



Eboard Meeting Minutes

12-11-2023

Executive Board Members

- President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present
- Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present
- Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Present
- Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present
- Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Excused
- Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present
- Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Absent
- Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Present
- Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present
- Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present
- Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting called to order: 5:35

Old business: none

Treasures report: checking 16,163.74 PayPal 1,388.60

Coastal steelhead update:

Bob: December 1 seasons were posted for coastal steelhead

More boat fishing opportunity than last year

Hoh river a boat/no boat study will be prosecuted alternating stretches of rivers open for boats on different days

Queets clearwater and upper Quinault closed (tribal lands open)

South coast has proposed season to open through march but for bank fishing only however since this meeting has taken place announcement was made due to comanager disagreement south coast except Willapa bay rivers will remain closed

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Member renewal:

Same process as last year as that went well, Doug will plan on sending out invoices later this month via PayPal

2024 annual meeting:

Feb 1 at Washington fair grounds at 9am

Please start thinking about ideas you would want to go after for the upcoming year, we will also be doing this via zoom

2024 elections are coming and will be held at annual meeting these are two-year terms for treasurer, vice president and member at large 1,2

GAC Update:

WDFW is also seeking nominations for the state guide advisory committee

Please reach out to Doug, Bob or Patric if interested

This may be something of value to look into considering the conversations still ongoing with the department looking hard at how to further regulate the guiding industry, there's ongoing conversations continuing if capping the amount of licenses is appropriate, if making the industry limited entry is appropriate or try to "turn up the dial" little by little with regulations like no retention of guide fish, one trip a day and other ideas like such, again this stems from multiple complaints from private anglers and others about how guides are overcrowding certain areas which ultimately is the cause from opportunity lost over the years in other places.

As always please encourage other guides who are not involved in the WSGA to please consider joining

Meeting adjourned: 7:01pm