

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

May 14, 2018

The general membership meeting was called to order by President John Bryant at 7:00 p.m.

There were 37 members present. New member present Ben Bernier.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jayne White. It was moved by Bob Hays to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Brandi Moore. Motion Passed.

Debbie Thorson gave the Treasurer's report. Tom Roach moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read seconded by Bill Dutton. Motion Passed.

Old Business

Shay White reported Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative met on April 27. There is an opportunity to volunteer May 31st – June 2nd to help clean up Pittsburgh Landing's campground. If you would like to help please call Shay. There are especially looking for people that are chainsaw and CPR trained.

Regarding paying Kelli Rosellini the HCRC has agreed to work with Clearwater RC&D to take care of the payments and make sure everyone is paid on time. They will also be instrumental in writing grants.

There was a very long discussion regarding the docks at Hells Canyon Dam. The Forest Service has given permission to put the docks in, but the window of time is July – September. The major hang up is the different fish runs. This also goes along with repairing the boat ramp at the dam.

Fred Knowlon from Idaho Power wants to be involved to in helping with these major constructions projects. He wants the needs of the people met not just the Forest Service.

Several questions were asked: What is the timeline the Forest Service is projecting for putting in the dock? Should we have a signed work agreement with the Forest Service? Shay will check into all of this at the May meeting of the HCRC.

Bob Hays reported on the Salmon River Committee and the Salmon River Plan. A needs assessment is being worked on by committee members Bill Davis, Rich Vaughn and Bob Hayes. The push is for more Wild and Scenic in the Salmon Challis Forest, the North Fork of the Salmon River and the Panther Creek. Panther Creek is a huge drainage area and is not a navigable section of the river.

Bob Hayes presented John Bryant with a beautiful hand-made gavel. Thank you Bob.

Bill Dutton reported on the Salmon River run. Thursday, April 19, twenty one boats were on the river and Friday, April 20, twenty-nine boats were on the river. There were not any huge mishaps just a few dings here and there.

Grady White reported on the Salmon River races. The White Boyz placed 3rd in the FX class and 6th overall for the weekend. One of the Canadian teams (Dirty Sanchez) sunk his boat twice. Ryan Rogers smashed the down-river record by 4 seconds. Huge thank you to Bob Hayes for chairing the Safety Boat

committee. Thank you to all of the Safety Boat captains for volunteering your boats and knowledge to helping out the racers. Next race will be Race the Joe in St. Maries on May 18 – 20.

New Business

Pittsburg Landing Veterans Run will be May 18-19-20. We need a minimum of 8 boats. They have limited the number of veterans that can participate to 16. Dinner will be provided both on Friday and Saturday nights. John Bryant is the chair of this event and 8 boats have agreed to help out.

Dennis Marguet has flyers to help out with planning this event. Boat captains will need to supply fishing equipment and life jackets. It was asked if it is possible to have the club donate some funds for gas to the boat captains. No motion was made in this regard.

No report or indication that there will be a Skills Day this year.

Payette River Run will possibly be on June 2nd. Dave Dickerson will get the word out through Facebook.

Debbie Thorsen brought up that we need an up-to-date web page. Our web page is out of date and extremely hard to use and to update. Debbie has found a Web Designer that would cost the club \$500 - \$700 for the initial set up and we would be able to run our own sight. Randy Clagg also did research on a Web Designer that would cost us around \$3000 and \$100 per month for maintenance. We need a list of items that are important to us. Bob Hays moved that a committee be formed to make a selection of a Web Designer that will meet our needs the best with a ceiling of \$3000 in the development stage. Seconded by Jeff Higgins. The committee will consist of Debbie Thorsen, Randy Clagg, Marc Claborn, Eddie Hymen, Dave Dickerson.

We would like the web page to move right along and be ready by September 1st, 2018. Debbie will contact everyone for a video conference.

Show and Tell

Brad Ford spent several days with some of the WWII Veterans from a restored PT Boat from World War II. The PT Boats were built to transport soldiers landing on the beaches and to take soldiers and their gear where the larger vessels could not go. Brad also said if you have the time it is well worth a trip to Portland, Oregon to see the beautiful restoration of this ship. He also asked if a letter could be written to thank the veterans not only for their service but for their hard work restoring this magnificent boat. If you are interested here is the website: www.savetheptboatinc.com/history.htm

Jim McGarvin reported on the Corncreek run with Heinz. He was truly impressed with the safety Heinz practices. Jim also said everyone had a really great time.

Door Prizes were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm