



Washington Fly Fishing Club

June 13, 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		David Ehrich	Creel Notes	
Jim Goedart	3rd VP - Fundraising		Neal Hoffberg	Education	
Kurt Peterson	Treasurer	P	Pat Becker	Fruit & Flowers	
Shelley Scheff	Secretary	P	Robert Thorpe	IFFF Coordinator	P
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	
Jay Deeds	Trustee	P	Jim Goedhart	Webmaster	
Gary Bergquist	Trustee	P	Eugene Bloundel	Webmaster	
Chapin Henry	Trustee	P	Chuck Ballard	WFFC Heritage	P
Tom Neu	Trustee		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 7:03 p.m. with 9 officers and trustees.

Approval of Minutes of April and May Board Meeting:

The minutes were approved.



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BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

TREASURER Kurt Peterson

Kurt provided financial reports to the board for review prior to the meeting. They are also submitted to the President with the minutes. The club has a larger CD that is maturing in July and a decision must be made as to continue the current investment or roll it over into a different investment. It is currently making \$45 in interest and there is a possibility that we may be able to improve this return. Dan suggests continuing to be conservative with the investment.

MEMBERSHIP Jim Beck

Jim reported that 125 people have paid their membership fees, leaving 29 who have suspended. A letter and brochures were sent to the unpaid members 2 weeks ago with no response. The last membership applicant was on April 19th.

PROGRAMS Neal Hoffberg

Neal was not present.

FUNDRAISING Jim Goedhart

Jim was not present.

Committee Reports:

Conservation Robert Thorpe

Robert attended a fishing event in Winthrop that was incredible. 50 organizations were represented including several Indigenous American Nations and over 40 booths. It was great to watch the kids learn about fly casting and improve their skills. Robert requested a donation to the Youth Academy camp from the Methow Valley Fly Fishing Club. Some headway has been made with Seattle Power to provide more fishways.

Education Neal Hoffberg

Neal was not present.



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Fruit and Flowers **Pat Becker**

Pat was not present.

Outings **Mike Nolan**

Mike reports the Lake Hannon outing went well. The catching was tough but the fishing was fun and the chili was good. Mike focused on welcoming all newcomers and Chapin endorsed that Mike was very welcoming. Next outing is Leech Lake. Approximately 11 people have signed up so far. Mike will talk about the Leech Lake outing at the next club meeting. After Leech Lake there will be a break until Hood Canal on September 16th.

Mike stayed at Big Twin campground over Memorial Day. He caught 5 fish, all deep. Did not see any fish rising. The Big Twin outing is scheduled for October 14-15 which is the last weekend Big Twin is open. The Big Twin campground owners are holding a large camping area for us near the dock which will be nice.

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

Publicity

The publicity committee is in progress.

Youth **John Gravendyk**

The Youth Academy is happening very soon and John is busy preparing. He thanks the club and foundation for their donations. He is looking forward to the event and mentions they have great instructors lined up.

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 has sent a note to David Ehrich regarding Allan Peterson's passing.



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FFI **Neal Hoffberg**

Neal was not present.

WFFC Foundation Interface **Jim Goedhart**

Jim was not present.

Webmaster **Jim Goedhart**

Jim was not present.

Creel Notes **Dave Ehrich**

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fly Tying at monthly club meetings:

Chuck will tie at the June meeting. Need a volunteer tyer for the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

WFFC Hoodies

Dan provided a written WFFC hoodie proposal and picture for the board to review. The cost will be \$46 plus tax and shipping. Various selections of size, color, and logo placement will be available. The board was supportive. Dan will send a message with ordering information.

Engaging New Members

Dan raised the question of how to keep new members and increase their involvement in the club. Should they be provided a meaningful job? Chapin questions what new members are expecting from the club. Robert tries to speak with all new members and recommends all committee heads share information regarding opportunities to become involved in a committee. Dan would like to have ways for members to do more than sit and listen at meetings.



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The board needs a new 2nd Ghillie as Paul B is moving to Anacortes. Once the 2nd Ghillie is in place, their responsibilities will be to help put on the meetings and outings.

Jim B recommended clean up projects on lakes or beaches. This could be something the conservation committee organizes.

Shelley suggested a way to connect members for day-of, local, low-key outings. Instagram or Facebook may be considered. Dan would like to add a blog to drive traffic to the website. He also would like the website forum to be improved as this could be an area where members connect. Perhaps posting information about flies or providing an incentive for members to post would be helpful?

Robert mentioned his cabin will be open at the end of July for 1-2 guests. This could be an opportunity for members to connect. From his cabin, fishing the Chewuch or Twin Lakes is available.

Not on agenda - Chuck discovered a problem with the June member meeting on-line sign-up. The dinner is listed as "free" and there is no way to pay for your ticket. Dan doesn't know how to fix this and the club's webmaster is overseas. Dan will work on this and send out an update if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 by Danferd Henke.

Respectfully submitted

Shelley Scheff,
WFFC Secretary



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