



Washington Fly Fishing Club

Jan 5, 2021

Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
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	Dave Schorsch	Outings	
Ben Porter	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	P
Tom Neu	Trustee	P	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 7:07 p.m. with a quorum of ten officers and trustees. The minutes of the December meeting were approved without correction.

Committee Reports:

Education

Neal Hoffberg

Fly tying forum is going strong.

Beginning fly fishing class will be presented via Zoom over 3 nights; it was well received. The fly casting component is still on the back burner for now.



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Bill Neal plans to conduct the fly tying competition in 2021 virtually as it was done in 2020 with great participation.

Publicity

Lily Cutler has taken over the Instagram account, which looks GREAT!
Cooper Hartman is still managing the Meet Up group.

Youth

John Gravendyk

NW Flyfishing Academy will be having a directors’ meeting regarding feasibility of holding their annual camp in June 2021.

Heritage

Chuck Ballard

Chuck Ballard wants to do more interviews of “senior” members. Of course, this is difficult at this time due to COVID.

Foundation Interface

John Gravendyk

The Foundation made the following disbursements during 2020:

Casting for Recovery		\$2,500
Reel Recovery		\$2,500
The Osprey (FFI Conservation Angler)		\$1,000
Western Rivers Conservancy		\$2,000
Wild Fish Conservancy		\$1,000
Project Healing Waters	approx.	\$500

At year end the resources of the WFFC Foundation stand at \$39,000.



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The above WFFC Foundation report data was provided by Mike Wearne, WFFC Foundation President and Hugh Clark, WFFC Foundation Treasurer. Both Mike and Hugh mentioned that the Foundation is seeking a new Treasurer to replace Hugh Clark who has asked to retire from the position.

Webmaster

Mel Fry has had to step away from his position but Matt Reat has been doing an outstanding job. Eugene Bloundel is interested in helping out.

Board Member Reports:

Third VP Holiday Fundraiser

Lily Cutler and Jim Goedhart

Jim presented a breakdown of the number of club members that participated in the on-line auction compared to “in person” events in the recent past. He presented information on the great number of individuals who made a direct contribution to the club, as well.

Questions regarding why some members may not have participated were raised.

Net Proceeds are estimated at \$23,000, which is great.

Lily Cutler, who researched the Great Giving platform, provided the text for the items offered presented an exhaustive list of lessons learned. More than anything, it was a huge task that really could have used many hands to help.

Thank you, Lily! It was a huge success due to your efforts.

Treasurer

Dave Spratt

With money from the Fundraiser, WFFC currently has over \$100K in the bank

Membership

Dexter Brown



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The club currently has 157 members. This is 133 regular members, 11 associate members, 10 senior members and 3 honorary members. Dexter continues to encourage biographical information from the new members to include in Creel Notes.

Programs Neal Hoffberg

Neal Hoffberg reported that he has speakers lined up through November.

Jeff Currier has been confirmed for August.
2 to 3 of the speakers will address conservation topics.

January speaker, Sarah Cloud, will be talking about Willamette Valley Fisheries.

Neal Hoffberg has been in touch with Heather Hobson and Molly Semenik who are willing to put together a program via Zoom, directed at women, the ability to analyze videos of casting. They would provide two 1 ½ hours sessions for \$800.

There was considerable conversation regarding the concept of focusing a program specifically to women's specific fly fishing concerns, especially since these two instructors offer so much.

Secretary Deborah Katz

The supply of letterhead envelopes was exhausted by the fundraiser mailing.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Goedhart presented 2021 WFFC Activities Outlook and Planning

- a. Fly casting class may be feasible by summer 2021.
- b. The 2020 budget will be adopted for 2021 at this time.



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- c. As far as continuing to engage members, it was once again suggested that “un sponsored fishing meet-ups” could be posted on the web-site. A specific fly could be suggested and then tied in the fly tying forum. Jim Goedhart offered to talk to Dave Schorsch about potential locations.
- d. It was suggested that Creel notes be made available to members only so that more information can be included.
- e. A “chat” session with an “expert panel” could be offered periodically to give members a chance to ask questions/pick their brains. A survey will be sent out to identify a day and time that would work with people’s schedules.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm

Deborah Katz,
Secretary

- a. Creel Notes deadline December 12th

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Deborah N Katz
Secretary