



FLY PAPER

December 2022

Looking Upstream

Dec	7	Tying at the Eagles 12-3p	Learn How to tie the Chernobyl Ant
Jan	5	WVFF Board Meeting	
Jan.	21	Banquet and General Meeting	
		Wenatchee Valley College - Van Tassell Hall	
Feb	2	WVFF Board Meeting	
Feb	16	General Meeting	Presenters are three NCW District Biologists reporting on water and fish situations around our area.
March	1	Quincy Lakes Opener	
April	1	WVFF Annual Dues Are Due	

December 15

General Meeting Wenatchee Eagles Lodge

Fly Tying *More on Pg. 2* 5:00p Wet Fly Hour 6:00p

Prime Rib Dinner 6:30p Your Program 7:30p

Annual Fish - Tell - Share



We do this every year and you're the presenter. This is your chance to show the membership what you did right in 2022, what you did wrong can stay home. Bring your Power Points, pictures, maps, flies or anything to show the rest of us how great you did. It's all good fun. It doesn't need to be glossy and professional you just need

to get up and tell us what you did that was fishy and fun this year. It can be five minutes or twenty minutes long, it's your call. *It's your time to shine*

WVFF Annual Banquet

Saturday January 21st 2023



Wenatchee Valley College - Van Tassell Hall

Raffle Donation Drop Off at 3:00 pm

Social Hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

No Host Wine/Beer Bar - Silent and Live Auctions

Beef Tenderloin Loaf and Either Salmon or Chicken Parmesan

Join Bruce and Tie the Copper John



We are continuing to revive an old WVFF function. Tying flies together so we can all learn. Tonight Bruce Merighi will be tying the Copper John nymph. It's a heavy fly that can imitate a variety of bugs. Stoneflies as well as Mayflies. We will stick him in a corner with a vice and see what he can come up with. He'll have plenty of material and a few extra vices for you to use. If you want to bring your own:

- #12-18 2x Standard dry hooks
- Dark Biots
- Copper Wire – Any color
- Peacock Herl
- Shellback material
- Grouse Feathers and Dark Thread
- Beads

November 3, 2022 WVFF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Invited:

Office	Name
President	Steve Aguilu
Vice President	Dan Hammond
Treasurer	John Richmond
Programs	Gary Anderson
Newsletter, Ed. Conservation	Bruce Merighi
Membership	Bruce Phillips
Ghillie	Wayne Steele
Outings	
Past President	Bob Bartlett
Secretary	Derek Corder

Virtual: Steve Aguilu, Dan Hammond, Gary Anderson, Bob Bartlett, Derek Corder, Bruce Merighi, John Richmond, Wayne Steele

Absent: Bruce Philips

Call to order: Steven Aguilu called meeting to order at 6:36pm.

October Board Meeting Minutes:

- Add Wenatchee River Institute to first line of Education Report
- Add Panhandle 4h Lake Camp to Education Report
- Add that approximately \$2500 remains for grants to Education Report
- Dan Hammond makes motion to accept minutes and John Richmond seconds, motion carries

President's Report:

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- Steve purchased a laptop from Best Buy. He tried out and found that it was not going to work for the club so he returned it.
 - Steve purchased another laptop from Costco. This one cost \$1099.99 the day Steve purchased it, but it dropped in price the next day to \$999.99. Steve contacted the seller, and the club will receive a \$100.00 refund. The purchase was tax exempt as it was purchased in Oregon.
 - Steve asked if the board wants to purchase a separate Microsoft 365 account or use his for now and change later? Bob Bartlett said that nonprofits can have their own version of 365 for about \$20 a year instead of using Steve's which costs about \$70.

