



Washington Fly Fishing Club

February 1, 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 st Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	P
James Emswiler	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	
Jim Goedhart	Past President	P		Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
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	P	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 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of eleven officers and trustees. The minutes of January 4, 2022 board meeting were approved without corrections.

Committee Reports:

Education Neal Hoffberg

Fly tying continues with same attendance as usual.



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The fly fishing class is all set to go. Jim Goedhart needs to send Neal the Power Point slide deck that was created.

As far as speakers for dinner meetings, Neal has every month covered except for August.

Heather Hotson will be presenting about reading trout waters.

There was a question whether Linda Mapes presentation would be live or virtual. She will do a Zoom presentation for us.

Conservation **Robert Thorpe**

Robert Thorpe has continued reaching out to other local clubs. He will meet the conservation chairs of Three Rivers/Issaquah and the Overlake clubs.

He points out that there was a coalition of 300 partners that worked together to make progress on the headwaters of the Skagit River in Canada. He suggests that this is likely the best way to accomplish our goals.

We have received thank you letters from 3 Rivers and Methow clubs.

Robert will meet with Dave Spratt about focus and direction.

Outings

The next outing will be at Lake Hannan in April. The date has not been set nor is it on the calendar. Dave Spratt will check with Mike Wearne about the date.

Youth **John Gravendyk**

John said that there would be a meeting on February 9th. TU Corporate will meet 2/15/22 where they will decide on whether or not it will happen. They don't have plans in place for COVID protocols. The Fly Fishing Academy would like to make sure that campers are vaccinated. John estimates that there is a 50/50 chance that it happen this year.

Heritage **Chuck Ballard**

Jim Goedhart and Chuck are trying to download the information from Kurt Jacobs who was club historian for many years. They want to secure that information and create a historical database for the future.

Jim Goedhart stated that there are boxes of material that need to be sorted through, as well. .



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Chuck Ballard is still working on duplicating some videos of Boyd Aigner tying flies at an event in Eugene to put on the web-site.
Neal has contact information for Marion Heller, Boyds daughter.

Webmaster Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart reports that there have been some difficulties with people paying membership dues which should be fixed.
The up-dated by-laws are now on the web-site as well.

FFI Coordinator Neal Hoffberg

Neal reports that things are in great shape with plans for a casting clinic on August 13, 2022 at Lake Ballinger at the Mountlake Terrace Senior Community Center. There is a large room for booths: Project Healing Waters will be there. There is also a large field for casting classes.

They are looking for caterers or food trucks to come up. Neal will look into whether or not there will be vendors.

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 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 said that the Foundation matched WFFC with a \$5K contribution for the Western Rivers land purchase along the Yakima River.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

TREASURER: Dave Spratt for Kurt Peterson

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.



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MEMBERSHIP

Dandferd Henke

Dandferd reports that 60 members haven't paid their dues yet. Dave Spratt asked for the list of names to follow up. 2 new members joined in January but were having difficulty paying their dues. It was noted that there will be a \$10 "reinstatement fee" if they pay their dues after the last day of February.

THIRD VP - FUNDRAISING

Dave Spratt very bravely and generously said that he will head this committee up for now.

SECRETARY

Deborah Katz

Deborah will be out of town on April 5th, 2022. She is asking for a volunteer to take notes of the Board meeting.

1st GHILLIE

Shelly Sheff

Shelly reported the 34 people attended the last virtual meeting. She is going through boxes to see how many WFFC hats we have.

OLD BUSINESS

The February and March meetings will be via Zoom.

There is a concern about the number of people that would attend in person in April. Neal notes that most of the clubs in Southern California don't have a meal at their meeting. Others stressed the importance of the social aspect of the club.

Robert Thorpe stated that he will talk to the Roanoke Inn about potentially catering a dinner if meetings are held at the VFW Hall on Mercer Island. Alternatively, it could just be coffee and dessert which would be easier and less expensive.



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NEW BUSINESS

Dave Spratt presented the proposed budget for 2022; that there is a budget goal of about \$20K income. He indicated hopes that there would be increased donations from members.

The proposed budget was approved by the board.

He will note in his Riffle in the Creel notes

There was additional discussion regarding increasing the ‘value’ of the meetings, perhaps by having “round table discussion on select topics before the meeting.

Bill Neal will announce the flies for the fly tying competition.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dave Spratt at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Katz,
WFFC Secretary