



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

2-21-2022

Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present

Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present

Secretary - Ryan Gausman - Present

Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present

Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present

Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present

Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Present

Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Excused

Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present

Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Excused

Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Members present: Patric Gaffney

Meeting opened 1733 hrs

Treasurer Report: Checking \$7384.29 PayPal \$2344.56

Old Business: none

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Re partnership with Fish Hunt Northwest and Addicted Fishing; Bob Kratzer: They want to partner with us. They are looking for a video to go along with this. He'd like us to provide some video and photos to put into a clip to air. In return they are asking for a Platinum Sponsorship.

Anybody with good photos or video, Doug will set up a dropbox account to be dropped into.

Coastal Steelhead Advisory Group: Their meeting was basically administrative in nature, approximately 40 people in attendance. It started out on a negative note toward guides already. These meetings are public by design but there are some at the meetings who don't want the public to be able to attend and watch. Representation from the guide industry is very limited, if you look at who is in the group it's apparent that they are "hand picked wild fish junkies". These people have no actual stake in the outcome or in the resource, and no hands on experience with any of the real issues.

Tax Exempt Status of WSGA: Doug: We are a C6 tax exempt non profit organization. If we were a C3 then donors can write off their donations to our organization. With a C6 they cannot. There are confusing differences between both statuses. We also need to consider forming a PAC, political action committee, because some of our high dollar donors have asked why we don't have a PAC if we are going to be politically active.

The question we need to address is what does it take to form a PAC and should we even be doing that?

Bob: Believes it's important to begin heading that way but we need to explore what it takes to get there.

There are many legal questions that will require professional assistance to address. The bottom line is it's obvious we need to become more politically involved but, in order to do so we are going to need more funds, larger donors.

Cameron: We need to become more political, WDFW clearly doesn't plan to cooperate with us.

Eric: Go political, look at being a C3 with a PAC

Jon: We should work toward a C3 with a PAC depending on the cost. We need to understand where the funds to start and maintain it will be coming from

Ryan and Cary agreed with the above.

Cary: We need to reach out to other groups for recommendations for attorneys who do this type of thing.

Greg: C3 with a PAC, our donors need to be able to write off their contributions. He has preliminary information that it appears it costs \$3000-4000 to set up a PAC and maybe \$2000 per year to maintain it. There's also the option of starting with a C3 and looking around to see if we can share lobbyists with other groups.

Ryan: Are there other options maybe that we are missing? Maybe we should talk to some of the legislators we know and see what they have to say.

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Doug: If we know of potential big money sponsors should we approach them and ask about their support and commitment if we become a C3 with a PAC?

There is more work to be done on this to get a better idea of what it involves.

Treasurer Report Jon Blanc: \$9459.36 checking \$1335.06 PayPal

Old Business: January minutes Doug moved to approve, Marc seconded, approved unanimously

North of Falcon: Doug sent out a link to the dates and webinars. We need to be a part of all that we can, if you speak identify yourself as a board member of WSGA.

FGOTO:

Ryan and Camrin are working on setting up an access plan for the Bristol launch on the Yakima which is being developed. Camrin has contacts with the developer who is willing to work with us. We are holding a guide meeting in Ellensburg on March 8 to present the current information.

Cary: Wild fish coalition is suing to stop hatchery production at the Wynoochee and Satsop hatcheries. Currently all the issues in the suit appear to have been addressed. WDFW has actually been harvesting wild fish for their hatchery production this year and the tribes are helping so that's great news.

Meeting adjourned: 1858 hrs

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