- On the topic of the Nominating Committee, Steve confirmed that Scott Smith, Gordy West, John Murio were the chosen members.
- Steve opened discussion on purchasing items for the banquet auction. He mentioned the Far Bank Fly Fishing Club's Program. The board could purchase items from them at a 40% discount. Steve recommended that the club could pick up one Sage rod and reel as a high-end option for members to bid on. Sage has a lifetime guarantee and they run about \$600. Dan Hammond agreed that having a Sage rod/reel would be a great option for auction. Gary Anderson asked if the board could work with a local Fly Shop to offer a high-end fly rod/reel but let the winner pick which weight they want as not everyone is looking for the same thing in a new fly rod. Wayne Steele asked if the board could work with Red's Fly shop to get a certificate to make bidding easier? Steve cautioned that bidding might be better if we had a physical prize over a certificate. Bob Bartlett warned that the board may be jumping the gun a bit on this discussion. Steve clarified that he was just offering preliminary options and that he will do more research on options to send out to the auction committee.
- Bruce Merighi brought up that the storage unit very full and nothing has been put away. All board members should have keys. Steve said he will go down to rearrange and organize storage room and he may ask a couple other members to help. He will bring back items to raffle at member meetings to help get extra stuff out of storage. Tickets can be sold during social hour. Dan Hammond recommended that we put out notice before meeting that to be eligible for raffle, members must wear their name tag. Dan Hammond said that we need to make sure the meeting raffle will only take a minimal amount of time. Gary Anderson said that auction items could be put on table and winners came up to pick up whichever they want, first come first serve.
- Steve will send out materials for newsletter by Saturday.

Vice President's Report:

- Dan Hammond started the banquet discussion and said that looking at the current \$70/plate at the Country Club is prohibitive. Red Lion is no longer having banquets. The convention center charging \$88/plate. The Wenatchee Museum charges \$75 an hour and they have a kitchen for rent for \$75 a day. The museum has an excellent microphone and technical setup. John Murio contacted Scott Smith about a cheaper meal at the Country Club. Smith said there was a \$55/plate but with tax and gratuity is around \$71/plate. Dan Hammond said that with lasagna dinner at the museum we might be in the ballpark of getting \$40/plate but if the country club is charging \$375 for room and we can get a cheap meal then we may be able to make it work. Dan says we are running out of time to decide. Steve asked if the board could endorse a couple of alternatives to make it easier and if the board can subsidize the plates. In the past, the board has subsidized \$5-\$8/plate, but it would be nice to not have to subsidize. Steve said that a cost of mid 30s per plate is good figure to shoot for. Bob Bartlett said that \$46/plate sounds reasonable at country club. Dan Hammond will email options to Steve so a decision can be made quickly before deadline.

- Traditionally, the club has had about 80 people attend the banquet but that was also pre-covid. There are some members that said they will not come to this event out of concern for their health. Dan Hammond said that a minimum of 50 people will probably be acceptable for the country club.
- Steve said we need to start pushing presales. He noticed that people are not responding to email surveys so we may need to call. Dan Hammond said to split up the membership list and have each board member call about 9 people each. Gary Anderson cautioned that we need to be able to tell them cost of dinner before asking them to commit. Dan Hammond said wants to have the final numbers by next Tuesday.

Education Report:

- None discussed

Conservation Report:

- Bruce Merighi said that the study of Methow cutthroat is halfway through phase one. There will be a report before end of year. He said he will share the report with the general membership in the newsletter and website.

Website

- None

Treasurer's Report:

- The club has \$10,403 and the Community fund has \$6,348 for a total of \$16,752.
- Pending expenditures include the club's insurance for the year (\$800) and the price of the computer (\$999.99).

Outings Chair:

- Derek offered to help with Outings Chair responsibilities. Bob Bartlett is willing to be the Outings Chair again. Steve said that he can organize an ad hoc meeting between Bob, Steve, and Derek.
- Steve said he can put out announcements to the membership concerning positions for 2023 and he will also get on nominating committee members to get some names.

Membership Report:

- The club has two new members. Steve said he will check to see if they have paid yet.

Program Chair:

- Gary Anderson reminds the board that John Dietsch, author of Graced by Waters and Flyfishing Consultant for 'A River Runs Through It', will be the presenter on November 17th.
- Steve said he will send memo to members about signed copies of Graced by Waters and Shadowcasting. He will get two free copies for club and sell signed copies to members.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Derek will get minutes out by this weekend to board members.

Member Concerns:

- None

Adjournment Time: Steve Aguilu adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

Member Gary Anderson just watched a You Tube video that he wants to share with the membership. It's Called, 'Celebrating a River Runs Through It' Take a look, it's a great ten minute show at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzyzAXVBioY>

"There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home."

-Roderick Haig-Brown

Join us at the Eagles on Dec 7th 12-3p and tie the Chernobyl Ant



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