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Looking Upstream For Kelly Laatsch

The program will be on the Upper Columbia, St Mary and Elk Rivers. Kelly is from the St.Mary Angler, he's been providing guided fishing trips in the Kootenay region of Southeastern British Columbia and guiding St.Mary, Elk, Upper Columbia, Kootenay, Bull and Skookumchuck Rivers.

Banquet Items Needed

Don't forget – It's getting to be that time of year when your board and the membership collect raffle and silent auction items for the upcoming WVFF Banquet. Contact Al Smith for details.

Membership Dues – Due

By

Jan 30TH 2015 !



Next WVFF Meeting November 20, 2014

**WVFF General Meeting
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge**

BRING A GUEST AND YOUR NAME TAG !

Wet Fly Hour	5:45 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm
Kelly Laatsch Program	8:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes Oct. 2, 2014

Present: Gary Anderson, JoAnn Lane, Eric Rainbolt, Al Smith, Tom Whiteside, Rob Winters

Absent: Steve Harvey, Danny Horan, Bruce Merighi, Tom Rowe

President Rob Winters called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Minutes of the June Board and General meetings were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President, Conservation & Education: Rob Winters reported

- He did not testify on Brook Trout Limits as planned as the meeting was not open to comments.
- There are numerous challenges resulting from summer fires. These include silt in the Methow and possible closure of camping areas of upper Entiat for up to three years.
- Mud snails have been found in the Ringold Hatchery water supply. The Department of Fish and Wildlife's website provides suggestions for making sure fishing gear is not carrying invasive species from one site to another.
- The beginning of Coho fishing and possible opening for Steelhead.

Vice-President: Steve Harvey was absent. **Membership: Eric Rainbolt** had no report. **Ghillie: Danny Horan** was absent. **Treasurer: Al Smith** reported a balance of \$18,000+. This amount is \$4100 less than last year but includes \$500 paid to the Academy and the membership-approved \$3000 donation to the Stemilt conservation purchase. **Outings: Tom Whiteside** was absent but provided notification that the October outing will be October 4-5 at Dry Falls. **Programs: Gary Anderson** announced Chris Knott with Four Rivers Fishing Company in Twin Bidges, Montana, will be the October speaker. He will be sharing information about fishing the Big Hole, Ruby, Jefferson and Beaverhead. November's speaker Canadian Kelly Latch's program will focus on fishing in British Columbia. December spotlights member's 2014 fish tales. Members are encouraged to bring pictures and stories to share.

The club purchased a new projector with sufficient lumens to show the high quality photographs and video presenters often include.

Publications: Bruce Merighi was absent.

Old Business:

- **Banquet:**
 - **Auctioneer:** Rob announced John Murio as agreed to act as 2015 auctioneer.
 - **Date:** The country club will be open for the January 17, 2015, annual meeting. Al will be contact the club to confirm meal arrangements.
 - **Donations:** Members are encouraged to start thinking about donations for the raffle and silent and live auctions.
- **Salmon Fest** proved to be a success again this year; Fest organizers complimented the club's activities. Great weather brought good crowds, and fest organizers placed our booth on the stamp sheet. Use of tying materials indicated between 60 and 70 visitors tied flies with WVFF volunteers. Rob thanked all who participated.
- **Eagles Dinner Arrangements:** The club will return to "original arrangements." An alternative for member consideration is to use the standard buffet the Aerie provides at a cost of \$10 per plate.
- **Rob Winters** shared a revised copy of a letter supporting increased Brown Trout limits. It was approved for submission.

New Business:

- **Rob Winters** has appointed Fred Kunzmann, Harry Lane and Jack Squires to serve as the 2015 nominating committee.

Of Note: Proposed bylaw changes were submitted for initial input. Limited discussion followed. The Board will consider the proposed changes and return to the discussion at the November Board meeting. **Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**

JoAnn A. Lane WVFF Secretary October 10, 2014

Save the Date - More Information Coming Soon

WVFF Banquet January 17th

Country Club 6 pm. \$35 per person

WVFF Elections are Your Chance to Make Changes

Bob Winters

If you want to improve our club, think about seeking an office on the Wenatchee Valley Fly Fishers board of directors for 2015. There may be policies or programs you might want to pursue or you may just feel the club needs support to maintain the educational and social connections WVFF provides. Whatever the reason, running for office can give you a chance to help keep this club vibrant and alive.

The elections process is already underway. A nominating committee consisting of Jack Squires, Harry Lane and Fred Kunzman has been appointed and they are seeking out candidates. This committee will report to the club at our November meeting and nominations for positions will be taken from the floor at that point as well. One way or another, you can get into the process.

This is your club. If you care about its future, seeking office is a smart play. You could easily be the key to bringing new energy to our group.

General Meeting Minutes Sept. 18, 2014

General Meeting: Acting President Al Smith called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

General Reports: Guests: Skip Hennigan was introduced.

- Gary Bates raised a procedural issue relating to expenditure of funds. A brief discussion followed.
- Outings: The annual Dry Falls outing is scheduled for October 4 & 5. There will be a potluck on Saturday evening. (*Of note: Fishing reports later led to the relocation of the outing from Dry Falls to Lenice.*)
- Conservation/ Education: Volunteers were needed for Salmon Fest on September 20th in Leavenworth. The club will be providing fly tying instruction for adults and children.
- Fred Kunzmann and Danny Horan took an informal poll asking for members interested in spey casting instruction and practice. Those wishing to learn more about the technique were invited to join a WVFF group at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23 at the Monitor Bridge.
- Publications: Bruce Merighi reported that the new website is nearing completion and will be available for members to view and review soon. Many documents from the old site have been moved. He hopes a complete and more user-friendly site will reduce the costs associated with hardcopy newsletter publication.

Program: Gary Anderson introduced Brian O'Keefe, life-long fly-fishing enthusiast and returning featured speaker. Brian was a guide in the Northwest and Alaska early in his career. Today he travels extensively to fish and photograph his experiences in some of the most remote angling destinations in the world. His presentation "Tips for Central Washington and Beyond" including using white streamers, adding a wet tip line, using popper and dropper for bass, and sinking an ant.

Brain publishes the online *Catch Magazine: The Official Journal of Fly Fishing and Film*. Following his "Tips" presentation, Brian shared several outstanding videos of fly fishing adventures filmed during his wide-ranging travels. These and other videos can be viewed at online at <https://www.catchmagazine.net/> The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

JoAnn Lane Secretary, WVFF September 25, 2014



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