



E-Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024

Executive Board Members

- President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present
- Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present
- Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Present
- Treasurer - Jon Blank - Excused
- Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present
- 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: 5:32 pm

Old Business - None

Treasurer Report - Jon Blank

Checking \$25,494.07 PayPal \$2,962.03

Dash Air Presentation –

Clint from dash air regional services joined us tonight to talk about his charter services. The services are fairly new, but expanding quickly. Some fishing guides and charters who have clients who fly in to fish with them may choose to use Dash Air services to drastically cut their drive time down for trips. As an example, a group flew into SeaTac and Dash air picked them up with their shuttle and then flew them to the Olympic Peninsula instead of them renting a vehicle and driving. Dash Air will get some more information to us and we will provide it to the membership.

NOF Olympia review - Mark Coleman

Forecasts, breakouts, similar forecasts to 2023 Snohomish chinook lower than last year something to watch Next commission meeting topic to discuss any bait use on all puget sound rivers Stilly chinook and green river chinook are big issues. Snow pack was also brought up during NOF and emphasized will be a factor going forward.

Potential WSGA representative – Mark Coleman

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Mark was introduced to Alex Van Hine and could possibly be a good candidate to speak on the behalf of WSGA. Possibly set up a meeting to get to know him better and feel out the situation.

Life-time membership for sport anglers - Mark Coleman

Mark suggested amending the lifetime sport angler membership from 1000.00 to \$250. As of this meeting there have been no sport anglers who signed up for the lifetime membership. Doug made a motion to reduce the lifetime membership to \$250, Bob Kratzer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Nonprofit status of WSGA - Doug Saint-Denis

We have made progress to getting our account with the IRS out of suspended status. After the suspension is lifted, we can then make plans to change the status from a 501 C6 to a 501 C3, but it should be noted that the majority of our income to WSGA has to be in way of donations by sponsors or anglers, not membership dues.

North of Falcon – Doug Saint-Denis

NOF 1 starts on the March 13th. Proposals start 9am-5pm in Olympia.

March 19th coastal freshwater meeting from 6pm-8pm zoom only

Doug will be at PFMC in Seattle and asked for a second person to attend as well. Cary Hofmann said he could attend at least 3 of the days.

Columbia River Chapter - Greg Kain

Greg was unable to attend the meeting due to travel, but had asked what the status of the Columbia River Chapter was. Out of all of the Columbia River Chapter members who signed up for a free membership in 2023, a little less than 10 converted their membership to paid membership.

For the Good of the Order -

Doug – WSGA was nominated for the Congressional Sportsman Foundation. Recently we had been voted in unanimously and we are part of the Washington caucus. As developments occur with this membership, Doug, Bob or Cary will update the membership.

Meeting adjourned: 6:55 pm