



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

February 7, 2023  
Zoom Board meeting

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

P = Present

### **President**

Danferd Henke opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. with 14 officers and trustees.

### **Approval of Minutes of January Board Meeting:**

The minutes were approved with no updates.



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### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT**      **Danferd Henke**  
**TREASURER**      **Kurt Peterson**

Kurt presented the General Ledger YTD, Check Register YTD, and 2023 Budget. The spreadsheets containing budgetary details will be included with the meeting minutes for review. Moving forward, Kurt will be sending monthly budget spreadsheets for the board to review. Chuck brought up a question about the cost for outings. Dan reports that his goal is to energize and advertise the club by encouraging younger members and new members to be more involved. Therefore, more money will be budgeted this year for an aggressive membership push. A discussion ensued regarding charging guests for attendance at outings. Mike Nolan will make the final decision regarding this matter. Kurt is requesting a change to the audit committee notes to not require two signatures on checks as this is no longer realistic. Dan will look at the bylaws and procedures to make an amendment to the two-signature rule. Kurt has already ordered new checks without a double signature line.

The 2023 budget was approved by the board. The 2023 budget will be presented to the club's members at the February membership meeting with a request for vote of approval.

**MEMBERSHIP**      **Jim Beck**

Jim reported that 53 people have paid their membership fees, leaving 77 who have not paid their membership fees. Jim has sent a blast message to the club reminding members of the importance of paying their dues. Jim and Dan will establish a phone/email tree and distribute it to the board to call those members whose dues remain outstanding. John G suggested following the phone call with a personal email. Jim G is considering looking into a recurring payment option through the website. Jim G would also like to include an optional donation to cover credit card fees. Jim B suggests the theme of the next meeting should be "pay your dues meeting" with free pizza included as a reward. The deadline for payment is March 1st.

Jim reports his primary goal is to maintain current membership, increase engagement of current members, and add new members.



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### **PUBLICITY**

Dan would like new brochures printed for the club and for classes. A discussion ensued regarding where to distribute the brochures. Local fly shops were suggested, however concern was raised that they may not want information posted regarding classes and outings that are in direct competition with their own offerings. This will be discussed between Dan and Mike. Dan has reached out to several people who are interested in helping to boost the club's social media presence. Neal suggests updating the website and making it more "flashy". The publicity committee is working on this.

### **PROGRAMS**      **Neal Hoffberg**

Jacques White is confirmed for November. He is the executive director for the organization Long Live the Kings. He will be presenting on Salmon Recovery in Puget Sound.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Conservation**      **Robert Thorpe**

Robert requested his name, email, and phone number are added to the conservation section of the webpage. His phone number is 206-484-5213. His email is [rwta6869@gmail.com](mailto:rwta6869@gmail.com). Robert also submitted a written update from the conservation committee. It is copied here:

*WFFC-Conservation Committee -2023 Status Report –Board Report and Creel Notes Posting  
The following provides a 2022 Summary, Goals for 2023 ,and Budget Recommendations  
for Committee it includes outreach to Board Members as well as members—including new  
members or those have been absent for awhile on they suggestions for their reengagement .,  
2021-22 saw some LANDMARK DECISIONS that we as part of up to 100 West Coast Alaska  
fishing and environmental groups efforts ie No Gold dredging in Wash, No Copper Mine in  
Methow, Banning of salt water fish pens, AND Huge–No permits for Bristol Bay gold  
mine—which we we heavily involved in political outreach and contacting dozens of Alaska  
Native and fishing groups signing on to their efforts Locally we teamed with # Rivers TU on  
issues impacting Sammamish River/Lake tributaries and Methow Valley FFC on  
restoration–Twin Lakes and lakes -signage -No Spinney Ray plants (ie Patterson ,Davis et el )  
Other clubs on Healing Waters-including recruiting U W Bothell Env Science I and UW students  
- for FFI Healing Waters and restoration. Brook Thorpe-UW Env Sci helping organize -  
2023 GOALS OBJECTIVES —With some success as one of most respected Clubs in NW  
comes opportunities to lead and/or support collisions on Lewis River -No New Dams( I am  
awaiting call/email from Attorney/3RivesStaff on opportunity to provide Expert Witness -Wa*



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*State Planning Enabling Acts SEPA ,US Wetland Regs etc. Snake River Dams–pending other parties decisions/recommendations-and buy in by most Senate/Congressional delegations –We are in touch with key electeds staff–US and Wash State ( Note there is some discussion about building a water way bypass of Snake River Dams -maybe more cost effective?)  
BUDGET–I have reviewed–provide Recs to Pres and Treasurer —Key is 1. Retaining \$500 to MVFFC for Little Twin aerator–installed but have bills to pay–I have asked them to donate \$500 to our Youth Program–working with Chair-John G 2. Continuing to support 3 full time research/position papers production at 3 Rivers TU—Remaining budget–will not have Yakima River Purchase—Great Choice in 2022 recurring in2023 Finally I have set my own goals of !, pledging/raising \$1000 each year–for conservation et el 2. Recruiting new members and for /conservation 3 organizing restoration projects–ie Mercer Island/Luther Burbank shore/watercourse restoration with MI Parks–a followup to our casting classes there I  
Respectfully Submitted Robert W Thorpe AICP TLS*

### **Education Neal Hoffberg**

The beginning fly tying class is scheduled to begin March 6th and will run for 6 weeks. It will be held at the Stroum Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island. So far, two people have signed up. More emails will be sent as well as an announcement at the next meeting.

