



Washington Fly Fishing Club

March 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
Shelley Scheff	1 st Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	
James Emswiler	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)	P	Bob Birkner	Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	P
Jim Goedhart	Past President	P		Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
Jay Deeds	Trustee	P	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	P
Greg Crumbaker	Trustee		John Gravendyk	Youth	P
	GUESTS		FFI Coordinator	Neal Hoffberg	P
Jen Eliuk	MayFly Project	P			

P = Present

President

President Dave Spratt opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of twelve officers and trustees. The minutes of the February 1, 2022 board meeting were approved without corrections.

Committee Reports:

Youth

John Gravendyk

John presented Jen Eliuk who spoke about the current state of the Mayfly Project which introduces girls who are in foster care to fly fishing. She explained the format



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of the program which currently has 5 outings planned for this summer. A second group has reached out. They may be offered a one day outing.

They are currently bringing new mentors up to speed. There are safety concerns as well as special needs for the kids. All kids will get their own boots and waders. The role of WFFC: all current mentors have been vetted with criminal background checks, etc.

The program costs each child about \$600 per year. At the end of the program, each child will go home with their own rod and reel.

Suggestions for places to fish were offered by the board members with emphasis on early success.

NW Youth Fly Fishing and Conservation Camp will happen June 19 to 25, 2022. There will be a limit of 12 campers in order to stay within COVID guidelines.

Education

Neal Hoffberg

Brian O'Keefe will be presenting in November 2022: Fly Fishing Oregon

Linda Mapes wants to present in person. She is slated for June 2022.

Michael Schmuck from WDFW in Eastern Washington would like to present in 2023.

The Methow Club has asked Ryan Fortier, our April speaker, to present to their club on the same day that he is scheduled to speak at our April meeting. They suggested a joint Zoom meeting. The logistics were discussed among the board members.

Neal will reach out to Ryan for options and will get back to Dave Spratt.

The Washington State Council August casting event scheduled at Lake Ballinger: Project Healing Waters will have a table.

The date for the Introduction to Fly Fishing Class has been set for April 4, 2022. Jim Goedhart, Chuck Ballard and Neal are heading this. It will be conducted over Zoom with an in-person casting portion.

Jim will send out a blast and contact Cooper about getting this on the club's Meet Up calendar.



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Fly boxes will be sent out in April with judging set for May for the Boyd Aigner Fly Tying competition.

Fruit and Flowers

Maury Skieth's wife passed away. He was a past member.

Outings

Lake Hannan has been set for April 30th.

Publicity

Lily Cutler

Conservation

Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe met with president, Dave Spratt to identify the clubs conservation focus. He also explored the possibility of the club assisting with stream restoration with FFI and work in the Methow.

They feel that linkages with other local organizations are where WFFC can have the most impact.

Dave suggested that he meet with Robert to make sure that club efforts line up with the focus of the Foundation.

Heritage

Chuck Ballard

Chuck Ballard continues working on the lists of past members.

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.



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FFI Coordinator Neal Hoffberg

Project Healing Waters Vets will be able to fish at Lake Langlois before it opens on 4/16/22.

WFFC Foundation Interface Jim Goedhart

Jim Goedhart said that the WFFC foundation had a meeting. Elections were held. Jim Goedhart is the current president (cheers!)
Marcia Kindinger is treasurer
Cynthia Ferruci is the secretary.

Jim Young has been selected as trustee replacement.

The Board is working on updating the bylaws which were last up-dated in 1982. Bill Neal and Jerry Kindinger have stepped up to the plate with their legal expertise.

Gary Bergquist brought up that the WFFC by-laws should also be up-dated reflecting changes that were made to state regulations about non-profit organizations.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

TREASURER: Kurt Peterson

Kurt has taken over the books from Dave Spratt. All bank information and forms have been filled out. He will get Quick Books up and running.

Dave reported that there has been a situation with an individual who won a home stay during the Fundraiser where he would not be able to use it during a limited time availability. Dave has not spoken to either party. Lily Cutler offered to reach out to the interested parties to see what the issue was. It was decided to provide a refund to the bidder.

MEMBERSHIP Dandferd Henke



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Danferd reports that 72% of members have paid their dues. There will be additional out-reach to remind the stragglers to pay up. Extending the deadline for an additional month was discussed.

SECRETARY

Deborah Katz

Shelley Sheff has offered to take minutes during the April 5th, Board meeting.

1st GHILLIE

Shelley Sheff

Shelley has gone through the Ghillie boxes. She said that membership pins are missing but Danferd Henke said that he has them.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business

Talks with the Seattle Tennis Club have stalled. Plans are in place for membership meetings to be held at the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Hall on Mercer Island from April through November.

Dave has looked at estimated costs of hall rental, catering, professional bartender. The club will supply the alcohol and provide drink tickets.

Estimated costs per person to cover hall rental, the meal, supplies and the bartender could be as low as \$15 to 20 per person.

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The Seattle Tennis Club may still be the site of the December Holiday Fundraising dinner but moving to the VFW is also an option.

The 2022 WFFC Budget was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Spratt said that he wanted to figure out a way to let people know about fishing outings that they might want to join. Jim Goedhart brought up the Forum on the WFFC web-site. He will find out how to access.

Dan suggested sending a personal note to new members if someone is going fishing.



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It was also suggested that new members be encouraged to attend Lake Hannan due to its proximity to the Seattle area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 by President, Dave Spratt.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Katz,
WFFC Secretary