



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

January 4, 2022  
Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Dave Spratt	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Danferd Henke	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	P
Neal Hoffberg	2nd VP - Programs	P	David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
	3rd VP - Christmas Party		Neal Hoffberg	Education	P
Kurt Peterson	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
Deborah Katz	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	P
Shelly Scheff	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
James Emswiler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ghillie (non-voting)		Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	P
Jim Goedhart	Past President	P		Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Jay Deeds	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	
Dick Brening	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
Tom Neu	Trustee		Marcia Kinsinger	WFFC Foundation	
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		John Gravendyk	Youth	P
	GUESTS		FFI Coordinator	Neal Hoffberg	

P = Present

### **President**

President Dave Spratt opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum of nine officers and trustees. The minutes of December 7, 2021 board meeting were approved without corrections.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Conservation                      Robert Thorpe**

Robert Thorpe has continued reaching out to state senators and legislators about up-coming legislation. Currently, there is nothing in the local districts. He requests feedback about concerns in other districts when we become aware of them. Robert



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continues reaching out to clubs in the Methow Valley . He has received a note from Three Rivers TU regarding a plan by the school district to build on the Sammamish Plateau in such a way that it would interfere with Laughing Jacobs Creek.. He also reported that there is an effort to buy ranches on the Chewack in the Methow Valley for habitat preservation.

### **Fruit and Flowers**

Ron Dion had surgery and seems to be doing well.

### **Outings**

The next outing will be at Lake Hannan in April. The date has not been set nor is it on the calendar.

### **Youth**

#### **John Gravendyk**

John said that work needs to start on the Youth Camp that happens in Spring. It takes a lot of work in preparation.

### **Heritage**

#### **Chuck Ballard**

Chuck needs to follow up 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 and create a database for the future. Jim Goedhart stated that there are boxes of material that need to be sorted through, as well. .

### **Webmaster**

#### **Jim Goedhart**

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

### **FFI Coordinator**

#### **Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reports that things are in great shape with plans for a casting clinic in August - location TBD.

He reports that Western Rivers Conservancy has secured a parcel of 846 acres on the Yakima River that would open up access for wading and camping. They need \$116K



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for legal fees to finalize the transaction. The State of Washington has committed to keeping intact for perpetuity.

Steve Jones would like to present an award to the club for WFFC commitment to youth and to Jim McRoberts, as well.

### **WFFC Foundation Interface      Jim Goedhart**

Jim reports that the 501(3)c status of the WFFC Foundation has been reinstated.

### **Webmaster      Jim Goedhart**

Jim reports that the web-site is currently in good shape. Jim wants to get together with Eugene Bloundel to up-date his knowledge about the site.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **TREASURER:      Dave Spratt for Kurt Peterson**

In his final report as treasure, Dave presented Q4 expenses compared to actual expenses.

He needs to get together with Kurt Peterson, the new treasurer to get him added to the BECU account and bring him up to date on club finances.

#### **MEMBERSHIP      Dandferd Henke**

Danferd reports that there are 157 members but only 14 have paid their dues at this point. He would like to send out a blast to members and put a reminder in the Creel NOtes. He is working on ways to increase membership and integrate new members into the club.

#### **PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION:      Neal Hoffberg**

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

He has reached out to Phil Rowley to talk on chironomids and lake fishing.

January speaker will be Tony Reinhardt

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



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Neal and Pete Baird will go to the church on Mercer Island to confirm specifics about spaces for classes.

The Fly Casting class usually happens in March and April.

There was a discussion about doing the beginning fly tying class over Zoom but it was felt that In-person is really essential. It was suggested that prospective fly tying students could be invited to watch the forum and Lily can pump up the in-person class.

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

The fly fishing class will be done virtually again.

### **Fundraiser      Jim Goedhart and Lily Cutler**

The financials from the fundraiser were presented. The raffle ticket sales provided a very generous contribution to the bottom line even though the price went from \$2/ticket to \$5/ticket for all tickets.

Special things to Lily Cutler, Gary Berrquist and Dick Brening, to name very few.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

WFFC Foundation has been reinstated as a 501(3)c organization thanks to dogged work by Marcia Kindinger.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dave Spratt will meet with Seattle Tennis Club about finalized plans for dinner meetings in the first quarter of 2022. He doesn't have dinner costs to share at this point but the club will continue to charge \$40 for dinners for this quarter. The board was reminded that the dinner in November was the first one in person since February 2020 (?) and was comped to members for a total cost of \$3K. It was suggested that members could make a donation to help cover the difference between dinner charge and dinner cost, depending on how it all pencils out. Some board members shared that they would be fine with meetings without dinner, if meetings were moved to a less expensive venue.
- Dave Spratt will reach out to each committee regarding anticipated budget needs for the coming year to present at the February meeting.
- Dave will talk to Gary Bergquist about the state of the WFFC by-laws.
- The club will reach out to Jim Cox regarding funds needed for the Western Rivers Conservancy acquisition on the Yakima River. A contribution of \$5K towards legal fees for this acquisition was suggested and approved to be voted



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on by the general membership. Jim will talk to WFFC Foundation to see if they can match the club's contribution. A vote by members to approve this expense will be sent via a blast.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dave Spratt at 8:24

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Katz,  
WFFC Secretary