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CONSERVATION OR FISHERIES ORIENTED PROJECTS THE WVFF COULD SUPPORT

Rob Winters

As good as fly fishing can be here, there are obvious constraints. Attractive waters are often off limits due to endangered species or other concerns. Others we favor may be at risk.

Our club can help change that by using our resources to improve habitat and promote conservation in eastern Washington. We can help fund and otherwise support projects with the potential to have direct, positive impacts on fisheries and habitat. What we lack are ideas for getting the most benefit from our club's resources.

Each of you may know of some need. There may be projects to remove culverts blocking fish passage, restore vegetation in riparian zones or rehabilitate fisheries of which you are aware. There may be valuable research projects or access initiatives languishing for lack of financial support. You may hear of other groups' projects worthy of consideration. What you know can make a difference if our club acts to help projects mature.

I hope everyone will suggest projects we can support to improve fisheries in this region. No idea is too great or too small to merit consideration. Please send them to me at r.s.winters@gmail.com or track me down at the next dinner. We can make a difference if we make an effort.

WVFF BANQUET JANUARY 18TH

WENATCHEE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

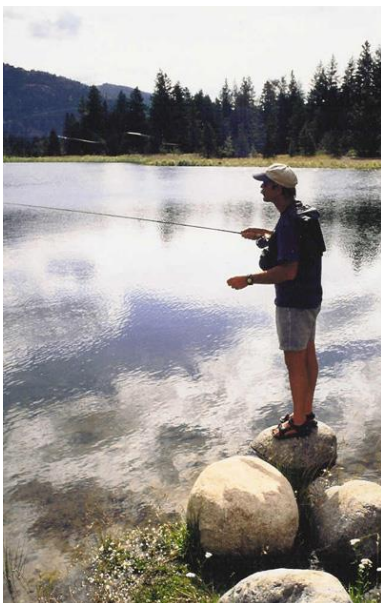
- **Raffle-Auction Item Delivery**
 - **Please not at dinner time!** **12:00 – 3:00**
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- **Social Hour** **6:00**
- **Prime Rib / Salmon Dinner Service** **7:00**

In addition to great live and silent auctions, fine dining, award presentations and raffle tables, new this year is a very special prize to be given to any banquet ticket holder. A double occupancy / two night stay at the



located near Mazama. The accommodation is the Parlor King Suite, where the view from your veranda overlooks the private Freestone Lake that's stocked for your catch-and-release fly-fishing enjoyment. Your prize also includes two gift cards; one for \$20 to use in their gourmet dining room and another for \$100 that can be used anywhere at their facility (to rent trail bikes or fishing gear, buy great gear at Jack's Hut or their Gift Shop. Depending on the season you redeem your prize, you can partake in a long day fishing or hiking, you could take a refreshing dip in their beautiful outdoor swimming pool or get some exercise cross country skiing, even use their extensive mountain bike trails. You'll have one year to enjoy this prize so visit their web site at: freestoneinn.com, for more information about this wonderful property.

Additionally the banquet prep-team has gone to great lengths this year to gather some really great raffle items that will appeal to fishing and non- fishing members of your family. So bring your entire clan and plan on a great night.



WVFF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES DEC. 19, 2013

General Meeting: President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

General Reports:

- **Membership:** Eric Rainbolt introduced new members **Ariel Young** and **Larry Hay**.
- **Publications:** No report.
- **Treasurer:** **Al Smith** reported the club's balance remains unchanged.
- **Gillie:** **Danny Horan** announced the addition of new digital and print items to the library. Of particular interest may be those on steel heading. They are ready for checkout.
- **Outings:** No report as **Tom Whiteside** says "It's cold out there."
- **Conservation/ Youth Education/ Vice-President:** **Rob Winters** had no reports.

Of Interest:

- The annual banquet is scheduled for January 18, 2014, at the Wenatchee Valley Golf & Country Club. **Gordi Northrup** will act as auctioneer one more time.
- The **IFFF** has recognized WVFF members **Gil Biles**, **Sue Morrison**, **Pat Herdt** and **Don Bolstad**.
- **JoAnn Lane** and **Jack Squires** updated the membership on donations for January's banquet. Again, members are encouraged to donate items to this, our only fundraiser of the year. This year we are assembling a "WVFF Wine Cellar" for auction. Members are asked to contribute one (or more) bottles of wine.
- **Steve Harvey** announced that the second Sportsman's Show is slated for February 21-23. Tyers will be needed again. Steve will be contacting those participating last year. All others who are interested are welcome and should contact him to be included on the list.

