



Washington Fly Fishing Club

December 7, 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	P
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		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	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 nine officers and trustees. The minutes of November 2nd . 2021 board meeting were approved without corrections.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Robert Thorpe

Robert request specific feedback from members about a focus for the conservation committee's effort. Robert requests input from the membership on conservation topics that are of interest. He asked why there is continued focus on the dams. John



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Gravendyk reminded Robert to run a filter on the membership for member's expressed interest in conservation.

Outings **Dave Schorsch**

Dave Schorsch proposes an outing at Lake Hannan in April. He requests suggestions for new places to fish because folks may be getting tired of returning to all the same places. (Note: no one really went anywhere the last two years.) It was suggested that the club return to Leech Lake and Chopaka for sure.

Youth **John Gravendyk**

John reported that he has an assistant who is already working with the Mayfly project.

Heritage **Chuck Ballard**

Chuck has been in touch with Kurt Jacobs who was club historian for many years. He kept track of when members joined, when they left and when they died. He plans to secure that information.

Webmaster

Jim Goedhart is surrogate web-master at this point with Eugene Bloumel available to back him up.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

TREASURER: **Dave Spratt**

Dave reported that the club will be running credit cards through a new system that he got from Costco.

MEMBERSHIP **Dexter Brown**

Dexter reports that there are 156 members. It is believed that this is a new record, perhaps dating back to the 1970s.

PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION: **Neal Hoffberg**



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Neal said that he only has 4 more spots to fill for speakers in 2022. He has confirmed Linda Mapes in June.

Carly Roland will speak in November about Henry's Fork.

He is still considering Heather Hobson.

Most speakers will be presenting via Zoom and meetings will continue to be available via Zoom

Chuck Ballard suggested Brian Chan and Phil Rowley.

January speaker will be Landon Mayer "Mastering the Short Game."

It is anticipated that speakers will continue to be Zoomed and meeting will be hybrid for now.

Neal and Pete Baird will go to the Church on Mercer Island to confirm specifics about spaces for classes. He anticipates January 12, 2022 for the in person fly tying group with fly tying via Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month.

Dates for the fly tying class and the fly fishing class haven't been set yet.

OLD BUSINESS

The planned April gathering of the Washington State Council, Federation of Fly Fishers will be delayed and will occur somewhere other than Mercer Island. Mercer Island Parks and Rec had requirements that would be a burden to meet.

NEW BUSINESS

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Jim Goedhart and Lily Cutler

1. Jim Goedhart Presented the plan for the in person holiday fundraiser as well as the on-line silent auction. He requested assistance before and after for set up and tear down.
2. Dues for 2022 have been set at \$50
3. The by-laws as they are posted on the WFFC need to be up-dated. In particular, Section 5 was proposed to be deleted in April 2017 and was approved in May. John Gravendyk wants to take a look with Gary Bergquist who reminded the board of some changes that were put into place for non-profits by the state of Washington recently. Of note, the issue of Virtual meetings will need to be addressed in any up-date to the by-laws.



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4. WFFC dinner meetings will be held at Seattle Tennis Club for the first quarter. Negotiations are being made to try to keep dinners at \$40 to \$42. The possibility of moving to another location remains.

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Goedhart at 8:24pm

Thank you for your service, Jim!!!

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Katz, secretary

1st GHILLIE

Marcie Kindinger

Marcie reports that 40 people need to attend the November meeting at STC.

It is anticipated that 11 new members will be inducted. The club needs a new photographer.

Chuck Ballard offered to give flies to Dexter for the welcome package.

OLD BUSINESS

WFFC Foundation:

Marcie Kindinger reported on the pending status of the 501c3 reinstatement. The "EZ" form has been filed "and now we need to wait" up to 90 days.

Bill Neal has agreed to complete the state filing.

The by-laws are in need of an up-date.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seattle Tennis Club responded with a very detailed contract which Gary Bergquist reviewed. He suggested that the club NOT sign it. The STC is



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requesting a deposit prior to each event that is prohibitive. There has been no commitment to holding out meetings there next year. Board meetings will be held via Zoom going forward.

- b. The price for the Holiday Dinner which will be at STC on Tuesday, Dec 14th, will be \$100 this year. This was set by vote of the Board
- c. The price of 2022 dues has been set at \$50 by vote of the Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Deborah Katz, WFFC secretary.