar opens at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will start at 7:00 p.m. Keith Robbins will again be our auctioneer.

Old Business:

- John Gravendyk will lead the N.W. Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy, a one-week camp on a local lake, which provides in-depth education in fly-fishing skills.
- The club donated \$1,000 to the Antilon Lake Launch and the Foundation donated an additional \$600.
- The club's \$500 donation to the Twin Lakes Aerator still remains unclaimed. Robert Thorpe will oversee this donation.

New Business:

- Jim Goedhart said that members not attending this years Christmas Fundraiser will be asked for a volunteer donations.
- The 2020 new officers and trustees were announced, they are:
 - 1st V.P. Dexter Brown (replacing Mike Moscnski)
 - 2nd V.P. Neal Hoffberg (replacing Michael Wearne)
 - 3rd V.P. Lilly Cutler (replacing Deborah Katz)
 - Secretary Deborah Katz (replacing Tom Neu)



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- 2nd Ghillie Ben Porter (replacing Dexter Brown)
 - Trustee Tom Neu (replacing Hugh Clark)
 - Trustee Gary Berquist (replacing Bob Birkner)
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- For 2020 chairmanships remain the same with the exception of Trevor Bennet who is stepping down from Youth. Replacement is YTBD.
 - Jim Goedhart opened discussion concerning the club's 2020 goals and objectives, they include:
 - More membership participation
 - Better dinner attendance
 - Conservation work parties
 - New members outing
 - Summer picnic (Jim Goedhart volunteered his home for this event)
 - Youth fly fishing outreach
 - Strategies to increase member value (i.e. making Creek Notes available only to members)

Jim suggested a January workshop to hammer out these goals and objectives in detail. Date TBD.

- Jim Goedhart presented ideas for member estate donations and that as legal consideration estate donations should all go to the WFFC Foundation.
- Chuck Ballard passed on a conservation request from Issaquah-Bellevue Trout Unlimited, asking for assistance from fishing clubs to provide manpower in replacing failing culverts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Tom Neu