



# FLY PAPER

November 2024

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## Looking Upstream

Nov. 21      **General Meeting** – Wenatchee Valley College  
Van Tassell Hall Cafe    6:00 – 9:00 pm  
See below for presenter details

Dec. 5      Board Zoom Meeting

Dec. 19      **Very Important General Meeting**

**FREE DINNER & ONE DRINK - FOR MEMBERS**

- **Eagles 6:00 - 9:00 pm**
- **Bring your best 2024 Fish Tales to share**
- **Vote on Bylaws revisions to revise our board**
- **Discuss a potential club 'meeting model' change**
- **Vote on Conservation Grant applications**

January 18      Banquet at Wenatchee Valley College  
Social Hour 5:00 / 6:00 Dinner

## November 21<sup>st</sup> Presentation Conservation Groups Grant Roundtable

Groups that have received conservation grants from our club over the years have offered to present at our November meeting. They'll enlighten us about how they have used the tools and equipment we awarded them. They will also give us their pitch for their 2024 Conservation Grant applications. They are the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, Cascadia Conservation District and the Wenatchee Office for Trout Unlimited.

# **BT's Fly Tying Friday**

## **The New 24 - 25 Season**

We plan to begin our FTF presentations on 1 November 2024 at 6 PM Mountain Time. That's the reason you are receiving this email. We hope you are willing to do a presentation or WEEKLY TIP for BT's Fly Tying Friday sometime during the coming season. Can you help? Maybe we should give you an idea what we are looking for.

Presentation: We are looking for an hour-long presentation covering 1 or 2 flies; whatever you can cover in an hour. If your presentation is longer then we need to know so we can "adjust" other parts of the program. In the past, we've had more than enough interest to balance the presentations with those willing to demonstrate. That said, unless something unforeseen happens, we'll have to limit each presenter to one session.

WEEKLY TIP: This part of the program is sharing a quick tip with the audience. We expect this section to take no more than 10 minutes. We'd like to have a different presenter for the tip than the person doing the main program. That doesn't have to be the case, but we'd like to use the "TIP" to give some other tiers experience in front of a camera. Of course, we'll continue to share tips we discover, or other people share with us so please send us your ideas. Who knows what could happen?!!!

This year, we are introducing a program called History on the Fly in which one of the Beattys along with Eric Austin and Jim Ferguson will take turns exploring fly-tying's rich past. That program will start on Friday, 11 October 2024 at 6 PM Mountain Time. It will remain a Friday evening program until 1 November 2024. After that date, we'll merge it into our Wednesday afternoon East vs. West (E-W) time slot where we will demonstrate Historical and/or E-W Patterns. Watch your email inbox for more information as that program develops.

If any tiers (or anyone) want help getting started with Zoom presentations, cameras, lighting, and sound; we are here to help. PLEASE let us know if you have any questions. We are glad to offer training programs based on our availability; no charge for future presenters. Contact us! Let's see what we can work out.

## **WVFF Board Meeting Minutes**

### **October 3, 2024**

Attendance: Present: Gary Anderson, Derek Corder, Dan Hammond, John Richmond,  
Tod Treat, Mike Wyant

Absent: Fred Kunzman, Bruce Merighi, Allan Warman

Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes (recorded by Mike Wyant)

Motion to Approve: Gary Second: Dan Vote: Unanimous

### **President's Report:**

Most of the meeting centered around a discussion of Dan's editorial that expressed concern about the future of the club. A few conclusions were reached.

- The Eagles is no longer a viable meeting location. As difficult as it is, a new venue must be found if the club plans to continue the monthly meeting format. John offered to look around for other venue options.
- The club's status as a 501(c)3 organization was discussed. John offered to talk with an attorney regarding requirements of maintaining that status in terms of board makeup.
- Several considerations were offered to board members to think about in preparation for further discussion about the status of the club:
  - A. How should the club manage the question of a meeting venue?
  - B. Can growing membership be done in the ways traditional to the club or will the club need to go a different route regarding membership?
  - C. How can the club build a sustainability plan to assure that the base of knowledge in the club (both on paper and what's in people's heads) isn't lost?

Tod concluded the discussion with a thoughtful question. How do you preserved and honor the history of an organization and transition to a new model that attracts new people?

### **Education Report:**

In the general discussion about the status of the club Gary reported that he thinks he can teach the Introduction to Fly Fishing class again in the spring but beyond that he is not certain he can continue.

Discussion about the club's extensive library (presently housed in a cabinet at the Eagles) resulted in the possibility of taking the very best of the books and offering them as a special collection at the Wenatchee Valley College library or perhaps at the North Central Regional Library. There was acknowledgement that most of the material in the club collection is rarely, if ever checked out by members. Fred relayed through Gary that he will not continue as Ghillie (librarian) in the coming year.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

John reported that the club has \$12,989 in the bank and \$8,738 in the community fund. He commented that the club is in good financial condition but he noted that the 30% reduction in membership will have a future impact on the budget.

## **Outings Report:**

Derek reported that he will be reaching out to the management of Big Twin Lakes Resort regarding plans for next year. He noted that club turnout for the Big Twin outing was pretty good, though not a lot of members stayed at the resort. In response to a question about participation at outings, Derek reported that there was a good turnout at the Quincy Lakes outing as well. He wasn't sure about the turnout at the Blue Lake outing as he couldn't attend. The same was true regarding the St. Joe River outing. He said some of the more spontaneous outings had had very little or no turnout. Derek reported that, in general, he is optimistic about the future of club outings.

## **Membership Report:**

No report.

## **Program Chair Report:**

Gary reported that the programs for October and November are set. He noted that the December program where members share stories and photos from the past year has not been particularly successful recently.

## **Old business:**

Banquet: Dan reported that he has 2 volunteers to pursue donations for the banquet. Typically there are 4 people doing that and he hopes to recruit 2 more helpers.

## **New business:**

Meeting venues for the next few months. Gary made a motion that the October meeting at Wenatchee Valley College will include an alcohol menu, regardless of additional cost to the club. A simultaneous second was offered by Dan and John. The motion received unanimous approval. Tod said he would follow up with the Eagles regarding the November meeting which should be on their calendar. Dan's editorial will be discussed with the general membership at the November meeting.

**Adjournment Time:** 8:27 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: John      Second: Gary      Vote: Unanimous

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