



FLY PAPER

December 2023

Looking Upstream

December	6	Noon Fly Tying a Stonefly Nymph with Dick Nicklas at the Eagles
December	21	Club Meeting / Members are Presenters
January	4	Board Meeting
January	20	WVFF Banquet & Election Meeting - Wenatchee Valley College
February	1	Board Meeting
February	15	Club Meeting / Presenter TBA
February 28 - March 27		Wenatchee River Institute, Leav. Wed. Eve Adult Fly Tying

Fish Tale – Share Night

You are the presenter tonight. It's your chance to show the membership what you did right in 2023. 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. Call Gary Anderson for details 509-670-6370.



Presidents Message December 2023

Fellow WVFF Members:

Our December meeting on December 21st is traditionally our time to share our fishing experiences with each other. Please bring your photos (preferably on a thumb drive) and stories, tall tales, and jokes. We will be glad to plug your thumb drive into our computer and project them on the screen and we will welcome you to narrate your pictures.

The dinner menu: Prime rib, baked small potatoes, roasted mixed vegetables and salad. Chad (Eagles manager) is working on the price (TBA). I will be e-mailing you soon to ask you whether-or-not you will be attending and how many persons in your party.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that we now have a full slate of Board candidates for 2024. The membership will vote on them during our annual banquet on January 20th.

Hope to see you at our December members' meeting with your pictures and stories.

Respectfully,

Dan Hammond WVFF President

A Cool Message from Loon

We believe in the importance of taking small steps for the long run—the imperfect, small, steady steps we take will add up. While we recognize there are big, nasty, hairy, complex problems facing our world. We also know that there are untold numbers of anglers, activists, guides, and fly shop employees who share our belief in the power of small steps. The Mayfly Project, Cast Hope, and Rising to the Fly are changing lives—one at a time—by developing relationships through fly fishing with underprivileged young people. Trout Unlimited and The Nature Conservancy are restoring streams, sometimes in large swaths, and sometimes one hole at a time. Fish For Garbage is removing tons of trash from fisheries by doing it the old-fashioned way: one piece at a time. Every one of these organizations is changing the world by steadily taking small steps. Trusting that our small, individual efforts will add up to effecting big changes requires faith and courage, and we are thankful for every person who has the courage to carry the mantle of stewardship in this way. If that is you, then thank you. Seriously, thank you. And please, keep it up!



WVFF Banquet January 21st 2024

Wenatchee Valley College Van Tassell Hall # 5015

5:00 – 9:00^{pm} * Door Prize * No Host Beer & Wine Bar * Raffle * Free Parking * Silent Auction * Short Live Auction

Order by January 10th = 10 Free Raffle Tickets

	Italian Seasoned Pork Tenderloin	\$35 Per Person		
Dinner Tickets	Chicken Marsala			
	Caesar Salad	No tickets sold at the event.	_____ @ \$35 =	\$ _____
	Roasted Potatoes & Stuffing			
	Vegetable Sautee & Rolls	Advance Sales Only		
	Pies & Cheesecake			
	\$1 each / 1-11 tickets		_____ Tickets =	\$ _____
Raffle Tickets	12 pk. for \$10	<i>Special Situation Ticket Sales sold at the event via Check Only</i>	_____ 12 Packs =	\$ _____
	or			
	25 pk. for \$20		_____ 25 Packs =	\$ _____
Drink Tickets	_____		_____ Drinks @ \$7 =	\$ _____
	\$7 a drink			
2024 Dues		\$35 per family		\$ _____
			Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

To ensure an early headcount please order your tickets early via one of these methods:

Online at: wenatcheevalleyflyfishers.com/members/purchase/ or

In Person at: December Club Meeting or

Mail this form to: WVFF P.O. Box 3687 Wenatchee WA 98807-3687

Daytime Eagles Fly Tying Sessions

All levels of fly tyers are welcome. Join us and pick up a few tying tips or teach us something.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays December – February

2023 WVFF Fisheries Conservation Grant Awards

Recently your board (see the minutes next month for details) held four separate votes to award four distinct grants to local organizations for the overarching purpose of improving the habitat for local fisheries. These grant awards will consume all but \$2,630 of the 2023 budget and will be carried over into the 2024 Conservation budget line.

Yakima R. Headwaters TU - Upper Teanaway Restoration Project \$2,000

WVFF award is funding to partially assist in their \$5,000 Beaver Dam Analog (BDA) Project in the Teanaway Community Forest on WDFW property on the Teanaway River. It is a large restoration project with collaboration of partners, and they are helping to fund the BDA component of the project.

Cascade Fisheries - 12 TDLs \$2,000

The Club awarded 12 Temperature Data Loggers for use in monitoring water temperature at their newly completed Merritt Oxbow project (in the side channel and oxbow) and at their Goodwin Side Channel Project, where they are collecting pre-implementation data. Over time, they will get used for a wide variety of projects.

