



## Washington Fly Fishing Club

May 2, 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		Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
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)	P		Photographer	
	TRUSTEES		Lily Cutler	Publicity	
Dave Spratt	Past President			Raffle	
Pat Becker	Trustee	P	Pete Baird	Senior Advisor	
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

P = Present

### **President**

Danferd Henke opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with 12 officers and trustees.

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

The minutes were not approved. Updates were received and minutes will be corrected for board review at the June board meeting.



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### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

#### **TREASURER      Kurt Peterson**

Kurt was not present for the board meeting. He submitted the monthly treasurer report to the president and secretary via email on May 7th.

#### **MEMBERSHIP      Jim Beck**

Jim reported that 121 people have paid their membership fees, leaving 31 who have not paid their membership fees. A letter will be sent to members who have not paid informing them that their membership has been suspended. A club brochure will be included with the letter. Dan will mail the brochures to Jim B so he can include them in the letter mailings. If unpaid members wish to reinstate their membership, the cost of reinstatement has been raised to \$100.

Dan has met with the presidents of other fishing clubs and inquired about their strategy for collecting dues. Some clubs use Square to invoice members when it is time to pay dues. Dan is very interested in decreasing the amount of time spent collecting dues.

#### **PROGRAMS      Neal Hoffberg**

Neal reports that monthly meeting speakers have been booked for the year and he is now working on next year. David Williams has been booked for March, 2024. He will talk about fly fishing in Washington from the desert to the sound. Ryan and Michael from Grant County will also present next year.

At the June dinner meeting, Molly Semenik and Marian Hiller will discuss casting. Their presentation will begin at 4:00 at Luther Burbank Park. Participants are welcome to watch, and/or practice casting. The focus of the instruction will be single and double hauling. Jim G will send out a blast email regarding where to meet (most likely the north parking lot).

Following the hands-on instruction in the park, the meeting and additional presentation will continue at the VFW Hall. Molly would like to speak first so that she can leave early as she has a long drive back to the Youth Academy. Marian Hiller will present the Boyd Aigner award as he was her father as well as one of the most



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important people in the club. Neal is requesting that the club offer Marian an honorary membership. Neal would also like to present a certificate of completion to the casting class participants at the next dinner meeting. Jim G suggests giving each class participant a club hat. Jim E will bring the supply of hats to the meeting.

### **FUNDRAISING     Jim Goedhart**

Jim is beginning to collect items for the holiday fundraiser. He has received a reel from Western Rivers Conservancy. Marcie is looking into obtaining more. He is also planning additional auction items. He would like to put together fly collections. A question was raised about donations from Dave Schorsch's estate. Jim G has a picture of Dave casting as well as a fly box of his for the auction. Dave's family is donating additional flies. Dave's tying materials are being donated to Project Healing Waters. Unclear if some of his rods and reels may be available. There is also a question about Dave's boat, however other board members note that the price may be too high. Lastly, it needs to be clarified if Dave's family would like these items to be donated for fundraising purposes or if they may have other plans.

A discussion was started regarding the location of the holiday dinner. Gary B feels that the VFW hall is too small - there was no space for silent auction items in-person and posting the silent auction items on-line only resulted in lost money. It was suggested that the holiday party return to the Seattle Tennis Club. Chapin will connect Jim G with the Seattle Tennis Club. Gary B suggests the Mountaineers Club in the Magnuson area. He will also be in touch with Jim G. This discussion will be continued a future meetings.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Conservation     Robert Thorpe**

Robert will not be at the next meeting due to a commitment to the Methow Valley Club. Robert's son, Brook, continues to work with 3 Rivers Trout Unlimited as well as Healing Waters through UW. Robert continues to meet with many clubs within the state to discuss conservation matters. These clubs include the Methow Valley Fly Fishing Club as well as 3 Rivers Trout Unlimited. Robert will write thank you letters for the donations received.



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### **Education Neal Hoffberg**

The fifth and final class of the beginning casting class is scheduled for tomorrow night, May 3rd. The class is going well. Chuck, Chapin, and Tom are volunteering. Neal has been in communication with Ruth Simms regarding additional casting classes. Jim G has offered to pay Ruth's dues so that she can become a member of the club.

