

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

March 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Western Whitewater Association was called to order by President John Bryant at 7:00 p.m.

There were 29 members present and no new members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jayne White. It was moved by Grady White to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Bill Davis. Motion passed

Debbie Thorsen gave the Treasurer's report. Jeff Higgins moved to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Grady White. Motion passed. Jeff Higgins moved that \$30,000 be moved into the money market account, seconded by Dave Horton. The motion passed. The money market account will have approximately \$198,670 in it.

OLD BUSINESS

Shay White reported on the Hells Canyon Recreation Committee meeting held at Eagle High School at the end of February. It was well attended with several WWA members in attendance. The grant that was written by the Forest Service to Idaho Parks and Recreation for Pittsburgh's Landing was discussed and the Recreation Resources Bureau Chief Dave Claycomb stated that he felt that the grant had a really great chance of being granted. The next meeting the HCRC will be held at Hells Canyon Dam. The Forest Service will be in attendance and show the committee what improvements need to be made and possibly how we can help get the docks back and to fix the ramp. Idaho Power will also attend this meeting.

Dave Horton asked about a timeline for the clean-up of Pittsburgh and how that will occur. Shay explained the grant money would be awarded at the beginning of the fiscal year July 2018 and the Forest Service has 2-3 years to use the money granted. We can also help out by volunteering to paint, spray weeds, and general clean-up and maintenance. The Forest Service is starting to look at volunteerism as a good thing and we will be able to help out.

There is a \$10 fee increase for Hells Canyon permits. This is coming straight from Reservation.gov and the Forest Service has no control over them. Reservation.gov is regulated out of Canada.

Bob Hayes gave an update on the Salmon River. He will be meeting with the Salmon valley Stewardship Collaborative on March 13, 2018. It is a work group and this is the first time the jet boat community has been allowed to join in. This group's focus is more toward recreation rather than maintaining the river and who the users are. There is a Need for Change Document and Draft Assessment report. The WWA group working on this is Bob Hays, Bill Davis and Rich Vaughn.

Chili Run Report: The annual Chili Run was held on 2/18/2018. The weather was beautiful, the wind, snow and hail held off just long enough to get off the water. The turnout was huge – 26 boats, 8 different chili's and many delicious side dishes and desserts. Thank you to Chet and Debbie Thorsen for chairing this event.

Brandi Moore reported on the Glenns Ferry Run scheduled for March 17. They are still looking for group leaders. Contact Jim or Brandi Moore or John Bryant if you can help out. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, please bring side dishes. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Salmon River Run will be April 19 – 20, 2018. Pre-pay to get your permit. Bill Dutton is the chair of this event. The Salmon River Races are that same weekend April 21 and 22. We still need a few safety boats. If you are interested please call Bob Hays or John Bryant. We will need two boats on Friday, April 20 for the test and tune on the river. Bob Hays is drafting a letter to the owners of the area by the old mill asking if the WWA can set up camp there for the weekend.

The Riggins Salmon River Races Fundraiser is this weekend March 17 if anyone can attend. Shay also reported that four of the fastest jet boats in the northwest will be at the races this year, Gord Humphrey, Canada, Ryan Rogers, Lewiston, Ross Shlotthauer, Post Falls, Chad Burns, Canada.

Jim McGarvin asked about getting permits for the Salmon River Run. Permits are not needed below Vinegar Creek, but you must have them above Chitum. To get permits go to Recreation.gov.

Shay White gave an update on the Emergency Backpack that was donated during the banquet by Jay and Sally Robert. Nadia Kayrr an emergency nurse in Caldwell put together a list of items needed in a really good emergency pack. Chet Thorsen will be checking to see what kind of costs he can get through his work. We would like to have the emergency pack for club runs using it like the water pumps and the satellite phone. We are also going to check on an AED.

NEW BUSINESS

Grady White asked the WWA if they would consider sponsoring the White Boyz Race team this year. They will be running all 3 Idaho races this year. The money would be used for fuel and parts. The White family would like to put the Western Whitewater Logo back on the boat. Craig Lindquist moved that the WWA sponsor the boys for \$500. It was seconded. More discussion took place Patty Davis amended the motion to change the amount to \$1000. Seconded by Craig Lindquist. Motion passed. If other racers want to come to a meeting and ask for a sponsorship they are welcome to do so. The White Boyz racing team is greatly appreciative of the donation from the WWA.

It was also brought to the club's attention that the guides around Riggins and Whitebird are not allowed to fish in the area from Spring Bar to Hammer Creek. Homer Brown would like to see if Fish and Game would meet with the guides to see if this can be changed. Shay White will try to speak with his contact at Idaho Fish and Game. We need the numbers of boats using this stretch of the river. At this time there are only 2 guide permits allowed in this section all others are private boater. Carl Norton pointed out that this would help with the Women in Bait program a lot.

It was suggested we invite Homer Brown to a meeting to speak to discuss how these changes would help the guiding community. It was moved by Jim McGarvin and seconded to table this discussion for another time.

A count of how many of our members will be Safety Boat Captains during the races. We need a complete list so their fuel can be reimbursed. Those who have stepped up are John Bryant, Brad Ford, Clyde Durham, Dave Horton, and Jim Moore.

SHOW AND TELL

John Bryant will take shirts and Sweatshirts to Glens Ferry.

Door prizes were given out.

Meeting adjourned @8:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jayne White