Cascadia Conservation District - Non-Gas Small Tools \$2,000

We are giving them an Electric Pole Pruner (for faster branch weave collection), an Electric Chainsaw (for weave and wood additions to stream), a Battery and a Charger.

This equipment is their most critical unfunded small item needed by Cascadia CD. They predictably have equipment use restrictions in the field when the DNR initiates Fire Protection Levels that limit the tools they can use in the forest. Tool restrictions occur every summer so the lower fire risk from electric tools will allow CCD to continue their work during dry periods and accomplish more fish saving projects in a shorter period of time.

Wenatchee Division of T.U. Wenatchee-Entiat Beaver Project
Chainsaw Kit, PPE and Med Kit

\$945.94

The award will procure a chainsaw kit and medical kit that will be essential tools for their Wenatchee-Entiat River Beaver Project. The low-tech restoration projects that the Wenatchee Entiat Beaver Project implements for the betterment of fish often involves the installation of post assisted log structures. They require bucking sizeable logs into manageable pieces for use in restoration projects and in some cases, large, perched, logs need to be dropped into a stream to expedite the natural process of a downed log entering the aquatic system.



Our fly club is a member of Fly Fishers International and as such we can all enjoy the following online seminars focused on improving our fly tying techniques.

December 12, 2023

Sherry Steele, will highlight Hackle Handling Techniques and how to utilize and bend feathers before tying them to your hooks. The demonstration will be available online using Zoom.

Topic: Hackle Handling Techniques

Date: December 12th, 2023

Time: 5PM PT

At:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353315437?pwd=WUUyM0lvR2hEZ3MzTmdicHBPeHpjZz09>

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from November 28 through April 22 at 5PM PT their expert tiers will share their knowledge and guide you through essential techniques that will improve your precision, efficiency, and creativity in fly tying. Whether you're a seasoned tier or just starting, there's something valuable for everyone.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, share, and connect with fellow fly tying enthusiasts. Mark your calendars and spread the word! Stay tuned for more details. **#FFIFlyTyingTechniques**



November 2, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Present: Steve Aguilu, Dan Hammond, Bruce Merighi, Derek Corder, Gary Anderson, John Richmond, Bob Bartlett Absent: Bruce Phillips

Call to order: Time: 6:04pm

Special Session: 501 c (3) status

1. Our status has been by the State of Washington since May, 3, 2022
 - a. Do not seek any donations as a 501 (c) (3) until further notice.
 - b. Do we seek any donations at all?

2. Did any board members have prior knowledge of this situation?
 - Steve said as far as he knew everything was fine
 - Bob said Al said he was taking care of it and John said he thought Al had taken care of it.
 - The club's PO Box was listed as the contact address.
 - Gary said how would we have known.

3. Timeline report: Bruce Merighi
 - Bruce was just looking into the president issue when he started chatting with someone from the secretary of state.
 - Lost status back in 2018 and no one knew but someone did paperwork and fixed it.
 - We have 5 years to be reinstated from May 2022
 - At the moment, we are a corporation but not a 501c3.
 - Steve wanted to know how long it would take to get reinstated, but Bruce doesn't know, John said he saw that it could take 5 days to process a renewal
 - Dan wanted to know if this has any financial and/or legal ramifications for taking donations and running an auction without officially being a 501c3.
 - John said that he didn't receive anything about dissolution and thought Al was taking care of it.

4. How do we navigate a path forward from our present situation?
 - John said he doesn't know if there is a difference in time between being reinstated or if we have to start over completely.
 - Steve said we should reinstate as soon as possible and seek legal advice (motion) Bruce seconded; the vote was unanimous.
 - Steve said we may have to go back and track every penny.
 - Bruce wants to know if we should stop soliciting donations and Dan said we shouldn't as long as we are not an active 501c3, maybe we don't have an auction and just have a raffle.
 - Bruce said that we could sell banquet tickets but not sell raffle tickets to make sure we don't make much of a profit.
 - Steve said we can just have the banquet, be a fun night and forego a raffle.

- Bob said he already has donation letters out there so maybe see what happens, he also said that maybe we could have a speaker at the banquet instead of a raffle.
- Gary said that we could still accept personal donations to do a raffle or small auction, the banquet used to be for the spouses to have fun, had a special drawing for a door prize.

5. How do we report this situation to our membership?

- Dan said he could say something about this at the December meeting, but we still don't have an incoming president.
- Bruce said the report could be submitted in January.
- Derek said he could step up as president instead if no one else steps up, he has till the January to think about it.
- John said we should wait a little bit to tell the membership till we have more answers.
- John said in the future there needs to be a better handoff to make sure things don't fall through the cracks.
- Steve said that we could make a board access page for the website for information on the responsibilities of each role.
- Steve and Dan will work together to put a list of responsibilities for president and vice president.

6. At what point do we seek legal and/or tax advice?

- Steve and John said we need to seek an attorney.
- Dan said Clive contacted him and offered to help the board with questions, Dan recommends some of the board meets with him soon: Dan, Gary, Bob, John, Bruce, Derek (can be there if its on Monday), Steve wants to listen on the phone as possible.
- Dan also said we need to seek some kind of attorney for potential legal consequences.
- Bob said he knows some people who might be able to help.