As noted in prior meetings, not enough people signed up for the beginning fly fishing class so it will be canceled. Neal would like to have this class in the Spring of next year. Dan would like to schedule a class of some sort in the fall. Chuck suggests a fly tying class as this will allow for practice over the winter. Neal has had discussions with the leader of another club and learned they do not offer a fly tying class. Rather, they meet at a brewery with a leader and tie a specific fly.

A lively discussion ensued regarding how to increase class participation. Dan notes that the other club presidents he recently spoke with have had success with on-line outreach. Neal reports that the California club he is affiliated with finds word-of-mouth to be most effective. Chapin suggests notifying fly shops of our club and classes, however some shops are unwilling to post this information due to competition with classes they offer.

A fly tying class in the fall will be considered.

Discussion will continue regarding ways to get more people involved.

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

Pat visited Mike Wearne at the Lutheran Home on Phinney Ridge where he is receiving rehabilitation services. He will likely be there another week. He is awaiting physician approval for discharge. Jim G requests the address of the facility so that he can go visit.

A new member disclosed to Chuck that he is dealing with cancer and will have to start chemotherapy. Chuck will be in touch with the member to determine if he would like the information shared with the club. (Secretary note: Member's name has been withheld from the minutes in the interest of privacy).

### **Outings Mike Nolan**



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Mike reports that last weekend's outing at the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge was great. John Callahan was the host. New people joined for a total of 6 members plus some partners. Over 50 fish were caught. Mardon Lake offered bass fishing. There was plenty of room to fish despite the small lake size. 3 participants went exploring on Sunday and had some difficulty finding the new lake but enjoyed the adventure nonetheless. Ben D had a very successful fishing outing. The campsite was tight but had a good view. Mike will write up a summary of the outing for Creel Notes and will include pictures.

The next three outings are Green Lake, Lake Hannon, and Leech Lake. Mike has been in touch with the people at Lake Hannon who unlock the gate. He reminds everyone that alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted. He is working on determining the right chili to serve. He may also need a canopy. For Leech Lake, he is working on figuring out the BBQ situation. He recommends making a camping reservation ASAP as another fishing club will be there at the same time.

The final outing of the season will be at Penrose State Park and Mike was able to secure the group site reservation for November 4th. Jay Deeds will prepare dinner.

Mike also needs to get into the storage locker.

### **Publicity**

The publicity committee is in progress.

### **Youth**      **John Gravendyk**

The Youth Academy is happening soon. John reports the program is shaping up well. He is very impressed with the location (Shaffer State Park). Molly Seminick will be helping with casting and Neal will be helping Molly. Blake from Gig Harbor Fly shop will be helping for one day. WDFW will be coming to talk. There will be campfire discussions every night. If you are interested in volunteering, please let John G know. You must sign-up in advance. Here is the website for more information: <https://nwycffa.com>. The Youth Academy camp is June 18-24.

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

Chuck reports that Mike N has converted an old VHS Boyd Aigner video into the correct format to post. Pete's video is also ready to post. He plans to start recording more members to contribute to the club heritage videos.



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### **FFI            Neal Hoffberg**

The FFI Washington State Council Fly Casting Fair was a success.

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

There was not a quorum at the last dinner meeting to approve the donations passed by the board. Dan will send out an e-ballot.

### **Webmaster            Jim Goedhart**

No updates.

### **Creel Notes            Dave Ehrich**

No updates

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Fly Tying at monthly club meetings:**

Marcia will tie at the May meeting. Likely no fly tying at the June meeting as casting instruction will be occurring at Luther Burbank Park.

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

Bob Burdick provided a handout for the fly he tied at the April meeting. That will be included in the next fly tying section of Creel Notes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Food at Meetings**

Pizza was served at the April meeting. The caterer will be used for the May meeting. We are cutting it close in terms of cost. It is difficult to predict the number of walk-ins - an estimate provided is 5-8. Additional meals will be ordered. Should we raise the cost of the catered meals to \$30 in order to cover the cost of walk-ins? This discussion was tabled until the next meeting when the treasurer will be present.



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### **Bylaw Amendment re: Quorum**

Dan circulated the by-law addendum for quorum change. Jim G suggested editing to “voting members” which will include senior as well as active members. Motioned to approve and approved. Dan will present the addendum at the next dinner meeting for member approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by Danferd Henke.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff,  
WFFC Secretary