

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

August 13, 2018

General membership meeting was called to order by President-Elect Clyde Durham. Twenty-seven members present no new members. One guest was present, Russ Fulcher, running for the US House of Representative seat in Washington D.C.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 9, 2018 were read by Jayne White. It was moved by Grady White to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report was read by Debbie Thorson. Grady White moved we accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion was seconded and passed.

Our guest, Mr. Russ Fulcher, spoke to the group regarding his stand on recreation and wilderness areas. He also spoke on Health Care reform, Immigration, and land that is set aside for recreational purposes in Idaho. Russ pointed out to the group that 62% of Idaho's lands are owned by the federal government and only 8% is controlled by the State of Idaho. He believes that the stake holders should have a say regarding the management of all public lands. Federal land is at risk of being sold off. Russ would like to see our rivers and lands preserved for all future generations.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Hays gave a report on the North Fork of the Salmon River. Bob and Becky took a field trip on Thursday to cover the Custer county issues regarding the Salmon and on Friday continued their tour through Challis. Stopping at several campgrounds, Shoup Bridge and Williams trail to assess the recreational opportunities. They also saw Brian Dilenge who is now working for parks and recreation for the State of Idaho. They traveled under the new bridge and jet boats can get under this bridge. They also met with the writers of the travel plan for the North Fork of the Salmon which should benefit the jet boat community. They also were at the launch at Corn Creek. Be very careful if you want to launch a boat there very large boulders were put in at the bottom of the ramp and in low water you will knock out a pump or tear up the bottom of the boat. These boulders will be removed as soon as the water is lower.

Shay White reported on the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative (HCRC) receiving \$10,000 from the Idaho County commissioners. The HCRC will be able to spend this money on work that needs to be done at Pittsburgh Landing. If you have suggestions, please let Shay know what you would like the money to go toward. This money is not controlled by the Forest Service. Some concerns were expressed on whether we actually could use the money without Forest Service approval. Shay will check into that. Kelli Rosellini is setting up a website to help with the volunteering in Hells Canyon. Work will start in October and go thru November.

Debbie Thorson gave a report on the new website _____
Everyone can still review and make comments on what you want to see. Thanks to Debbie and crew we are up-to-date.

New Business

Confluence run: Dave Dickerson, John Bryant and Brandi Moore are chairing this event. We will need someone to pull up the BBQ to Pittsburgh. The run is on September 14, 15 and 16. The Northwest River Runners are going to join us at the confluence of the Salmon and Hells Canyon. They want to have the opportunity to meet with and get to know the WWA members.

It was reported that Dennis Marquette is holding a class in Hells Canyon regarding running the Snake. Bill Dutton will check on this activity with Dennis. It is not approved by the WWA.

Kudos to Dave Dickerson and his awesome job with Facebook. It was moved by Jeff Higgins that we give Dave hats and t-shirts as prizes on his quizzes on Facebook. Seconded by Grady White and the motion passed.

Moved to Adjourn at 8:10 by Dave Horton, seconded by Grady White.