



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

November 7, 2023  
Zoom Board meeting

	OFFICERS			COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Danferd Henke	President	P	Bill Neal	Awards	
Jim Beck	1st VP - Membership	P	Robert Thorpe	Conservation	P
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	P
James Emswiler	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie	P	Michael Nolan	Outings	P
Paul Buehrens	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ghillie (non-voting)			Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	
Dave Spratt	Past President			Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
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 7:05 p.m. with 12 officers and trustees.

### **Approval October Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes to follow.



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### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **PRESIDENT      Danferd Henke**

Dan reported that the member survey is forthcoming, approximately half-way complete.

Dan is planning to view the new meeting location (Seattle Tennis Club) next week. If the AV equipment and size of the meeting rooms are acceptable, he will sign the contract.

The club has an opportunity to have a booth at the Fly Fishing Show on February 17th and 18th at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Dan has sent in the application paperwork but will be out of town that weekend so he is looking for volunteers to take the lead on the days of the event. Shelley offered to help with volunteer recruitment and organization. Chuck and Tom N offered to volunteer. Mike N can help with AV support. Mike N will write up a summary and schedule of 2024 outings. Neal will provide a schedule of 2024 classes and presentations. A collage of photos and videos will be arranged for display at the booth. Also suggested that we have a member tying flies at the booth.

#### **TREASURER      Kurt Peterson**

Kurt submitted financial paperwork. There are no significant changes. He transferred \$5000 into the active account. He will likely transfer more money in preparation for the upcoming holiday party. He has not yet received a deposit request for the holiday party. Dan will contact the Tennis Club to inquire about the deposit.

#### **MEMBERSHIP      Jim Beck**

Jim reported that the club has 126 members. He has received 2 legitimate applications. He has received many bogus applications. It was suggested that he completely delete bogus applications from the applicant report. Lewis is still suspended. Danferd is inviting new members to sit at the "President's Table" at the Holiday Party.

#### **PROGRAMS      Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reported that the November program has a new speaker - Elizabeth Duffy. The group she will be speaking about is the same - Long Live the Kings. The presentation will be in-person. Neal is still looking for a new January speaker. He may ask Dave



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McCoy to present about “Fishing in Western Washington”. Robert T reported he has a connection at Western River Conservancy who may be willing to speak. Neal would like to use the club credit card to purchase Scott’s donation rod for the holiday fundraiser. The rod is 9 ft, 5 wt, G-series. It will be auctioned with a hat and a coffee mug.

### **FUNDRAISING     Jim Goedhart**

Dan and the board offered Jim G a BIG THANKS for all the hard work he has put into preparing for the upcoming holiday fundraiser and auction.

Jim G and Chuck recently went through many items from Scott Hagen’s estate that have been donated to the club. These items include fly tying supplies, many rods including bamboo and spey, 22 Hardy reels, and many other brands of reels. These items will likely not be included in the list of auction items for this year’s holiday fundraiser as we may have too many items for the number of people attending. Jim G will contact the auctioneer to determine the appropriate number of auction items once the number of guests is confirmed.

A discussion commenced regarding how best to raise money for the club using these donated supplies. Jay suggests providing the club membership a list of items with prices included and offering them for sale/donation. Dan agrees with providing the club membership a list and then putting the unsold items up for consignment. Neal suggests using “Spinoza” as a resource for bamboo rod pricing. Neal also suggests putting several items in the Creel Notes for sale throughout the year. Chuck suggests putting items up on Craig’s List. Mike N suggests posting items on Facebook Marketplace.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Conservation     Robert Thorpe**

Robert continues to collaborate with other clubs. He recommends Three Rivers Trout Unlimited and Western River Conservancy as recipients of club donations as he feels these organizations are effective. He requests that he be involved in the decision of where conservation funds are spent next year. Kurt said that budget sheets serve this role and recommended that Robert fill out the sheets when provided next year. Kurt also requests to see the conservation plan. Dan suggests that Robert and Kurt discuss this privately.

Robert has spent time with the Methow Valley Fly Fishing Club taking aerators out of Big Twin lake. Chuck said that winter death in that lake was very high despite the present of the aerator due to weed growth.



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Robert is planning to organize a conservation project. He is considering Mercer Island wetlands restoration. He is also working with students at UW Bothell for donations and volunteer projects.

### **Education   Neal Hoffberg**

Classes are done for the year.

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

Neal asked about Hugh Clark - his wife died.

### **Outings      Mike Nolan**

Mike reported the Wet Buns outing was an excellent success. The fishing was great but the catching was bad. He spoke to some participants about what type of outings they are interested in for next year. He also plans to reach out to the club membership regarding their outing interests. He feels that consistency and continuity are important and plans to continue the established locations including Leech Lake, Big Twin, and Lake Hannon. He would also like to add some river outings, perhaps on the Stillaguamish River or the Yakima River. Robert suggests the Methow River. Mike will be looking at other clubs' schedules when arranging outings so as to avoid overlap if possible. He also feels the outings must be on weekends. He plans to publish outings in January so that the list is available in February for the Fly Fishing Show. He will write up summaries of Wet Buns and Big Twin for Creel Notes.

### **Publicity**

The publicity committee is in progress.

### **Youth      John Gravendyk**

No update.

### **Heritage      Chuck Ballard**

No update.

### **FFI      Neal Hoffberg**



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No update.

### **WFFC Foundation Interface**

**Jim Goedhart**

No update.

### **Webmaster**

**Jim Goedhart**

No update.

### **Creel Notes**

**Dave Ehrich**

No update.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Fly Tying**

Jim B will be tying flies at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Officers and Chair Positions Becoming Open**

Per Dan, Bill Neal says he has all board positions filled. He continues to search for a new webmaster and a new Creel Note writer.

#### **Next Board Meeting**

December 5, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by Danferd Henke.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff,  
WFFC Secretary



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