



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 6th, 2021

Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present

Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present

Secretary - Ryan Gausman - Present

Treasurer - Jon Blank - Excused

Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Excused

Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present

Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Present

Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Present

Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Absent

Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present

Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting started 1735 hrs

Old Business: November minutes were approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: \$4323.66 Checking \$2374.35 PayPal Same balances as last meeting

Coastal Steelhead Seasons: Bob Kratzer, not much happened at the town hall meeting, WDFW basically said this is what is going to happen. Among the attendees there was mixed response between pro and con. WDFW provided no answers to any of the questions.

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Greg Kain: "It's a kick in the butt to all who participated in the process with honest, relevant, input. WDFW and the tribes already had the rules written before any of the meetings. The input was never considered in the process."

Cary Hoffman: Chehalis tribe put nets in the water 36 hours after it was announced that they would not.

Bob Kratzer: The rules contradicted their early announcements, the final rules were decided a long time before any of the meetings were held.

Cameron Black: The biologist has no idea what he is doing, puts no effort into the process.

He has no long-term strategy, has no education about the current state of the system, no information about the runs he is supposed to be managing. Any of the guides could have put together a much better plan than anything he has proposed. WDFW refuses to listen to or consider guide input.

Columbia River: It appears that changes will be proposed for the Columbia River at North of Falcon this fall. There is a rumor that "Days of the week" regulations may be proposed.

January Annual Meeting: The annual meeting of members will be January 11, at 5:30 pm via zoom. Details and a link will be sent out to all members.

Membership: Doug sent out a list of members. Reach out to those you know to remind them to renew. No changes have been made to guide membership dues.

Corporate or Business Sponsor Membership: Greg Kaine

Greg sent out 2 suggested proposals to all board members.

Sport angler memberships were not changed except we will now offer a lifetime membership option for \$1000

It was also added that provisions for business to offer discounts to WSGA members will be defined with the definition of benefits to be offered those businesses.

After discussion Doug moved to adopt option 1 as follows:

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Any corporation, business, or entity who would like to support the efforts of WSGA financially may do so according to the following donation schedule.

Diamond Elite: \$5000 or more

Platinum Elite: \$3000

Silver Elite: \$2000

Supporting Business: \$500

This was passed unanimously by the board.

Discussion was held regarding the type of gift or recognition to offer in return. At this time it appears that canvas prints with printed or embossed description of the organization’s name year, and partner level is the best option. There is also an option to put the print on aluminum. Greg will continue to explore the options for this and report back in the future with design options and pricing.

For The Good Of The Order:

Bob Kratzer: He has some donations from Mad River and Yakima Bait for membership drive prizes. Waiting for responses from additional businesses. He has drafted emails to several senators regarding recent decisions by the commission.

Mark Coleman: Will begin calling on some potential corporate sponsors

Cameron Black: Posed the question, “would it make sense to have a Columbia River Guides subchapter?”

Currently guides from Oregon and Washington are involved in discussions of Columbia River Policy. With the rumored proposals coming in the future and the issues surrounding Columbia River regulations would it make sense to have a Columbia River Chapter of guides directly affected?

Doug: It would make sense to gauge how much interest there is in doing this. It would involve going through the process, getting a board together which includes a WSGA board member, membership would be through WSGA. More discussion would have to happen. Oregon guides are allowed to join WSGA.

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Bob Kratzer: A WSGA chapter could be up and running faster than starting a whole new association.

Camrin Johnson: Supports the idea of separate chapters for different regions with unique challenges.

Cameron Black: Will consult with other Columbia River guides regarding their preferences.

Cary Hoffman: Likes the idea of looking into this, there is strength in numbers and the additional membership numbers will make us stronger.

Meeting Adjourned: 1838 hrs

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