



Washington Fly Fishing Club

May 4, 2021
Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Jim Goedhart	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Dexter Brown	1st VP - Membership		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	
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)		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Cooper Hartman	Publicity	
John Gravendyk	Past President	P	Lily Cutler	Raffle	P
Tom Neu	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Matt Reat	Webmaster	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	P
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				

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a quorum of eleven officers and trustees. The minutes of the March meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Committee Reports:

Conservation: Robert Thorpe

Robert met with the Trout Unlimited group in the Methow. They are working to repair the aerator in Big Twin Lake and adding another aerator in Little Twin.



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FFI is focused on removing 5 dams out of the Klamath River that flows from Oregon to California.

Robert suggested taking on the project associated with removing dams on the Snake River. There is an Idaho legislator who is behind this effort.

Chuck Ballard mentioned that two trout hatcheries are going to shut down due to the budget. This would have a negative impact on the fisheries in Washington. Robert Thorpe and Chuck offered to follow up on this issue.

Awards

There are currently 11 people participating in the fly tying competition.

Youth **John Gravendyk**

John attended a recent meeting with the leaders of the Youth Conservation Camp and Fly Fishing Academy. They will relaunch in 2022

Publicity - **Cooper Hartman**

Jim Goedhart said that Cooper is currently in California but will continue covering publicity

Foundation Interface **John Gravendyk and Marcia Kindinger**

Marcia got the paperwork to re-instate the status of the Foundation. The BECU account has been changed to her name and Mike Wearne.

She reviewed the by-laws which state that the board is made up of a president, vice president, treasure, and secretary as well as 7 trustees. There are currently only 5 trustees. Trustees hold a 3 year terms. Additionally, they hold an annual meeting.

Bill Neal is currently the registered agent to file the annual report to the state. This needs to be addressed.

Heritage **Chuck Ballard**

Chuck Ballard is ready to make a copy of the video clip of Boyd Aigner tying flies from the meeting in Eugene, OR.



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Chuck visited Dick Stearns widow and saw his collection of rods and reels. There was a discussion about the best way to find buyers for some of the more unique items

Board Member Reports:

Treasurer

Dave Spratt

Dave reported that he is currently working on the club's tax return.

Membership

There are 5 new members.

Programs **Neal Hoffberg**

The casting component of Introduction to Fly Fishing will be on May 22nd at Jim Goedharts home.

Fly tying forum continues with steady attendance. The next session is CDC duns with split thread.

Speakers are lined up for all meetings up through November.

Neal has booked Tony Reinhart, a guide out of Missoula, for January 2022. He'll cover techniques for fishing from a drift boat.

Fundraiser **Lily Cutler**

Lily has secured a nice catch from Far Bank: rods with reels from Remington, leader and floating lines.

She has a donation of another Alaska trip at another lodge.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Jim Goedhart and Lily Cutler presented to FFI about the logistics of holding a virtual fundraiser.



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b. Jim Goedhart presented a proposal to make a donation of \$500 to local FFI chapter for running their programs. This is with intention of establishing a good working relationship with them. This was approved after discussion

c. Seattle Tennis Club held their board meeting on April 29. They are currently not committing to any banquets at this time.

d. Lake Hannan outing - no one is answering the phone at the Diocese so a date has not been secured.

e. Jim Goedhart advised that there would be a “rehosting” of the WFFC website on Saturday, May 8th. This would be a “behind the scenes” change that would provide better support of the website going forward
Jim and Eugene Bloedel will test the functionality of the website on Monday after the re-hosting.

There was a lengthy discussion about how to get new members to attend outings. One issue was lack of watercraft. Jim Goedhart floated the idea of having some club watercraft which would pose a lot of problems, not the least of which would be insurance.

It was suggested that fishing reports on the website could give insight into “how to fish” a particular location.

John Gravendyk suggested a session on how to buy an inexpensive watercraft - lowest coast float tube, pontoon boat, kayak, etc.

Neal thought that tacking on an event like a visit to a winery might increase interest.

Jim summarized by saying that, at the moment, we have to continue as we are doing, that the best way to communicate with members is at dinner meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Katz
WFFC Secretary



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