



Washington Fly Fishing Club

September 7, 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		Lily Cutler	Raffle	P
Tom Neu	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Jim Young	Trustee	P	Matt Reat	Webmaster	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	
Dick Brening	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
John Narver	Trustee		John Gravendyk	WFFC Foundation	
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		John Gravendyk	Youth	
	GUESTS				

P = Present

President

President Jim Goedhart opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of nine officers and trustees. The minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting were approved without corrections.

Committee Reports:

Conservation:

Jim Goedhart suggested that Robert Thorpe, Conservation Chair, present accomplishments but also offer what else WFFC can do as a club. Chuck Ballard



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brought up reports of the “college group” that is often referred to but additional information in terms of who and where they are.

Jim Goedhart suggested that Neal Hoffberg’s connection with FFI would give an opportunity for hands on work.

Nominating committee has been trying to contact Cooper Hartman.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Treasurer Dave Spratt

The bank has been rejecting checks that don’t have dual signatures; otherwise no significant action with finances.

Membership Dexter Brown

There are currently 151 members. There are 126 active members, 12 associate members and 2 honorary members.

Education and Programs: Neal Hoffberg

Neal announced Gary Bulla as the speaker for September
All speakers for 2021 are confirmed via Zoom.

Fly casting class:

He has Tom Cammeratta lined up to teach. He does charge but he is working on his MCI.

There was talk of doing an advanced casting class to learn special situation casts.

Fly tying class will be held at the church in the spring depending on how people feel.
A second class could be on Zoom.

Dick Brening is stepping down as lead of the Fly tying program.

Pete Baird said that the executive pastor has been on sabbatical so the rental rate is unclear.

Neal has sent out an invitation to the club about a great tying opportunity with Jack VanderHoef from the Long Beach Casting Club.



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Holiday Fundraiser:

Jim Goedhart presented a break down of the items that are already on hand for the December fundraiser.

There are a lot of rods to offer; Dave Spratt offered Orvis reels at 60% off.

Preparing to use the virtual platform for silent auction items which was very successful last year.

Jim suggested sending out a request for more donations including “up-scale” reels.

First Ghillie - Marcia Kindinger

Marcie encouraged people to sign up for the September dinner meeting. She offered to get trout stickers for badges of new members.

It was asked if new members would be inducted.

OLD BUSINESS

The nominating committee has candidates for president and ghillie

Nominees for trustees - need 2 or 3 names.

Reinstatement of Foundation:

They wanted a different form. Marcie sent a note to Mr Just inquiring about this.

NEW BUSINESS

Neal Hoffberg:

Washington State Council of FFI has planned a one day event. They are requesting that WFFC co-host the event.

Don Simonson is hoping that all casting instructors be CIs. Also hoping to have Molly Semenik down for a woman’s casting group

Goal is to engage as many FFI members in Puget Sound as possible. It will be important to reach out to other local clubs.

This will be the weekend after Easter; there is no financial involvement from WFFC. There is an expectation that WFFC would assist with getting this event off the ground. Ellensburg is off so this is the first step in bringing the gathering to the Puget Sound area.



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WFFC Membership “Willingness to Attend Meetings in person.”

Jim presented the findings of the survey that was sent out to the membership. 65% of respondents said that they would attend with vaccination and masking provisions.

Jim heard from the Seattle Tennis Club that they are following the Wa State Guideline but that they aren't testing employees on a regular basis though they are testing employees that are symptomatic.

It was decided that there will be no more in person meetings until December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Katz, WFFC secretary