

## **Western Whitewater Association**

General Membership Meeting

December 10, 2018

The general membership meeting of the Western Whitewater Association was called to order by President John Bryant. Thirty-one members were present. No new members.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 12, 2018 were read by Jayne White. It was moved by Shay White to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Bob Hays. Motion passed.

Debbie Thorson read the Treasurer's report. It was moved by Rick White to accept the report as read and seconded by Bill Davis. Motion passed. Debbie requested that we move some funds from the money market account to the checking account for the banquet. Shay White moved that we move \$5000 from the money market account to the checking account. Seconded by Richard Powell.

Election of Officers and Board, Nominations for Jet Boater of the Year and Silver Rock Award.

A motion to close the nominations was made and seconded. Motion passed. Ballots were passed out for voting and collected for tabulation.

### **Old Business**

Shay White reported on the current status of the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative. The HCRC meeting was held in Riggins on December 7, 2018. Congressional staff from Crapo, Risch, and Labrador were present as well as Tom Montoya, Wallowa-Whitman Forest Supervisor. This was one of the largest meetings for the HCRC. The Nez Perce forest will help with up keep on the Idaho side. Shay turned the floor over to Bill Davis who reported on his and Patty's experience at the meeting. Bill wanted to let everyone know what a great facilitator Kelli Rosellini is. The question came up regarding water at Pittsburgh Landing and the Forest Engineer state the bid process would start in March of 2019 and we should have water by the end of summer 2019. Bill also commented on the compliment David Claycomb (Idaho State Parks and Rec) gave regarding Shay White and the hard work he has put in to keep the HCRC moving. The group was also told that the only governmental group that must have an approval to accept a grant from the State Parks and Rec is the Forest Service. Tom Montoya assured the group that salaries and expenses does not come out to the grant. Next work party will be in March.

Bob Hays reported on the Salmon River Collaborative. There was a conference call during the first week of December and there is a site meeting in January regarding the Salmon. There will be a conference call on the Wild and Scenic designation next weekend (December 15, 2018). This will be regarding Panther Creek and North Fork River stream segments; Salmon Challis Forest roadless and wilderness two thirds are closed one third is open. The Salmon Challis forest service has been pretty sneaky about closing places by emergency closure but then backing off when called on it. Bob will keep up with all of the changes on the Salmon.

Craig Lindquist asked if we have the money to reimburse the people that are attending all of these extra meetings to keep our rivers open and useable. Bob will keep up with all of the changes on the Salmon. He was assured that both Shay and Bob are turning in receipts for gas and lodging.

The comment period will be extended for one more week on the fishing in Riggins. This is the comment period to NOA.

Banquet Meeting on December 17, 7:00 pm Debbie and Chet Thorson's shop. Please volunteer to help.

New Year's Day Run: John Bryant is in charge. January 1, 2019 launch at Celebration Park at 9:30 a.m. There is limited parking. We will toast the river gods and return to Celebration for hot dogs and burgers.

## New Business

Homer Brown has offered his boogie boat and trip from Riggins to Clarkston for \$1500. We would need to figure out hotel rooms. This is for the trip we sell during the banquet. Cost is to be determined. Time will be around mid to late June.

Donors for banquet list are available from Debbie Thorson and please pick up donation paperwork.

The counting firm of Horton, Clagg and Moore have finished the election count for the new officers and board of directors.

President -- Clyde Durham  
President Elect – Jeff Higgins  
Vice President -- John Bryant  
Secretary/Treasurer -- Debbie Thorson  
Board Members Richard Powell 2 years  
Jim Moore 2 years  
Dave Dickerson 2 years  
Bob Hays 1 year  
Bob Grey 1 year  
Randy Clagg 1 year  
Shay White Alternate

Jim McGarvin announced the Elks Winger Ball on January 12, 2019. Call Jim for tickets.

Bob and Becky Hays reported on the Riggins Jet Boaters Ball that is put on every December the Riggins Chamber of Commerce. There is always a band and auction items. Great event.

Door prizes drawn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully,  
Jayne White