



Washington Fly Fishing Club

April 5, 2022
Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Dave Spratt	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Danferd Henke	1 st VP Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	P
Neal Hoffberg	2 nd VP Programs		David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
	3 rd VP Fundraising		Neal Hoffberg	Education	
Deborah Katz	Secretary		Pat Becker	Fruit and Flowers	
Kurt Peterson	Treasurer	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	P
Shelley Scheff	1 st Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsh	Outings	
James Emswiler	2 nd Ghillie	P	Bob Birker	Photographer	
	Trustees		Lily Cutler	Publicity	
Jim Goedhart	Past President	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Pat Becker	Trustee		Jim Goedart	Webmaster	P
Jay Deeds	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	
Dick Brening	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
Tom Nue	Trustee		Marcia Kinsinger	WFFC Foundation	
Gary Berquist	Trustee	P	John Gravendyk	Youth	P
Greg Crumbacker	Trustee		Neal Hoffberg	FFI Coordinator	

P = Present

President

President Dave Spratt opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum of nine officers and trustees. The minutes of March 5, 2022 board meeting were not approved due to technical difficulties. They will be reviewed at the May 3, 2022 board meeting

Committee Reports:

Education Reported by Dave Spratt on behalf of Neal Hoffberg

Fly tying continues with same attendance as usual. Planning for several more virtual sessions, then will put on hold until the fall.



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The fly fishing class has started and is going well.

As far as speakers for dinner meetings, Neal has booked the final speaker so all months are now covered. Neal is working on sorting out the details for the April meeting speaker.

Danferd acknowledged how well Neal has done with the education mission of the club.

Conservation Robert Thorpe

Robert Thorpe reported that H Bill 1147 regarding nets for raising sterile female steelhead has gone to committee. Robert continues to attend Three Rivers Trout Unlimited meetings and reported the money the WFFC donated to that TU chapter went towards funding for research. Robert also reported that the WFFC VP of Membership has agreed to join the conservation committee in order to provide legal advice. Lastly, Robert mentioned that his son, Brook, is celebrating his birthday today and is spending his special day counting fish at North Creek. He is interested in obtaining a job in the fisheries field.

Outings

The next outing will be at Lake Hannan on April 30, 2022. The outing is posted on the website.

Youth John Gravendyk

John reports that both the May Fly Project and Youth Academy are scheduled to happen this year. The May Fly Project involves 5 fly fishing outings with foster kids. The representative from the May Fly Project is willing to attend one of the WFFC meetings to provide members with additional information about the program. A \$500 donation was requested by John for the May Fly Project and was approved. Regarding the Youth Academy, some participants have signed-up (estimates 2-3). There is a limit of 12 participants. Vaccine requirement is posing a bit of a barrier due to vaccine hesitant parents. John made an appeal to Three Rivers Trout Unlimited to find more students.

Heritage Chuck Ballard

No new news



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Webmaster Jim Goedhart

Planned updates are coming along.

FFI Coordinator Neal Hoffberg

No new updates as Neal is not present

WFFC Foundation Interface Jim Goedhart

Jim said that the next board meeting is planned for April 13th. The Foundation is doing an extensive look at donations since 2015 in order to better see where the money is going. Currently working on a legacy donation approach so members can make donations out of their estate. Information regarding this option will be posted on the website.

Awards Bill Neal (not present)

Interested in doing an Empty Creel Award at the next meeting. He will bring boxes for the Boyd Aigner competition to next meeting.

Publicity Lily Cutler (not present)

Publicity co-chair, Cooper, hasn't paid his dues yet. There is question that he may not return to the club. Jim Goedhart has called him directly to inquire about his plans for future involvement.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

TREASURER: Dave Spratt and Kurt Peterson

Dave is working hard to get Kurt set up with all things related to on-line banking. Kurt is working on establishing an improved system for accounting. A laptop has been purchased and use of Quickbooks and DropBox is being set-up. Kurt would like to set up a WFFC treasurer email as he believes this will be helpful for transfer of information in the future.

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MEMBERSHIP Danferd Henke

Danferd reports that he has fielded many inquires from new members and/or people who are interested in the club. He estimates 3-4 contacts per week. He would like some ideas about how to transfer interest into actual new members. He has been actively encouraging new members to attend the Lake Hannon Outing. Several new members are expected to attend the April meeting and extra time may be needed to complete their induction ceremony. Pete requests information about those members in advance.

Compliance with due payment has improved considerably and is now up to 85%. It was decided that if a member's dues have not been paid, their membership will be terminated as of now.

Danferd is looking for suggestions for making dues collection easier. Per other club members, this is a long-standing problem. The option of lifetime memberships was suggested. The option of automatic renewal through Stripe was also suggested. Jim Goedart is going to look into the feasibility of that option.

Danferd is also collecting names of members who need new badges. So far, 70 people have requested new badges. He has found a good alternative to the service that previously made the club's badges. This new manufacturer is significantly cheaper but will still cost \$750 for all of the badges that have been requested. This amount was approved by the board. Danferd hopes to have the badges at the April meeting.

Danferd has also requested updated roster photos. Members are welcome to send him updated photos to use as their roster photo. Alternatively, Danferd's wife will be present at the April meeting to take photos.

Danferd has had several inquires from new/interested members about how much the club actually goes fishing. Suggested improved publicity/social media outreach.

THIRD VP - FUNDRAISING

No new news

SECRETARY Deborah Katz (not present)

No new news as Deborah is not present

1st GHILLIE Shelley Scheff

No new news. Planning to become more busy as the club transitions to in-person meetings. Will plan to arrive at the April meeting by 4:30 in order to allow adequate time to set up.

OLD BUSINESS

April meeting will be at the Mercer Island VFW on April 19, 2022. A bartender has been arranged and includes full license and insurance. The club will purchase beer and wine for the

meeting. The club can not sell drink tickets due to liquor regulations. However, members can “donate” to the club in lieu of paying for drinks. A \$5/drink donation is suggested. The donations can be made with Shelley (1st Ghillie) via credit card or cash. There will also be a cash bucket near the bar. Dinner will be Pagliacci Pizza.

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NEW BUSINESS

Jim Goedart and Chuck Ballard are working on adding past membership information to the website. They have a list of members from 1939-2021. The club has had 1138 members since the beginning. They would like to put this information on the Heritage Page. Of note, the first woman joined in 2013. Jim spoke to web developers who estimate it will take 3-5 hours to update the website. The developers' rate is \$125/hour. A request of \$625 to complete this work was submitted and approved.

When signing up for the April meeting, the dinner selection says “salmon”. Jim will change this to “pizza”.

Dave Spratt is teaching a Fly Fishing 101 Class every Saturday at the Orvis Store located at 1st and Lenora in downtown Seattle. He is seeking volunteers to help with the class. If you volunteer 1 time you receive a 20% discount. If you volunteer 2-5 times, you can receive up to a 50% discount. The discount will be able to be used on fishing supplies. The material is not too in-depth. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave.

The meeting was adjourned by President Dave Spratt at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff on behalf of Deborah Katz, WFFC Secretary

