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WVFF Board Meeting: September 5, 2013

President Tom Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Eric Rainbolt, Danny Horan, JoAnn Lane, Bruce Merighi, Tom Rowe, Tom Whiteside

Absent: Gary Anderson, Fred Kunzmann, Al Smith, Rob Winters

Minutes from previous meeting: June Board and General Meeting minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer: Al Smith is now able to resume his duties. He provided a detailed WVFF financial update which Tom Rowe shared with the board. Currently the financial information shows that the club is "well within budget parameters." Monies for the fly fishing class have not yet been deposited.

Based on other items mentioned, the board discussed a possible club shirt offering and the need to book Wenatchee Valley Golf and Country Club for the annual meeting. Tom Rowe will contact the club and give them a reservation deposit.

Al also requested he and Jack Squires be given board go-ahead to begin requesting donations for January's auction.

Vice President/ Conservation/ Youth Activities: Rob Winters was not present. However, the board discussed the need for the fly tiers at the Leavenworth Salmon Festival, Saturday, September 21 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Membership: Eric Rainbolt had no report.

Gillie: Danny Horan had no new report about library holdings. He did announce Steve Aguilu's donation of an extensive collection of fly fishing materials including flies and fly boxes. These will be included in either the annual or monthly meeting auctions.

Programs: Gary Anderson was absent.

Outings: Tom Whiteside reviewed October outings -- October 5-6 on the Yakima River (camping at Big Pines) and October 26-27 at Dry Falls (camping at Sun Lakes).

Publications: Bruce Merighi provided a copy of the latest *Fly Paper* newsletter. He also reminded the board that the old WVFF website needs to be updated or taken down and replaced.

Action Items: The board approved Al's request to begin work on raffle donations.

- **Tom Whiteside** moved to "Increase the amount of money the board can spend to \$1000 in order to bring the amount set in 1982 in line with 2013 dollars." Bruce Merighi seconded; motion was approved unanimously.
- **JoAnn Lane** moved to "provide up to \$500 for a substantial door prize or prizes to be awarded at the annual meeting." **Bruce Merighi** seconded; the motion received unanimous approval. Each dinner ticket purchased will include a chance to win.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

JoAnn Lane Secretary WVFF September 8, 2013

LOOKING UPSTREAM

Oct. 17th Thur. General Meeting
Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Wet Fly Hour No Host Bar 5:45 pm

Dinner 6:45 pm

BBQ Pork Ribs
Cilantro/Tequila Grilled Chicken
Corn Bread, Rice-Beans, Dessert

Program starts at 8:00 pm
Presenter information was not
available at deadline. Contact Gary
Anderson for information at 670.6370.



Some of us are catching salmon on the Wenatchee Doug Pendleton Photo

WVFF General Meeting

Sept. 19, 2013

General Meeting: President Tom Rowe was absent and VP Bob Winters called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.. No announcements were made.

Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Al Smith said there was about \$20,000 in our account. He also noted that Iris Bolstad had given him 6 boxes of Don's miscellaneous documents and fishing related items. Members are welcome to take what they want and make a donation for the general fund.
- **Membership:** No report
- **Publications:** No report.
- **Ghillie:** No report
- **Outings:** No report.
- **Program:** Gary Anderson introduced the program presenter Mike T. Williams who talked about fishing the Upper Willamette River in Oregon.

Good of the Order:

Sue Morrison talked about the abundant run of Chinook returning to the Columbia drainage as being one of the best ever. There are an extra 15-20 thousand fish coming over Priest Rapids now. David Duval at PUD hopes that volunteers can be secured to help capture, clean and transport some of these fish for distribution to various smaller drainages like the Chiwahwah River to improve the bio mass. Contact her at: freestonestream@hotmail.com for more information. Bruce Merighi Temp Sec.

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The Best Knot by Tom Rowe

It's always been interesting to me how crisis can lead to opportunity and, while this isn't necessarily the case, it was a family crisis about ten years ago that resulted in an opportunity for my brother-in-law to be of particular assistance and thus bolster our relationship. To return his generosity the next year, I took him on a five-day steelhead float trip down the Deschutes. The trip went well in every way and at the conclusion he suggested we repeat the trip the following year and include my older brother. Well, the trip was scheduled and again it went well and since then it has become a family tradition for the three of us to get together at least once a year for an autumn steelhead float trip or a spring trout fishing trip. Spring trips are alternately hosted by either by brother-in-law with trips to the McCloud, Sacramento, or Williamson Rivers in northern California and southern Oregon, or by myself with trips to the northern Washington lakes. They always go well, which is interesting, given our unique backgrounds. Myself, I've always been a west coast type of guy while my brother-in-law hails from east Texas, that's near Louisiana. My brother is from Arizona, which is kind of like the Texas of the United States. Professionally we are an engineer, a financial consultant, and a psychologist. Despite this, we get along well with our trips usually following a pattern of 30 minutes catching up on family news, two hours of barbeque, and then endless hours talking of fly fishing and speculating on related topics of ichthyology, meteorology, hydrology, biology, oceanography, genetics, and sex (those fish have to come from somewhere). With all the discussion, coffee in the morning, naps in the afternoon, and campfire in the evening, there is hardly time for fishing. And we don't allow any electronic devices on these trips so no one has to worry about being Binged, Googled, or otherwise smacked down with frivolous factoids. And with all this, we have managed to catch fish, gain weight, and conclude our trips in good spirits, looking forward to our next opportunity to catch up on family news, eat barbeque, and talk endlessly of fly fishing – the knot that holds us together.

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