



Eboard Meeting Minutes

11-11-2024

Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present

Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Excused

Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Excused

Treasurer - Jon Blank - Excused

Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present

Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Excused

Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Absent

Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Absent

Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present

Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present

Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Absent

Meeting Purpose

To discuss WSGA business, including financials and issues.

Agenda Items

Call to meeting to order: 5:36pm

Financials Update

PayPal balance: \$1,309.48

Checking account: \$25,040.70

Savings account: \$11.99

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Tax-exempt status update

The association has regained its 501(c)6 tax-exempt status, but the attorney advised that transitioning to a 501(c)3 would be difficult due to the majority of funding coming from membership dues rather than sponsorships. The group discussed the pros and cons of pursuing 501(c)3 status and a political action committee, ultimately deciding the administrative burden is too high for the organization's current size and resources.

Membership renewal process

The group agreed to continue the successful approach of sending out membership renewal invoices in early December, with a cutoff date of end of January. This has resulted in a high renewal rate in previous years.

Sturgeon fishing proposal

Marc Bush proposed the idea of transitioning the sturgeon fishery to a tag/lottery system, rather than the current short open seasons. The group discussed the potential benefits and challenges of this approach, including enforcement, participation, and coordination with Oregon. They agreed to further discuss and refine the proposal offline.

Steelhead fishing season update

The group discussed the recent steelhead fishing town hall meetings, noting that while initial reports were positive, recent closures on certain rivers like the Hump and Chehalis were disappointing. They plan to get an update on the final season recommendations at the next town hall meeting on November 13th.

Recap and next steps

The group wrapped up the meeting, with the president noting he may need to reschedule the next meeting in early December due to a potential out-of-state trip. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and thanked the veterans for their service.

Meeting End: 6:25 pm