



**Eboard Meeting Minutes**

**12-16-2024**

**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 - Present
- Advisory Member - Greg Kain - E Present
- Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Absent
- Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Present
- Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present
- Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Excused
- Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

**Members Present**

Ravae O’Leary

**Agenda Items**

**Call to meeting to order: 5:33 pm**

**Key Takeaways**

- The board approved purchasing an annual subscription to Fathom AI for meeting note-taking at \$15/month paid annually.
- E-board elections will be held at the annual meeting during the Puyallup Sportsman's Show on January 30th
- The Guide Advisory Committee appears to be shifting away from limited entry and logbook enforcement, causing concern among WSGA members
- There are ongoing issues with the guide logbook app and enforcement, with mixed experiences reported across regions

**Financials**

- Checking account: \$24,000 as of December 1st
- PayPal balance: \$1,309.48
- Savings account balance to be confirmed and added to minutes later

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## **AI Note-Taking Software**

- Board approved purchasing annual subscription to Fathom AI for \$15/month
- Significant improvement in meeting note quality and time savings compared to manual note-taking
- Estimated 3.5-5 hours saved per meeting on note preparation

## **Membership Renewal Process**

- President to send out PayPal invoices for membership renewals within the week

## **E-Board Elections**

- To be held at annual meeting during Puyallup Sportsman's Show on January 30th
- Positions up for election: Doug Saint-Denis, Patrick Gaffney, Marc Bush, Cameron Black, Mark Coleman and Camrin Johnson
- Eligibility requirements reviewed: current professional member, active guide license, 2+ years active membership, endorsement by board member

## **Coastal Update**

- New rules and regulations in place for Southwest Washington
- Emergency rules causing some confusion due to 120-day limitation
- New director for Region 6: Chad Herring, described as level-headed and experienced

## **Guide Advisory Committee (GAC) Update**

- Shift away from limited entry and logbook enforcement noted
- Concern about potential dissolution of the committee
- Disappointment expressed over lack of progress on industry-proposed ideas

## **Logbook Issues**

- Inconsistent enforcement reported across regions
- Concerns raised about data accuracy and potential future use
- Discussion about pushing for removal of logbook laws if not being enforced

## **Yakima River Concerns**

- Red's Fly Shop considering suggesting one-fly only rule due to conservation concerns
- Debate over causes of fish mortality: handling vs. illegal gear use

## **Mobile Licensing Update**

- Move to mobile licensing for all anglers on hold due to vendor issues
- New vendor being sought after previous one couldn't provide working system

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:33pm

## **Next Steps**

- President to set up annual subscription for Fathom AI note-taking software
- Board members to notify president if not running for re-election
- President to send out membership renewal invoices
- Board to consider recognizing past board members with some type of award
- WSGA to explore partnering with OPGA on attending Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings
- President to discuss logbook enforcement and potential law changes with WDFW leadership
- January 13th meeting likely to be canceled in favor of annual meeting at sportsman's show
- Next meeting scheduled for January 30th at Puyallup Sportsman's Show