

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

April 9, 2018

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

There were 42 members present. We welcomed new member James Dobrowski.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jayne White. It was moved by Dave Horton to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Grady White. Motion Passed.

Debbie Thorsen gave the Treasurer's report. Dave Dickerson moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read and Shay White Seconded. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Shay White reported on the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative. The meeting was held at Hells Canyon Dam and the discussion included the handicap lift. The Forest Service wants it completely private or taken out. An example of private would be the guides monitoring the lift (example Mark Yates). Idaho Power attended this meeting and the entire Hells Canyon Dam facility was looked at. Licensing the dam is still an issue and Idaho Power is suing the State of Oregon. Regarding the docks at Hell Canyon Dam, the NEPA study has been done and the docks are ready. We are waiting for the Oregon Marine board to approve the money.

The discussion also included the RV Grant committee from Idaho Parks and Recreation. The HCRC will receive the grant for \$22, 618.00 to clean up the campground, repair the bathrooms, coverings at each campsite will be repaired. The water system will be repaired using the rest of the grant for \$126, 700. The next meeting for the HCRC is April 27 and then May 25 in Lewiston.

Jim and Brandi Moore reported on the Glens Ferry run. No hits, No errors and 20 plus boats attended. Thirty-five steaks were served. Great weather, except for the wind. Overall a good weekend.

Bill Dutton reported on the Salmon River run on April 19th and 20th. As of today, March 12, the water is at 16,400 CFS – it will still go up a little. Drivers meeting will be at 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. at Spring Bar. We need more boat captain leaders. Bill will hook-up anyone new to running the Salmon with an experienced boater. If the river goes above 20,000 CFS the run will be cancelled.

Jet boat races – camping in our usual spot at the Old Mill Site has become an issue. Victoria from the Salmon River Lodge wants the WWA to sign a contract to lease the area. We would be policing the entire area. We are not in the Camp Host business. The second option offered to us is the area across the road next to the Forest Service building. It will be available to WWA Safety Boats and members. Hopefully we will hear from Glenna by the end of the week. Island Bar is another possibility. There are 10 safety boats confirmed. Rodeo grounds might be a possible area to park. Dave Horton moved we decline the contract offered by the Salmon River Lodge completely. Seconded by Shay White and passed unanimously.

As a side note regarding the Salmon River run and Jet Boat that many people will want to stay at Spring Bar. Just remember it fills up fast.

New Business

The WWA took several of our military veteran up river last fall. They will be unable to do that trip this year and would like to do it during May. The dates are tentatively May 18-19-20. Team River Runner will keep the number of veterans to 16. We need a minimum of 8 boats. Homer Brown will be contacted to see if he can help out. Some of the veterans will want to fish and some will want to see the canyon. It will be big water at that time. It will be before the permit season starts. There is a possibility that Dale Bean from Lewiston might be interested. John will contact him. Veterans will provide a meal both on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Jim McGarvin is not sure if there will be a weed run this year. If you are interested contact Jim. It will probably happen before the May meeting.

Shay White reported that the Northwest River Runners are starting up again and would like to have a banquet similar to ours. The business out of Lewiston have always donated generously to our banquet maybe we could attend theirs and make some donations.

Shay and Grady White were asked about the Salmon River Races. There should be 4 Kit class boats, 3-4 FX class boats, 4-5 CX class boats, 1 A class and 1 -2 Unlimited boats.

No Show and Tell this week!

Door prize drawing was held and the meeting adjourned at 8:00.