The beginning fly casting class will begin April 5th and will include 5 sessions. The casting class will be held at Luther Burbank Park on Mercer Island. Two people have signed up for this class. More emails will be sent as well as an announcement at the next meeting.

Continued discussion regarding the previously suggested option of conducting a group fly tying forum before the monthly meetings. As the February speaker is planning to tie a fly, it was decided that there will not be a club fly tying gathering so as to not compete with the speaker.

### **Fruit and Flowers Pat Becker**

No updates. A question was raised about the Hagens. The last time Jay spoke with them, they were not doing well.

### **Outings Mike Nolan**

THANK YOU MIKE FOR BECOMING OUTINGS CHAIR!



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Mike introduced himself - has been in the club for 39 years and had previously served as outdoors chairman. He is excited to chair this committee as he believes outings are a great way to spend time with like-minded friends and a great way to learn more about fly fishing including where to fish and what to use.

Mike presented a spreadsheet for proposed upcoming outings. He also offered an easier way to organize outings. In this format, Mike would serve as coordinator and he would lead a team of sub-coordinators. Mike would organize the major outings and the sub-coordinators would organize the smaller outings.

Mike would like to offer food at most outings but suggested a more simple meal. Steak had previously been served at many outings and may no longer be necessary or reasonable. All outings will include club beverages. The outings must be accessible for everyone. The benefit of being a club member is that the outings will be free of charge for members. A donation will be requested to cover costs. Both members and non-members are asked to sign-up ahead of time for planning purposes (with the knowledge that there will always be a few people who do not sign-up in advance).

Jim G requests a write-up from Mike with details regarding all confirmed outings. Once that is received, he will post the information on the website.

Dave Spratt will help with planning a possible river outing. Chopaka will be added back to the schedule - possibly sometime after Memorial Day? Details TBD.

Ongoing discussion regarding promotion of outings. The administrator of the "Fly Fishing in Washington" Facebook page will not allow the club to advertise our outings on their Facebook page. Mike will approach fly shops to inquire if our club's flyer could be posted in their stores.

### **Youth**      **John Gravendyk**

John reports there are many opportunities to get new members involved in youth initiatives, the Mayfly Project and the Youth Academy. He shared the website for the youth academy: <https://nwycffa.com>. He hopes to recruit volunteers at future club meetings.

### **Heritage**      **Chuck Ballard**

No update



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**FFI**            **Neal Hoffberg**

The FFI Washington State Council Fly Casting Fair will be held on April 29th at Ballinger Lake from 9-4. Many educational opportunities are available including a women's class; kid's class (ages 10-14 years); beginning, intermediate, advanced, and spey casting classes; walk-in casting clinic; fly tying demonstrations; and casting skills workshops.

**WFFC Foundation interface**            **Jim Goedhart**

No update.

**Webmaster**            **Jim Goedhart**

The website recently had many problems due to a Wordpress update that occurred behind the scenes by the club's development team, 1223 Developers. Sign-ups are now working properly. Other bugs are still being sorted out.

**Creel Notes**            **Dave Ehrich**

No report as Dave is not present. Danferd is hoping to establish a "Fly Tyers Corner" as part of the creel notes. This will be a short piece about fly tying.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fly Tying at monthly club meetings:**

Feedback suggests that a demonstration fly tyer at meetings would be appreciated. The February speaker will tie several flies. Chuck offered to tie a fly at the March meeting. A coordinator is needed to organize tyers at future meetings. Chuck and Neal will reach out to members to recruit fly tying volunteers.

**Fly Tying on-line:**

Dan would like to have a Zoom fly tying session and proposed that this would be held the second Wednesday of the month. This idea was not well received. Rather, it was suggested that the fly tying forum meet in-person before the monthly club meetings from 4-6 pm to tie together. This will hopefully peak the fly tying interest of other members.



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### **Fly Tying in Creel Notes:**

Dan will ask for Creel Notes contribution for “Fly Tyers Corner”

### **Alaska Trip Special Auction Proposal:**

Danferd announced that a silent auction open to club members will be announced for the one unsold live auction item remaining from the holiday fundraiser event - an all inclusive one week stay at the Naknek River Camp in Alaska. The package includes lodging, food, and guided fishing. Bids will be accepted via email to Jim Goedhart at [jlgodhart@gmail.com](mailto:jlgodhart@gmail.com) commencing after the club meeting on February 21 and closing at 5:00 pm on Friday, February 24th. The minimum bid is \$2500. The winning bidder will be announced after the bidding closes. The winning bidder will need to send a check made payable to “The Washington Fly Fishing Club” for the bid amount to Jim Goedhart.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

February’s meeting will be in-person and over Zoom. Mike asked if the meeting will be recorded. Neal will check with the speaker for permission.

No other new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 by Danferd Henke.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff,  
WFFC Secretary



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