



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

January 9, 2024

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	
Gary Corra	3rd VP - Fundraising		Neal Hoffberg	Education	P
Kurt Peterson	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
Shelley Scheff	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	P
Peter Schuitemaker	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghillie		Michael Nolan	Outings	P
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ghillie (non-voting)			Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	
Dave Spratt	Past President			Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee		Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	P
Jay Deeds	Trustee	P	Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	P
Mike Moscynski	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	
Deborah Katz	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
John Gravendyk	Trustee	P	Marcia Kinsinger	WFFC Foundation	
Chapin Henry	Trustee		John Gravendyk	Youth	P
	GUESTS		FFI Coordinator	Neal Hoffberg	P

P = Present

### **President**

Danferd Henke opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. with 9 officers and trustees.

### **Approval November Board Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes were approved.



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### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **PRESIDENT      Danferd Henke**

Dan extended a warm welcome to new officers and trustees. He also thanks everyone who is continuing in their positions.

The club's monthly meetings are returning to the Seattle Tennis Club venue, beginning this month. Please remind your friends.

Dan reported that the member survey will go out this weekend. Danferd needs to speak to Jim G regarding how to send the survey to former members. Per Jim, a "special" email blast will be needed.

Shelley's suggestion to provide an incentive for people to complete the survey was well received. Neal suggested a private casting lesson as this is something everyone could benefit from. Mike M suggests a nice rod and reel, which may be too personal of an item given specific fly fishing preferences. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

#### **SECRETARY      Shelley Scheff and Mike Nolan**

The club has a booth at the Fly Fishing Show on February 17th and 18th at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Mike N has taken the lead for planning and organization, for which Shelley is very grateful. Volunteers are still needed. Shelley is planning to write a brief article regarding the club's involvement in the Fly Fishing Show and request for volunteers to be included in this month's Creel Notes. She will also make an announcement at this month's dinner meeting and send out an email blast to members.

Chuck and Tom N offered to volunteer at the show during the prior month's board meeting. Chuck has offered to tie flies. Jim B also offered to volunteer. Complimentary passes will be provided to those who volunteer. We are aiming for 4 hour shifts, 2 people at the table at a time. Set-up is Friday 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Tear down is Sunday at 4:45 pm. Mike has obtained a table, chairs, retractable banner for display of outings information, and a structure for holding the banner up. Mike is working on the outings content for the banner. Mike will also finalize the brochure. Mike has rented a stand for the LCD monitor he is providing for the AV presentation he has created. He has sorted out the power source at the booth location.



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### **TREASURER      Kurt Peterson**

Kurt provided a financial presentation. The spreadsheets were sent to the board with the agenda for review. The board approved Kurt to pay the Foundation their designated amount from the fundraiser. A refund check from the Seattle Tennis Club came to Kurt but was written to Chapin Henry. Dan will see the WFFC's contact at the Seattle Tennis Club tomorrow and will request that they cut a new check.

Kurt reports that he will be proceeding with the board and committees budgeting process a little differently this year. He will complete the budget, then allow the board and committee members to edit and/or approve the proposed budget. More information regarding this matter will be provided in the future.

### **MEMBERSHIP      Jim Beck**

Jim reported that 23 people have paid their 2024 membership dues. 107 people have not yet paid their membership dues. 2 new people have applied and paid. Jim thinks it would be nice to send a brochure out to new members.

There continue to be approximately 2-3 bogus applications per day. Still. Despite the measures that have been taken following the website attack. Jim characterizes these hackers as "ambitious jerks". Jim G suggests implementing email verification. He will also reach out to the web team to inquire if there is a better solution. Neal suggests reaching out to the FFI webmaster to inquire how he handles this issue.

### **PROGRAMS      Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reports that program topics/speakers remain open for May, September, October, and November dinner meetings. Chuck suggests a speaker from the Colville Tribe near Omak. Neal has reached out to the PR person for the tribe to see what regulations may be in place. He has not heard back yet.

FFI is hosting their annual casting event on May 4th at Lake Ballinger.

### **FUNDRAISING      Gary Corra**

Gary is not present so Danferd provided a brief update on his behalf. The Seattle Tennis Club offered to host the WFFC Holiday event in 2024. Dan thinks we should proceed with this offer. The date will be December 10th. The board agrees.



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Dan is putting together a group to “hot wash” the 2023 event. If you have comments, please email them to Dan.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Conservation     Robert Thorpe**

Robert would like to find a new member to do research and work with Three Rivers TU to present to the legislature. Jim suggests using the website membership filters to find those who expressed interest in conservation.

There is positive national news - the government has stepped away from management of the Snake River Dams. They have also denied a request by Alaska to reopen the Copper River.

There is positive local news - the state is securing funds for the culvert project. There is a bill to allow private groups to fund culverts. Robert will send an email to the club encouraging them to email our representatives regarding this matter.

Robert continues to interact with other local fly fishing clubs. He has also reached out to local tribes.

Robert requests that conservation dollars be directed to Three Rivers TU and Methow Valley Fly Fishing Club. Kurt indicates that Robert will be able to specify where the conservation dollars go when the budget is being determined.

Robert reports that Bob Ferguson may be interested in speaking at one of our meetings. He will follow up with Neal regarding this opportunity.

#### **Education   Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reports there are no sign-ups for the fly tying class yet. He will send out an email reminder for the fly tying classes.

He has been in communication with Chuck and Jim G regarding the Intro to Fly Fishing Class. This is scheduled to begin on Monday April 8th via Zoom.

He will start looking into dates for the casting classes.



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### **Fruit and Flowers**

**Pat Becker**

Pat is not present.

### **Outings**

**Mike Nolan**

Mike has put together the outings schedule. March 30th is Pass Lake. April 20th is Lake Hannon. May is Lake Chupakka and a volunteer is needed. June 22-23 is Leech Lake. Hood Canal is in September. Green Lake is October 5th. November 7th is the Wet Buns outing. Mike says that the outings are going to be more laid back this year.

Robert offered to host Twin Lakes but the dates must not conflict with a UW home football game. The proposed dates are October 12-13.

Jim G needs the full schedule in order to post the information on the website.

### **Publicity**

The publicity committee is in progress.

### **Youth**

**John Gravendyk**

John reports the new directors for the Youth Academy met last week and their planning is off to a good start. They have two new board members who happen to be from the WFFC. They have added an extra day to the Academy so the costs have increased a bit and more financial support may be needed. He is also planning to ask for financial support for the Mayfly Project as part of his budget.

### **Heritage**

**Chuck Ballard**

No update.

### **FFI**

**Neal Hoffberg**

No update.

### **WFFC Foundation Interface**

**Jim Goedhart**

Meetings will begin soon.





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