7. Other

- We will still have a board meeting next week we will approve the Nov 2nd minutes, banquet minutes, and these special meeting minutes.
- Bruce said we should send an email to the membership that the banquet will not have an auction and it will be a social event.

Adjournment Time: 7:13 pm



Special Board Meeting Minutes – Banquet

November 13, 2023

Attending: Derek Corder, Dan Hammond, Gary Anderson, Bruce Phillips, Bruce Merighi, and Bob Bartlett

- We are going with a better dessert for the extra \$2.50, keep the banquet ticket cost at 35.
- Ordered extra table for John plus another 4-5 tables for raffle etc, we should be covered for tables.
- Gary Anderson said that Sherry said she will do decorations; club will purchase the flowers (150 last year so increase cost by at least 50).
- Ask people to purchase drinks and raffle tickets ahead of time, no refunds, maybe charge more for drinks the night of to encourage prepurchase.
- Perhaps have “no at the door” banquet tickets, only have preorder tickets.
- Signage- need better signage, Bruce Merighi can make stake signs to direct attendees, drop off parking signs, will need to speak to facilities to leave some rock salt in case of snow.
- We can use both entrances this year.
- Donation Letter: may need to trim down the letter, Bruce M will edit the letter to make it more direct.
- Bruce Phillips said that the Wenatchee Chamber is looking for a potential nonprofit of the year.
- Donations, Auction, Raffle:
 - We do not have an incoming president, we are running the risk of being dissolved, let’s have a short business meeting. Dan Hammond will make a short talk about what the president does, Bruce Phillips said he spoke with someone with a lot of experience that might be a possibility as president.
 - Bruce Merighi tabled the conservation chain saw donation for another meeting.
 - Gary Anderson asked if we could have a president pro-tem.
 - Dan Hammond said the other alternative is to be a social club instead.
 - Bugs and Brews had 28 young attendees.
 - Every individual needs their own number on their raffle tickets, there will need to be a table for the packets and pens for attendees to write with.
 - Perhaps, have a cut off time for donation drop off (2pm-4pm), late submissions may have to be added to next year’s raffle, have some people accept and hold on to donations a day or two ahead of time and then bring it to the banquet.
 - Runners: Dan Hammond said he will organize the runner crew
 - Online auction- no online auction.
 - Live auction- Dan Hammond said he will organize an auctioneer.
 - Silent auction- will hold silent auction as well.
 - Accepting card payments- will need to look into pricing for a card reader, maybe two.
 - Only accept card or check, no cash

Special Board Meetings Minutes - 501 c (3)

Dec. 4, 2023

Present: Dan Hamond, Bruce Merighi, Bruce Phillips, John Richmond (left at 1:50pm), Gary Anderson, Bob Bartlett, Derek Corder, Steve Aguilu (by phone), Fred Kuntzman

Meeting start: 12:30pm

No incoming president

- Can put temporarily vacant as a placeholder but we know what the timeframe to get one Bruce P said he doesn't think there is one and keep a record of us actively searching for a president.
- Fred said the vice president does fill in for the president so they can be listed as acting president, John has offered to help organize and lead meetings.
- Don said the board can appoint president pro-tem for needed paperwork and meetings.
- Dan said we should keep searching for a president, we don't have to go down the dissolution path.
- Gary's concern is that we have regular and consistent monthly meetings.
- Bruce M said we could take turns overseeing the meetings, Bruce P said the agenda stays pretty much the same, Dan said the President doesn't have to be an expert in flyfishing.
- Steve said we should approach the club in a positive manner.
- Dan said he was approached by a former member to act as president but he is not a current member.
- Todd Treat asked to talk about the president position.
- Invite the two potential presidents to either lunch or a board meeting.

Dissolution paperwork

- 5 years to be reinstated.
- There is a \$20 fee and application from the registered agent, need current budget to submit.
- John said there are glitches in the system currently, he said he could pay the fee and then be reimbursed by the club.
- Should be within 5 days of paperwork and fee being submitted.
- Don: giving input as a member and not an attorney, should be fine to continue fundraising
- Do we have tax liability for income 2022? No income tax on donations, club doesn't make more than the threshold of 50,000
- John said we do have insurance for errors and omissions,
- Dan wants to stress that no one on the board knew about this dissolution and we have not received any paperwork alerting us of being dissolved in 2022, Al was the registered agent at the time.
- Dan said we could tell the membership that we were temporarily dissolved but
- Don added: Notifications of dissolution were sent to the wrong address, so the board didn't know
- Bruce M added that we can say we are still recognized by the IRS as a charitable organization.

Should we even stay as a 501c3

- Should be a membership decision not solely a board decision
- Fred said we should gather as much information as we can to present to the membership and asked what can we do with the money we raise if we are no longer a 501c3
- Don said money from dues and donations are separate sources of income
- Fred suggested we could invest in a community foundation fund

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