



Washington Fly Fishing Club

December 5, 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		David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Jim Goedart	3rd VP - Fundraising	P	Neal Hoffberg	Education	
Kurt Peterson	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
Shelley Scheff	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	
James Emswiler	1 st Ghillie	P	Michael Nolan	Outings	P
Paul Buehrens	2 nd Ghillie (non-voting)			Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	
Dave Spratt	Past President			Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Jay Deeds	Trustee		Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	
Chapin Henry	Trustee	P	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 = Present

President

Danferd Henke opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with 10 officers and trustees.

Approval November Board Meeting Minutes:

Minutes provided immediately prior to the meeting. Approval deferred until the next meeting in order to allow participants time to review.



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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT Danferd Henke

Dan extended a sincere thanks to outgoing officers and trustees. He extended an especially sincere thank you to Jim E, our hard-working Ghillie, who put forth extra effort this past year.

Dan reported that the member survey is complete and has been sent to the committee for review. It will be sent to the club members in early January.

Dan signed the contract with the Seattle Tennis Club for 2024. The club will dine in the Bistro Room and will move to a different room for the presentation. The maximum attendance is stated as 36 people, with the possibility of extending to 40 people if needed. The cost to attend next year's meetings will be \$25. Menu will be a pasta casserole variety.

The club has a booth at the Fly Fishing Show on February 17th and 18th at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Mike N is taking the lead for planning and organization. Shelley offered to help with volunteer recruitment. Chuck and Tom N offered to volunteer. Chuck has offered to tie flies. Mike has obtained a table, chairs, retractable banner for display of outings information, and a structure for holding the banner up. Mike needs lead time for the club's 2024 outings to be posted on the banner - hoping to get the content set in January. Mike will also finalize the brochure. Mike will rent a stand for the LCD monitor he is providing for the AV presentation which will include a collage of photos and videos of the club's activities. He is still figuring out power options.

TREASURER Kurt Peterson

Kurt reports revenue continues to come in but he has not yet reconciled the financial documents. He has sent an \$8000 deposit to the Seattle Tennis Club. He also paid the bill for the Fly Fishing Show. He will write a check for the foundation. He has made another transfer of \$10,000 into the active account. He reports that, according to the club bylaws, an audit is required within the next few months. He also needs to find someone to do the club's taxes - will ask the membership if anyone is able to provide assistance or a referral. Future actions include revising the policies and procedures to reflect changes in banking practices (policy requires review of actual checks but



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images of checks are no longer provided by the bank) and commending an audit in early 2024.

MEMBERSHIP Jim Beck

Jim reported that the club's website has suffered a cyber attack. On November 20th he found 20 bogus membership applications. Soon afterwards, 20 more appeared and continued to grow. By the time the number reached 50, he emailed Dan. Dan contacted the web masters. Jim G worked with IT support to stop membership applications until January 1, 2024. Then a second attack occurred due to second membership link that remained active after the primary link was shut-down. The second link has now been shut-down as well and the attack has stopped.

Chuck worries that potential new members will not get a response and will discontinue their membership application. Dan says this needs to be resolved before the fly fishing show.

Jim G suggests providing new members a discount if signing up at the fly fishing show. Or possibly provide a different incentive such as free first membership dinner or free flies. Primary goal continues to be keeping and engaging new members.

PROGRAMS Neal Hoffberg

Neal is not present.

FUNDRAISING Jim Goedhart

Jim G reports 100 people have signed up for the Holiday Fundraiser event. There is space for 5 more people. Dan said that COVID concerns continue to discourage people from attending. The last opportunity to sign-up is Saturday, December 9th at 10:30 pm. Table seating will be for 10, although some tables will have 8. Mike N has completed a slide show that will be displayed during the event. There is still time to add photos! Jim will provide a drive including pictures of auction items. Pete asks about parking - unclear parking situation but hopefully it will be ok.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Robert Thorpe

Robert is not present.



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Education Neal Hoffberg

Neal is not present.

Fruit and Flowers Pat Becker

Pat is not present.

Outings Mike Nolan

Mike reported the outings committee now has their own BBQ and propane lantern which will be brought on future outings. Jim G says he has a generator available if Mike is interested. Big Twin and Wet Buns outings will happen at the same time next year as in years past. As discussed in prior meetings, 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. He plans to publish outings in January so that the list is available in February for the Fly Fishing Show.

Publicity

The publicity committee is in progress.

Youth John Gravendyk

John reports the Youth Academy has its first 3 applicants signed-up and approved for next year's event. Recruiting is done primarily through the website but also word of mouth. The website has been redesigned and is now quite effective. Campers are aged 12-16 years and the website appeals to both the youth as well as their adults who are reviewing information about the academy and making the decision to attend or not.

Heritage Chuck Ballard

No update.

FFI Neal Hoffberg

No update.



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WFFC Foundation Interface

Jim Goedhart

No update.

Webmaster

Jim Goedhart

There may be a new webmaster in January.

Creel Notes

Dave Ehrich

The club has a new Creel Notes editor. Ron Teshler (?) has been recruited by Chuck. He will take over the responsibility from Dave, likely in February. Dan and Jim G will update the website and Creel notes in January. Dan would like Creel Notes to be a link that is “clickable”.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers and Chair Positions Becoming Open

Creel Notes position has been filled as noted above. Webmaster position has possibly been filled. 2nd Ghillie remains open.

Next Board Meeting

January 9th, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 by Danferd Henke.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff,
WFFC Secretary



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