



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

February 6, 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	P	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 7:02 p.m. with 10 officers and trustees.

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

Corrections were submitted by Robert Thorpe and John Gravendyk. Meeting minutes will be edited and submitted at the next board meeting for approval.



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### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **PRESIDENT      Danferd Henke**

The club's monthly meetings have returned to the Seattle Tennis Club venue with the first meeting held there in January. February's meeting location will be in the Seattle Tennis Club ballroom in order to accommodate the larger crowd expected for Lynda Mapes' presentation. Please sign up.

Dan reported that the response to the member survey has been good so far. Currently, 42 members have responded and approximately 10 former members have responded. Chuck did not receive the survey for some reason.

#### **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 of booth planning and organization. Shelley is in charge of volunteer recruitment. Their efforts are coming along well.

Mike has created a tri-fold brochure but does not know how many to print. Dan would like to utilize these brochures for more than the fly show so he suggests starting with 100.

Neal asks if we are going to have a table at the FFI casting fair. Dan staffed a table last year but only spoke to other fly fishing club presidents. Chuck also suggests attendance at the Albany Fly Tyer and Fly Fishing Show.

Shelley asks about the possibility of offering a discount code for new members who sign-up for the club at our booth. Jim suggests charging them the cost of an Associate membership. Dan suggests offering their 1st meeting free. Jim agrees and suggests offering a complimentary dinner at the next meeting (February 20th). Mike will make a complimentary dinner ticket and sign-up sheet. New members who are planning to attend the dinner using their complimentary ticket will have to RSVP to Jim Beck in order to get an accurate attendance count. New members will also be assigned a "mentor".



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### **TREASURER      Kurt Peterson**

Kurt provided a budget for review. The spreadsheets were sent to the board with the agenda for review. Dan asks everyone to review the budget over the next week and email Kurt and Dan directly any comments and/or requests. Kurt will then create a revised budget draft.

Kurt indicated that a financial audit and taxes need to be discussed. John G says that the audit procedures are antiquated. He and Dick B tried to complete this process last year but were not terribly successful. The procedures do not make sense. Jim G says that new procedures need to be written. Kurt adds that all “paper” documents are not available electronically so that is one portion of the procedures that must be changed. Jim G suggests using a club member who is a CPA to help with this process. Mike M adds that he was personally involved in writing the original procedures. They were created to be used as a “spot check” because the treasurer was not keeping accurate records. They were not intended to be a burden. Kurt offered to sit down with the appointed auditor to walk them through the process.

### **MEMBERSHIP      Jim Beck**

Jim reported that 65 people have paid their 2024 membership dues. 59 people have not yet paid their 2024 membership dues. New members are reportedly having difficulty signing up. A phone tree will be established to call members whose dues are outstanding prior to the March cutoff date. For people who have expressed interest but not yet paid, they will be invited to join the next meeting as guests. Jim will send that email alerting those members of this option. Mike M recommends checking to see if Gary Bowman is still on the membership list because he has passed away and should be removed.

### **PROGRAMS      Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reports that program topics/speakers have been booked through July. March will have Ryan Fortier and Michael Schmuck who are WDFW fisheries biologists. April will have Dave Williams speaking about WA state’s fly fishing opportunities. Neal will send the complete list to Jim G to update the website. John G asks if Zoom vs In-Person speakers can be noted on the meeting announcement.

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



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### **FUNDRAISING    Gary Corra**

Gary is not present.

### **Committee Reports:**

### **Conservation    Robert Thorpe**

Robert will connect with Neal regarding the possibility of Bob Ferguson speaking at one of our meetings about his culvert plans. The bill regarding private funding of this project remains undecided. Robert asked for \$500 to be put towards aerators but received more. He is happy to move the extra money to youth programs. There are no legislations updates. He reminded everyone that elections are important for the environment. He is looking into organizing conservation projects for the club.

### **Education    Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reports there is currently one person signed up for the fly tying class beginning March 6th. If no others join, the class will likely be 1:1 at Dick Brenning's house. There are no sign-ups for the other classes. Intro to Fly Fishing Class is scheduled to begin on Monday April 8th via Zoom and will include 3 classes (4/8, 4/15, and 4/22). Beginning fly casting classes are scheduled to begin on April 4th and will include 5 classes (4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, and 5/2). The casting classes will be provided at Luther Burbank Park.

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

Pat is not present.

### **Outings    Mike Nolan**

All outings have been posted on the WFFC website. Several members have offered to host upcoming outings - Dan is hosting Chopaka with Robert T's assistance. Jay D has provided tide information for the September outing on Hood Canal. Dan is looking into hosting more local day trips which he will call "flash outings". These will be posted approximately 2 weeks in advance and will include opportunities to fish without the commitment of an overnight or long drive. These may include Lone Lake or Katy Lake. These "flash outings" will be offered during the week as well as over the weekend. Mike and Dan will work off-line to finalize details.



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### **Publicity**

The publicity committee is in progress. Dan has drafted a photo release and will add the release to event sign-ups. This will allow the club to share photos publicly.

### **Youth**      **John Gravendyk**

John reports that 7 kids have signed up for the Youth Academy and 4 are on the waitlist. He notes the youth committee will also support the Mayfly Project again this year.

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

Chuck inherited two big bags of photos from a former WFFC member. He has gone through all of the photos and put them in albums. The albums will then be put into the club's storage locker.

### **FFI**      **Neal Hoffberg**

FFI will have a booth at the Fly Fishing Show (it is next to the WFFC booth). FFI's casting event is scheduled for May 5th at Ballinger Park. Planning for this event is coming along well. Chuck is in charge of the fly tyers. FFI is in the last stage of finalizing a deal with the caterer to have the exact count of lunches. FFI has recently restructured itself. Goals include providing casting education to everyone who is interested, increasing the membership of FFI, providing education, providing casting instructor training. These efforts are worldwide. Neal is looking into bringing Molly back to one of the WFFC meetings to provide casting instruction.

### **WFFC Foundation Interface**      **Jim Goedhart**

Jim reports the WFFC Foundation is in the process of receiving feedback regarding the budget. He anticipates approximately \$15,000 in donations this year.

Scott Hagen rods and reels were donated to the Foundation. There are approximately 20 rods and 30 reels. Some will be sold at Creekside Anglers through Keith's side business. The Foundation will receive 50% of all sales. Others will be brought to February's meeting and (hopefully) sold. These are mostly steelhead rods. If they are not sold at the meeting, they will be added to the items available at the holiday



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fundraiser.

### **Webmaster      Jim Goedhart**

Dan and Jim G are working on the website. The first priority is to fix what is not working. They hope to have a plan as to what functionality is desired for the new webmaster. Neal suggests QR codes. Dan would like automatic membership renewal.

### **Creel Notes      Ron Teshar**

Creel Notes submissions are due February 10th.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### **Next Board Meeting**

March 5th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 by Danferd Henke.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff,  
WFFC Secretary



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