



Washington Fly Fishing Club

May 3, 2022
Virtual Board Meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Dave Spratt	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Danferd Henke	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	
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	
Shelley Scheff	1 st Ghillie	P	Dave Schorsch	Outings	
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	P	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

P = Present

President

President Dave Spratt opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of eight officers and trustees. The minutes of the March and April 2022 board meetings were approved without corrections.

Committee Reports:

Youth

John Gravendyk

A check for \$500 for a local Mayfly project was sent.



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The deadline for applications for the Northwest Fly Fishing Academy is just a few weeks from now. John Gravendyk said that 8 campers are needed for the session to be held. He isn't sure how many applications have been received.

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.

FFI Neal Hoffberg

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

Tim Cameratta has been confirmed as has Molly Semenik. There will be casting skills development by the Overlake Flyfishing Club and fly tying.

Education Neal Hoffberg

The speaker for the May meeting is Devin Olsen from Springville, Utah. Phil Rowley has been invited to speak in person at the June meeting.

The fly tying session next Wednesday will be the last one this spring and will resume in the fall.

The final session for the beginning fly fishing class will be held at Jim Goedhart's house.

Chuck Ballard suggested that a donation be made to the Methow Club in honor of Ryan Fortier's contribution to fly fishing.

Foundation Jim Goedhart

Jim has been working on by-laws with Bill Neal. It was suggested that trustees serve for staggered years so current trustees will draw straws (or use some other method) to determine the length of service.

They are working on promoting legacy giving, improving the working on the web-site with a link to a page explaining the process.



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Current contributions from the Foundation were discussed with the idea that supporting local fisheries students would be a great cause.

Chuck Ballard shared a list of local schools that have fisheries programs. Neal suggested a contribution to WS(TFF?)

Website Jim Goedhart said that the website appears to be working.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

TREASURER: Kurt Peterson

Kurt Peterson has Venmo and Zelle set up and linked to the WFFC account. He has purchased a laptop for the club to pass along for ease of transitioning treasurer duties. DropBox has been set up.

Taxes and insurance on storage unit have been taken care of.

MEMBERSHIP Dandferd Henke

Badges have been completed with a few more needing to be ordered. Quite a few new members were inducted at the April meeting but numerous new members have never been to a meeting. Anyone who hasn't paid yet is now removed from the roster. There are currently 121 paid members, 11 associates and 11 senior members.

Dan has requested photos for the roster but there are many blank spots

Chuck Ballard opined that having a fly tyer set up at meetings to entice members to meetings. Neal Hoffberg said that he will not be covering that task in the future as he has his hands full.

SECRETARY Deborah Katz

Deborah thanked Shelly Sheff for taking notes for the April board meeting in her absence.

1st GHILLIE Shelley Sheff



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Shelley reported that 38 dinners were paid for and 39 people attended the meeting. She got \$488 with \$875 for pre-paid dinner meals. Robert Thorpes son joined as a new member.

She continues going through Ghillie boxes and has some photos that will be passed along to Chuck.

OLD BUSINESS

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April Dinner Meeting Venue Debrief -

Dave presented “ratings” for the VFW as a venue: ‘
There was no negative feedback about the event space or parking.
Food options going forward will be explored for variety.

NEW BUSINESS

Outings

Lake Hannan will be rescheduled. Dave will work with Mike Wearne.

Discussion regarding a club trip to Chopaka or simply letting folks know that other club members would be fishing there. Dave will find the banner, last seen at WetBuns.

It was suggested delaying a week or two AFTER Memorial Day due to the lingering cool weather. Dave Spratt will reach out to Dave Schorsch.

Fishing trip dates need to be added to the website.

A date for going to the Western Rivers Conservancy new property in the Yakima River Canyon needs to be secured. It was suggested for late October for wading. Jim Goedhart will reach out to secure the date.

Jay Deeds will get a date to Jim and Dave Schorsch.



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Chuck suggested some Eastern Washington lakes: Davis, Big Twin, Blue Lake near Chopaka

Discussion regarding location for the December fundraiser was opened up. It was unclear that there would be enough room at the VFW for all of the goods to be displayed.

It was decided that the fundraiser would be entirely ON SITE rather than having the auction on line as done during COVID.

Dave Spratt announced that he will be doing beginning fly fishing classes out of the Orvis store in Seattle. He is looking for helpers and will offer a discount based on the number of sessions attended. He will need help with casting, rod rigging and fly fishing tips. The store is located at 1st and Lenora.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by President, Dave Spratt.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah Katz,
WFFC Secretary