



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

Feb 2, 2021

Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	P
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		Neal Hoffberg	Education	P
David Spratt	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
Deborah Katz	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	
Marcia Kindinger	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	
Ben Porter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ghillie (non-voting)		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	
Tom Neu	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Matt Reat	Webmaster	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	P
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 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of ten officers and trustees. The minutes of the January meeting were approved without correction.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Conservation**

#### **Robert Thorpe**

Robert Thorpe reported on conservation progress that has been made recently including prospects of re-entering the Paris Accord. Since the last time he reported, he has been doing a great deal of political work.



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Due to COVID economic concerns he does not think that this legislative session will include many conservation issues.

He has reached out to Healing Waters college groups that are interested in stream restoration and fly fishing.

There was a discussion about nets on the Columbia River and how to approach this problem in terms of dealing with both Oregon and Washington.

Jim Young pointed out the problem with gill nets being non-selective; TU has taken a position on this.

Fish pens have been permitted for a couple of years. Robert is asking for assistance working on this big issue.

Bill Neal asked if there were any “pick and shovel” projects that club members could work on. According to Robert Thorpe, Bellevue and Issaquah TU are working on such projects. He will reach out for contacts. Bill offered to follow up on this.

### **Awards**

Bill Neal is waiting for people to sign up for the Boyd Aigner fly tying competition. It was suggested that attendees to the Fly Tying Forum be encouraged to submit flies. Jim McRoberts needs to contact his folks.

### **Youth**

### **John Gravendyk**

NW Flyfishing Academy Directors decided to postpone opening until 2022

### **Foundation Interface**

### **John Gravendyk**

Bill Neal offered to check the IRS web-site to confirm the tax status of the foundation.

### **Webmaster**

### **Eugene Bloundel and Matt Reat**

Eugene Bloundel is on task as needed with the web-site.



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### **Board Member Reports:**

#### **Treasurer                      Dave Spratt**

Dave presented probable 2021 expenses based on continued virtual Board and Membership meetings.

The Board approved the budget for 2021.

#### **Membership                      Dexter Brown**

Dexter said that only 53% of regular members and 42% of associate members had paid their dues.

#### **Programs                      Neal Hoffberg**

Neal Hoffberg finally got in touch with Ryan Fortier from WDFW who will present a pre-recorded presentation due to sketchy internet service from the Methow.

The fly fishing classes are planned for April.

He hasn't heard back from Molly; FFI has a lot of virtual projects going on right now. Speakers are currently booked up to November.

#### **1st Ghillie                                      Marcia Kindinger**

Marcie contacted STG and has booked the December/fundraiser dinner meeting for 2021 and 2022. It will be on the SECOND Tuesday of December to keep it away from Christmas. She informed Ashley that we will be interested in dinner meetings when we are able to do that again.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None



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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Fly casting tips and tricks sessions - format and topics were discussed. It was suggested that “Tools/technical topics”, trip planning and getting ready for the season were all suggested
- b. It was suggested that WFFC financial reports be available on the website in a section on the member only side.
- c. The membership has to approve the budget - an expedient way of doing this would be via an “e-ballot”
- d. It was suggested that Dexter Brown create a “please pay your dues” call tree for Board Members who were all happy to help with this. They will also ask if they need any help logging into membership meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Deborah Katz,  
Secretary