

Western Whitewater Association
General Membership Meeting
November 11, 2019

The WWA general membership meeting was called to order by President Clyde Durham at our new meeting place Fiesta Guadalajara in Nampa. We had 36 members present. No new members currently.

Minutes from the October 14 meeting were read by Jayne White. Tom Roach moved to amend the minutes to reflect that the date was October 14 rather than October 4 and to add the word financial after 2018 regarding the audit. Chet Thorsen seconded the motion and with the corrections made the minutes were passed as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was read by Debbie Thorsen. It was moved and seconded to accept the report as read.

Old Business:

Shay White reported on the progress of the HCRC and the Pittsburgh Landing water system. Shay has been in contact with the Congressional Staff for each of Idaho delegation. They will be trying to put pressure on the Forest Service to get the water system out to bid. Actual dates were given. Maybe we will see some progress. The HCRC will continue working on projects in the canyon. The WWA's financial contribution will be \$1200 for the 2020 year.

The next HCRC meeting will be December 14, 2019 at the Forest Service building in Riggins. Shay again thanked everyone that donated so many hours to the Pittsburgh Landing campsite clean-up and the restroom renovations. Many, many volunteer hours were put in on these projects and you are all greatly appreciated. Shay had one more thing to add the Hells Canyon Dam boat launch project has been approved by the Oregon State Marine Board. Hopefully that project will be underway very soon. At the board meeting it was suggested that a letter be sent to Tom Montoya Forest Supervisor for the Wallowa-Whitman Forest regarding the great work that Jeff Stein has done at Pittsburgh Landing.

Bob Hays reported on the Salmon-Challis National Forest Plan. The Salmon Valley Stewardship Collaborative (SVSC) planned revision has been pulled because 2 forests are involved, and they are looking at 2 different plans. We could be looking at 2 years longer for the revision. Bob also stated that the government is supposed to help with the funding of these collaboratives. There has been over 500 hours putting these plans together. Regarding the Wild and Scenic designations 9 segments or rivers qualified as Wild and Scenic none of them are navigable. All these segments are on the Middle Fork. Bob also shared with SVSC the boots on the ground model that is being used by the HCRC. Brian Dilenge will be investigating marine or water related projects that need to be done. We need to keep track of all the volunteer hours as best we can so that we have proof of use in both Hells Canyon and the Salmon River. We need to keep our presence out there.

We had a guest speaker Forest Service River Ranger Lisa Byers. She is on the Main Salmon from Corn Creek to Carey Creek. She is out of Slate Creek. Lisa met Bill and Anne Dutton on the river this summer and asked about jet boating, so they invited her to a meeting. She would like to understand the conflicts between jet boaters and the rafting community and hopefully minimize the negative interaction between the two groups. Lisa would like to educate both groups on river etiquette and safety through rapids and how jet boats maneuver. She asks everyone to consider the following questions and to e-mail her with any suggestions we may have regarding the following points:

- How should she do her job differently or how can she improve?
- How can we get information out to both groups?
- Provide her with all our misconceptions and boat safety practices.
- We need as much transparency as possible.

There will be some river clean-up events – Riggins and McCall BLM and Forest Service both groups a meet and greet.

It was also pointed out that there are different rules for different sections of the river. Lower Salmon vs Upper Salmon. Is there still an integrity rule?

Dave Dickerson reported on the elections for next month. Brandi Moore and Dave have contacted as many members as possible to encourage people to run for office and to become involved. The elections will be held at the next regular membership meeting on December 9, 2019.

Tom Roach reported on the Hammer Creek Run. There will be a carry over from this year to next year because there were no winners. Next year the event will be on October 24, 2020. We had 31 attend the run and 26 stayed for the dinner held at Skip and Sharon Bailey's in Riggins.

New Business:

Debbie Thorson showed the group the insulated mugs from Cordova Coolers that will be engraved with the WWA logo. This is a suggestion and she wanted the groups comments. Overwhelming approval for this new item.

We will ask Brandi to have more business cards printed to put on the tables at the banquet. The next banquet meeting will be at Fiesta Guadalajara on November 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Side notes: Still investigating setting up a scholarship fund for a high school student in our area of use. Chevron in Riggins has been bought by Jackson's so look for changes there.

Booth at the boat Show January 3-5 10 x 10 booth for free. Promoting responsible shared use on all bodies of water. Need volunteers and a video presentation. Emphasize user etiquette. Becky Hays is in charge.

Jim McGarvin mentioned the Elks dinner and dance on Saturday, November 16. See Jim for tickets and times.

Door Prizes drawn and meeting adjourned at 8:45.