Program: **Gary Anderson** hosted the annual Fish Tales share-out with fine stories and beautiful photographs. Fishing reports ranged from local waters to those located as far away as New Zealand. Presenters included **Gil Biles** (Rocky Ford Creek and Rufus Woods, Burke, Riffe, Blue, Jameson, Rose, and Rat lakes); **Tom Whiteside** (the Yakima River, Idaho's Johnson Creek, and Quincy, Lenice, Blue, Big Twin, Oregon's Klamath and B.C.'s Tunkwa and Leighton lakes); **Danny Horan** (Rocky Ford Creek, the Columbia and Wenatchee rivers, and Quincy, Three, Banks and Black Lakes; **Rene Paul** (Klickitat, Wyoming's Wind and Montana's Big Horn rivers; and **Lucas Young** (New Zealand).

President Tom Rowe adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. JoAnn Lane VFF Secretary December 27, 2013

WVFF BOARD MEETING: DEC. 5, 2013

President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. November Board and General Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Present: Gary Anderson, Al Smith, Fred Kunzmann, Danny Horan, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Eric Rainbolt, Tom Rowe, Tom Whiteside

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President: Tom Rowe updated the board on the redesigned club website. The prototype includes such features as links to a WVFF Facebook page and several sites of interest including a club blog and a discussion forum. Bruce Merighi will monitor the site and content.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt had no report.

Gillie: Danny Horan reported new library additions will be available at the December meeting.

Treasurer: Al Smith shared the current treasury numbers which remain "basically unchanged."

Programs: The board congratulated and thanked **Gary Anderson** for his "impromptu" November program. December's program is the yearly member fishing "reports." At February's meeting local fisheries biologists will update the club on our local waters.

Outings: Tom Whiteside reported that there are no upcoming outings scheduled.

Old Business:

- Tom Rowe has no volunteers for the nomination committee. The board proceed with the current slate of officers for the January's election; however, nominations for candidates can still be made by contacting Tom or from the floor at January's meeting.
- Banquet:
 - Donations are needed for the banquet's raffle and silent and open auctions. Gary Anderson and the setup committee will be on site beginning at noon on Saturday, January 18, 2014, to take donations. Any members available to assist are welcome. To facilitate item processing, members should bring donations as soon as possible after 12:00 p.m.
 - The board approved a two-night stay at the Freestone Inn (located near Mazama) and gift card package for the drawing-with-banquet-ticket-purchase door prize.

New Business:

- **Pat Herdt and Don Bolstad** were nominated and elected to be awarded the Barrett Conservation Award. Don's wife Iris will be at the banquet to accept this posthumously. Eric Rainbolt will arrange for appropriate presentation plaques.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF December 12, 2014

Presidents Message

A new year is beginning for the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers with the annual banquet in a couple of weeks soon followed by the early low lakes opener. Hopefully somewhere in-between there will be some snow in the mountains to keep the river flows up this coming summer and fall. As we move into the new year the club is still looking for a new president elect for 2015. Speaking from my own experience I encourage all to consider a term on the board as an opportunity to give back a little to the club and at the same time increase participation in club activities. When I was drafted for my term I was told that the position could take up as much or as little time as one chose to commit. I have found this to be the case and even as the year progresses the level of participation fluctuates to balance other demands of our busy lives. This is all possible by the support of a dedicated and stable board that provides guidance, encouragement and at times mild frustration (hey, no job is perfect). I wouldn't be saying this if I hadn't found my term to be both a rewarding and fulfilling experience. I want to thank the club, and especially the board, for placing their trust in me and for the opportunity to be of service to the club. I again sincerely encourage all of you to consider a further commitment to the organization and the sport we all enjoy.

Thanks for the memories Tom Rowe



SIGNS POSTED AT ENTIAT RIVER CAMPGROUNDS TO ENCOURAGE THE TAKING OF BROOKIES AND HOW TO TELL THEM APART FROM THE NATIVE 'CUTS.

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