



## Executive Board Meeting Minutes 5-4-2020

### Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present  
Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present  
Secretary - Ryan Gausman - Present  
Treasurer – Randy Lato - Present  
Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present  
Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present  
Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Present  
Advisory Member – Camrin Johnson – Present  
Advisory Member – Eric Linde – Present  
Advisory Member – Mark Coleman – Present  
Advisory Member – Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting was called to order by Doug St Denis at 1607 hrs

Members present at the meeting Aaron O’Leary, Matt Eleazer, Caine Brand

-Doug moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved, Marc seconded, the minutes were accepted as issued.

-Randy gave a treasurer report, the association has \$2600 in savings and \$338 in the PayPal account for a total balance of \$2939.41

-Membership was discussed, there are currently 34 paid members, within the past 10 days we have had 3 renewals and 1 new member sign up

-Reference our efforts to be listed as essential businesses, the letter and safety plans have been submitted to the Governor’s office. They were “strengthened a little” by WDFW who wanted to be included as supporters of our effort. We are waiting to receive a response.

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-There are questions regarding the status of guiding under Phase 2 of the state recovery plan. It isn't clear at this point exactly how it will affect our industry. It appears that guiding would be an allowed business, but more investigation will be necessary to clarify that. Some questions exist regarding the definition and application of the 5 persons rule and how it applies to groups of mixed household and non-household members. Questions will be submitted to WDFW for clarification of these issues.

-Doug brought up the idea of further developing our business plan to delegate some of the responsibilities and tasks of our organization. As we grow it's going to be important to involve more members in the essential activities. The proposed organizational structure was...

Communication Liaison. Somebody to handle the social media, letters, and written communications of the association. Cameron Black was interested in this.

Legislative Group- people assigned to work directly with legislators. Marc Bush is interested and Camrin Johnson's name was suggested as well because he has stated an interest in working with government officials

Membership Group- people assigned to work on building up our membership. This will involve communication with guides and guides' groups around the state. Matt Eleazer was interested in this

Website Manager- to handle website updates and matters

WDFW Relations Group- to communicate and work in partnership with WDFW Doug St Denis and Bob Kratzer are interested in this

Additional suggestions were offered by Bob which included setting goals for member numbers both short and long term, Regional Representatives who could be assigned direct communication responsibility with guides in their region, such as southwest, central, upper Columbia, etc. The regional heads could also be representatives at the North of Falcon process to give us greater voice in that.

-Cary suggested that there be some flexibility in some of these, especially the WDFW relations process since he and others are also involved with other groups around the state who communicate regularly with WDFW. After discussion it was decided that, this was going to happen but it's critical that whoever is speaking to WDFW also communicate those discussions with our group to ensure we are all on the same page and sending the same message.

- Doug suggested that the business plan proposal be sent out to the membership for discussion and to allow people to volunteer for responsibilities on it. These positions do not require membership on the e-board, any member can be involved.

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-Fee structure for dues was discussed. There is ongoing discussion regarding our membership fees and whether adjustments or changes make sense. Randy suggested we may consider pro-rating this year's fees for new members. Greg stated he believed our fees are fair and worth it and we should leave them as they are. Cameron stated it's important to let people see how much good work we are doing, what we are accomplishing as an organization, and how much we are impacting their business so they realize how important it is for them to be involved in what we are doing. This subject will continue to be discussed at future meetings

For The Good Of The Order

Marc Bush- Legislative fishing day was scheduled for June 6, that will be postponed until possibly this fall, he will announce a date when he knows more. Marc has also reached out to some of the non-profit groups he works with asking them to communicate with the governor's office about the importance of their being able to use fishing guides in conduct of their activities.

Greg- He said the state Covid website has an option where we businesses can send their own request to the state to be listed as essential businesses. He has sent a submission through that site but has not received a response. Greg also inquired whether Doug's expenses for the eastern Washington trip had been reimbursed. Doug will collect receipts.

Bob- He suggested we continue to solicit input from members regarding their interests and concerns for the association to address. He also suggests asking how they feel about the things we are involved with.

Cary- He had more questions about Phase 2 rules and clarification of the 5 person statement. He also communicated that it's important for all members to maintain a productive attitude regarding the issues we address rather than to cause dissent and division.

Cameron Black- He restated that it is important for us to communicate with guides to show them why they should become members to be involved in our association's activities.

Mark Coleman- Also had phase 2 questions that will need to be investigated.

Cane- Stated he would be interested being involved in the membership group on the business plan.

Matt- He stated he appreciates how things are going with our association and appreciates all that has been accomplished already. He feels our fees are acceptable. He also asked if anybody has been licensed in Oregon

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and going over there for trips while Washington has been closed. It did not appear that anyone involved in this meeting had been doing so.

Aaron- Brought up the issue of commercial fishing being open as an essential business while guiding, which also requires a commercial license through WDFW, is not. It appears that commercial fishing which involves the harvest and distribution of food is what is essential.

Marc Bush- mentioned that we need more business sponsor members. We and our members need to work on that. It seems that many businesses are interested when they are contacted.

The meeting was adjourned at 1711 hrs

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