

Western Whitewater Association  
General Membership Meeting  
December 9, 2019

The WWA general membership meeting was called to order by President Clyde Durham at Guadalajara in Nampa. We had 33 members present. No new members currently.

Minutes from the November 11, 2019 meeting were read by Jayne White. Shay White moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Richard Powell. Motion passed.

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 upcoming HCRC meeting that will be December 14, 2019 at the Forest Service building in Riggins. There will be a business meeting in the morning of the HCRC committee and in the afternoon the forest service will join the meeting along with the congressional representatives. Shay invited everyone to attend if they are available. The water system has been put on hold again. Apparently, they are looking for the right contractor. There was some discussion on bidding process and what is appropriate and miss use of funds. Shay will be contacting the Idaho Parks and Rec people.

Bob Hays reported on the Salmon Valley Stewardship Collaborative (SVSC) and gave a short clarification on the 9 segments of the recommended Wild and Scenic designation. Most of these rivers/creeks are not navigable. The next SVSC will meet in January. Bob also reminded everyone that Salmon Challis National Forest plan is divided because the Salmon Forest which is more wilderness designation and the Challis Forest that is more recreation/resource designation.

Financial Audit Committee will be meeting in January.

### **New Business**

Lisa Byers and Cody Fry from the forest service are working on improving the relationship between jet boaters and rafters. She has asked to use our WWA logo on her information packet. There was no objection to Lisa using the logo.

Bob and Becky Hays are creating a new pamphlet with the WWA information and boating guidelines.

Becky Hays is overseeing the sign-up for members to work the booth at the boat show on January 3 – 5. The boat show times are from 12 – 9 on Friday, 10 – 9 on Saturday and 10 – 6 on Sunday. Becky will have shifts available for everyone that wants to help. Members that are working will be able to get in free.

Jeff Higgins reported that the next banquet meeting will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> at Clyde Durham's shop and the first quarter board meeting will be on January 6 at Chet Thorson's shop.

Chet Thorson reported on the prizes for the sponsor tables this year. Cordova Coolers will be providing a smaller cooler with the WWA logo on the top. The cooler will be red with a gray lid. This is a made in Idaho product.

Jeff Higgins reported that we are having our signs prepared by CMYK Graphics. There will be new banners, banquet signs and game signs.

There are donations forms available. We encourage everyone to get as many donations as possible.

We have been told that there will be several members of the Northwest River Runners attending our banquet. Shay White commented on the fact that many of the Lewiston businesses contribute to our banquet and it would be a great gesture if we could donate a gun to their banquet through Sportsman's Warehouse. After some discussion Jeff Higgins moved that the WWA donate a \$600 Sportsman's Warehouse gift certificate to the Northwest River Runners Banquet. Seconded by Dave Horton motion passed.

Clyde Durham brought up the Veterans Run in Hells Canyon. Team River Runners would like to go May 15th, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We will table this discussion for the board meeting.

New Year's Day run will be on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Celebration Park with a BBQ to follow. The pre-run will be on Sunday, December 29 at 9:00 at Celebration Park. Clyde Durham is the chair of this event.

The WWA has been asked to write a letter in support of the Owyhee County Sheriff's office grant application to the Idaho Parks and Rec Waterways for a permanent restroom at the Black Sands boat ramp at CJ Strike Reservoir. Jeff Higgins moved we write the letter of support. Seconded by Shay White. Motion passed.

Letter of nomination for Jet Boater of the Year were read. Nominees are Richard Powell and David Dickerson.

Nomination for Silver Rock Award is Jeff Creel.

Elections were held for the 2020 WWA Board of Directors:

President: Jeff Higgins

President Elect: Clyde Durham

Vice President: Shay White

Secretary-Treasurer: Debbie Thorson

Board Members: Anne Dutton, Bill Davis, Marc Claborn 2-year term

Dave Dickerson, Jim Moore, Richard Powell 1-year term left

Bob Hays Alternate

Clyde Durham thanked our group for a great year. It was also recommended that we give Jeff Higgins a group hug.

Door Prizes drawn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully,

Jayne White