

Western Whitewater Association
General Membership Meeting
September 9, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Clyde Durham at 7:00 p.m. There were 27 people in attendance. Guest Brian Dilenge from Idaho Parks and Recreations Salmon Challis Trails.

Reading of the minutes from the August 12 meeting were read by Jayne White. Dave Horton moved we accept the minutes as read. Seconded and passed.

Reading of the Treasurer's report by Debbie Thorson. Bob Hayes moved that we accept the Treasurer's report as read. Seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Jayne White reported on the HCRC in Shay's absence. Everything is a go for the week leading up to the Confluence run and the week after. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer for at least a few hours. Please direct any questions to Shay that you may have.

Jayne and Debbie Thorson reported on the races in Lewiston. The race was called after one leg due to the death of one of the racers. Debbie asked about the SAT 911 calls routing to Houston TX. There should be a list of all emergency phone numbers inside the case for all the counties that most of the rivers and lakes our members use. Debbie will check to be sure they are up-to-date.

Bob Hayes introduced Brian Dilenge from Idaho Parks and Recreation. Brian is the head of the trails system in the Salmon/Challis Forest. Brian reported on the Salmon Challis Forest plan and where it is as of September 9, 2019. Chris French from Washington D.C. has been to Idaho twice in one month to discuss the plan with the committee doing the revision. The plan has basically stopped moving forward it is dead. The combined forest plan will now be separated and the Challis plan will be updated and then the Salmon plan will be updated.

In 1998 the two forest plans were combined.

Challis has more mining and grazing rights.

Salmon is more wild and scenic.

Salmon is also going toward more recreational opportunities and off road vehicles and trails.

The main Salmon River is in the Frank Church Wilderness. Closures and rocks at the end of the Boat ramps...created a lot of discussion regarding serving the public appropriately. It is

Important to keep the roads open even if they become a trail.

With the slowdown and regrouping of the committee IDPR will try and bridge the gaps with the forest users. Bob Hayes will keep us posted on the changes and hopefully the jet boat community will be allowed more say in the next round of forest revisions.

Fiddle Creek update: The board of directors voted to give \$1000.00 to help Jim Rupp and the folks in the Fiddle Creek community. Clyde and Sabine delivered the check personally.

Valley County – No Wake Zone plan has come up again. Shay White reported that it is better written this time and Dave Horton felt it seemed to be a more reasonable plan than the first one. Courtesy is the key. There needs to be a specific set of guidelines. There are also environmental issues in the new plan. This is not just a problem in Valley County this is actually happening all over the United States.

Idaho Parks and Rec are currently filming a public service announcement called "Mind your Wake". There will be several of them for different water areas in Idaho. One from Coeur d' alene, one out of Valley County and one out of Lucky Peak. It also should be pointed out that it is all boaters' not just jet boats. We will have Parks and Recreation back to answer the questions regarding the enforcement issues and other issues we may have.

Confluence Run – Brandi Moore ordered the food. Sabine will be picking up the food and bringing it to Pittsburgh Landing. BBQ is already in White Bird and will need to be brought over the hill. A taco feed will be put on by the Shores on Thursday evening. The water pumps will be brought in by Shay and the first aid kits are ready and available. There will be a drawing for a fishing trip after the dinner on Saturday night. We are still looking for leaders for the trip down river to the Confluence. Please let Chet Thorson or John Bryant know if you can lead a group. If you help work on the bathrooms you will be allowed to camp for free. But you should try to put in an hour or two helping out.

New Business

It was suggested by Anita Shore that the club invest in a microphone so everyone can hear what is going on.

October 7, 2019 Board meeting at Clyde's shop – 6:30.

Hammer Creek Run will be October 26. Tom Roach is the Chair.

Drawing for door prizes -- Meeting adjourned by 8:15 p.m.