

## **Western Whitewater Association**

General Membership Meeting

April 8, 2019

The general membership meeting of the Western Whitewater Association was called to order by President Clyde Durham. Thirty-seven members were present. One new member present Scott Mareman.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on March 11, 2019 were read by Jayne White. It was moved by Richard Powell to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by John Faw. Motion passed.

Debbie Thorson read the Treasurers Report which included an update on Banquet information. It was moved by Shay White to accept the report as read and seconded by Chet Thorson. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Clyde Durham announced that the chairs for the runs/events have a lot of extra work to do so we will be giving them gift cards to Texas Roadhouse for going the extra mile. Thanks go to John and Carey Bryant, Chet and Debbie Thorson and Jim and Brandi Moore for chairing events. Two new positions were created after the last run: Head Chef Dave Dickerson and Safety Inspector with welding helmet to Jim Moore.

Two issues came up during the Glens Ferry run:

- The BBQ needs some maintenance done to it for everyone's safety
- Blowing past boats that are parked on the bank. Proper river etiquette is to come off step when traveling past boats on the bank. All leaders need to go over that with the people that are following them.

Bill Davis, Bob Hays and Shay White met with Dirk from Fulcher's office regarding the Salmon-Challis forest issues and to discuss the HCRC and what the Western Whitewater Association stands for.

Shay White reported on the Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative meeting held on March 22 in LaGrande, Oregon. Dates will be set up for volunteer days in the canyon before the heavy season starts. The suggested dates are May 3, 4, & 5 and May 17, 18 & 19 at Pittsburgh Landing. The second set of dates is the same weekend as the Veterans Run – hopefully if the Forest Service sees how much the campground is being used it will jump start them into working with us in a friendlier manner. There will also be a meeting during the weekend of April 19 with a group going from Lewiston to Cache Creek. This during the Salmon River Races but the other members from the HCRC will be attending. The next meeting will be in May in Boise.

Shay also met with Sandra Mitchell about the Valley County water ways rules that the Valley County Commissioners are trying to get past the people on Cascade Lake and Lake Ponderosa in McCall. In a nutshell it will be \$1000 fine in you are not 1000 feet from the shore and wakes can only be 24" high. They are trying to get a no wake zone on all bodies of water in Valley County. Hearings are set for April 22 at the Legion Hall in Cascade and April 23 at the First National Bank in McCall 6:00 p.m. You may also e-mail the Valley County clerk as a club and as individuals.

Randy Clagg will contact Dick Byington's family regarding the WWA Donation to the Wounded Warriors Foundation. Bob Hays will do the same for Dick Bass's Family.

Bob Hayes reported on the Salmon Challis Forest Plan. Full Collaborative meeting with forest service. Desired future conditions Field Tour regarding fire is May 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a recreational sub committee as the forest service moves toward recreation rather than forest products. Suggest we pick up a newspaper at any of these small towns to see how things are being run.

Bob and Becky attended the fund raiser in March in Riggins and they are setting up contacts for the Riggins Races Campground. Bob also suggested the anyone preparing to safety boat during the races watch the safety video on cold water rescue from Idaho Parks and Rec. Please carry towels and blanket with you if you must get someone out of the water.

Salmon River Run – Chair Bill Dutton. Thursday is the pre-run, Friday is the club run. This water may be a bit more technical that what some are used to. Beginners can ride with others. Water level is suppose to be at 12,000 cfs. The downside to this is the water could be dirty. Lots of logs and sticks. You will need to pay the day use fee. \$4.00 per person per day on each boat. Both days meet at the Spring Bar ramp at 9:00 a.m.

We need several more safety boats 12 is ideal. Chamber will pay for the sweep boat's gas.

Skills Day below Hells Canyon Dam will be May 4<sup>th</sup> if the water is at the right level. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Hells Canyon Dam. Steak will be provided the evening before with breakfast on Sunday. Contact Randy Clagg.

#### New Business

Randy Clagg and Clyde Durham have come up with a cut-out of the WWA to bolt to the side of the handrails for others to see. Randy is putting together a proposal.

Veterans Run May 17, 18, & 19 will be chaired by Clyde and Bill Bolinski.

Jim Moore asked that the trays in the bottom of the BBQ be replaced or positioned better to catch the grease. The grills need to be re-enforced because they are warping. Bob Hays will build the trays. Jim Moore will coordinate with Bob to get the BBQ to him. Debbie suggested we collect the deposit when the BBQ is loaned out. Questions were raised on regarding liability. Burn ointment needs to be in the safety kits. We will be creating a procedure and release form to be used going forward.

John Faw has volunteered to be on the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Collaborative. This group was formed to fight to keep us on the Owyhee River and counteract the Owyhee monument. It is a very worthwhile cause and the group is rewriting the rules. John is working to get the jet boat community back on the Owyhee River.

There will be 3 trips from Shorts Bar to Lewiston this spring. Everyone will need to be flexible due to water levels.

Door Prizes were drawn, and meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully,  
Jayne White