



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

2-8-2020

Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present

Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present

Secretary - Ryan Gausman - Present

Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present

Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present

Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present

Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Present

Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Present

Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present

Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present

Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Call Meeting to Order: 1753

Member Report: Doug Saint-Denis

Member report: 2 more renewed, currently at 40 active members in good standing

Treasurer’s Report: Jon Blank \$6761.43 in the bank, 839.80 in PayPal

Old Business: No old business?

Update on Coastal Steelhead Issues: Robert Kratzer

As of last week the fishery participation on the Quillayute system is down 86% from normal and the Hoh system fishery participation is down 84% from normal. This is due to the non-floating device closures. This causes economic harm to not only guides, but the hotels, restaurants, stores and other businesses in the area as well.

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There is a big discrepancy between the Sauk/Skagit rules and the Quillayute rules for the same basic fishery issues. The Sauk/Skagit system rules are much less restrictive. According to WDFW it's because they have more monitoring and enforcement available on the Sauk/Skagit system which is the driving force behind the different rules.

The guides groups have another meeting with the commission on February 19, they are still pushing for changes and reevaluation of the rules for the present and the future.

Amend By-Laws: Doug Saint-Denis –

The proposed amendment would require candidates for the executive board to have been members in good standing of the association for two years and to receive endorsement from a current board member. The intent is to ensure that the decision-making body of WSGA remains familiar with and committed to the standards, vision, and mission of WSGA. Two years involvement ensures that candidates have been a part of the association long enough to be thoroughly familiar with our purpose and activities and have demonstrated their commitment to being a part of the efforts of the association. This amendment would provide a way to protect the future efforts of WSGA by ensuring that informed, involved, committed candidates are on the executive board.

Camrin Johnson suggested that some provision be considered to selecting board candidates from all the regions of the state rather than possibly only a few regions. During the discussion that followed this suggestion if was brought out that the association membership is not currently spread across all regions of the state, even though that is the intent of the association, to represent all regions. Until we have enough membership growth that includes every region we cannot put a requirement like this into the bylaws.

There is currently an effort underway in the association, as part of our business plan, to identify regional directors in each region of the state who can represent the guides in their region to the board and to the association. This would allow input and communication from all guides in our state. The effort to recruit these directors is still in the works.

Doug moved that the new amendment language be developed and placed into the bylaws, Marc Bush seconded, the proposal passed unanimously.

Doug will develop the documents and language and send it out for final review.

Sponsor Plan: Cary Hoffman & Greg Kain –

Cary Hoffman has been speaking to some businesses recently regarding sponsor memberships. The feedback he has received is that we don't charge enough to make it worthwhile. \$100 is such a small amount that it hardly has any beneficial impact on the association when businesses join. We don't sound like we are serious about what we are trying to accomplish at that rate. Organizations who desire to attract funding to accomplish projects need to give businesses

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an idea of what it is they plan to use the funding for and there are businesses and organizations who are happy to contribute a lot of money to them.

It was suggested maybe we need to offer levels of contribution, ie. Bronze, silver, and gold, based upon the contribution amount an organization offers. Possibly the top level would have no number associated with it but would be unlimited.

Cameron Black suggested that it's easier to get business donations with documented goals to present.

It was decided that we should email "deliverables", those projects and efforts we'd like to engage in as an association, legal action, sponsoring studies, research, assisting other organizations, donations to other like causes, analysts, legislative action, etc. to Cary Hoggman and Greg Kain as a start to putting together an presentation for businesses who we wish to approach regarding Sponsor Memberships.

Greg and Cary will work on this.

Eric also commented that the companies who are our sponsors add credibility to our organization

Jon works with national corporations who contribute to sponsor quite a few organizations. His suggestion is that we not limit ourselves to small local sponsors like we have been doing but aim for large corporate sponsors. He added that it's important to have a plan to present. There is corporate sponsorship money available.

Update on WDFW Meeting Ellensburg: Ryan Gausman & Camrin Johnson

Camrin Johnson and Ryan Gausman met with the region 3 enforcement, fish program biologists, and lands manager from WDFW to discuss some of the questions and issues in the Yakima River area. Items discussed were more enforcement presence and feedback, some fish related issues such as trout mortality as a result of bait fishing for whitefish, silt and mud in the river from Cle Elum lake, litter cleanup projects and options, launch and access development.

It was a good meeting and all parties thought it would be good to make these meetings something that happens from time to time to keep the communications open.

For the good of the order:

Marc Bush asked if the coastal steelhead regulations took into consideration any ADA impacts. Bob said it came up in discussions with WDFW but their answer was essentially "sorry ADA is not our responsibility in this, they have other opportunities".

Marc also said that Representative Barkers contacted him regarding a study that WDFW spent \$500,000 on regarding the replacement of the Cowlitz salmon hatchery. He was asking for input on how Marc felt about the project. Marc will forward the email to the board for review.

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Mark Coleman: He called all members who had not renewed their membership. He spoke to about half, they were all supportive and said they intend to renew. He left messages to those who didn't answer his call. He also sent text messages to them as follow up. He also spoke to 5 of his clients who agreed to join as angler members and to share the text and link to the site with friends.

Mark also suggested that maybe we offer a lifetime membership option.

Mark suggested we make Mike Salazar and Donny Glazer, recently deceased Washington guides, honorary members. He made a motion that we do that, Doug seconded it, it passed unanimously.

Mark asked about the results of our poll to members regarding the proposal in Olympia to require Washington boater training cards for all non-motorized boats. Doug said a majority of members supported this. It also sounds like the bill will not pass so it won't be an issue.

Doug suggested we revisit the idea of regional directors for our association at our next meeting.

Close Meeting: 1904 hours

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