

Western Whitewater Association  
General Membership Meeting  
February 10, 2020

The WWA general membership meeting was called to order by President-Elect Clyde Durham at Guadalajara in Nampa. We had 30 members present.

Minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting were read by Jayne White. Richard Powell moved to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Shay White. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was read by Debbie Thorsen. It was moved by Shay White and seconded by Richard Powell to accept the report as read. Motion passed. Along with the treasurer's report Debbie gave a preliminary report on the banquet earnings. She is still reconciling all of the money and will report back to the banquet committee meeting. There was also a short discussion regarding getting a larger facility to host next year's banquet. Again, this discussion will be referred to the Banquet committee.

#### **Old Business:**

Shay White reported on the HCRC meeting held on January 17, 2020 in Lewiston. Completion date for the water system at Pittsburgh Landing is April 1, 2020. The HCRC has asked for the Wallowa Whitman Forest Service budget for 2020. Shay also reported that one of the long-time volunteers at Kirkwood has been terminated because of his association with the HCRC. Next meeting will be at the main Idaho Power Building in Boise on February 21, 2020 from 9:00 – 4:00 all are welcome. Topics to be discussed during this meeting will be Kirkwood and fixing up the picnic tables at Cache Creek as well as the fixing the dock and tree trimming. Tree trimming will help on the landing strip. The bridge at Kirkwood was to be fixed but there has to be a NEPA study finished before work can take place. This could be a 2-year process.

Hells Canyon Dam is going to be fixed during lower water levels from the end of June 2020 to the end of July 2020. Idaho Parks and Rec Bureau Chief Dave Claycomb is helping Idaho county submit a grant to resurface the parking lot at Pittsburgh Landing. Idaho County wants to help with the weed spraying at Pittsburgh Landing. The next HCRC meeting will be in Lewiston on Friday, January 17 with the Forest Service.

Bob Hays reported on the Salmon River Collaborative: The University of Idaho will be interviewing community members and their involvement with the Salmon River Forest plan.

#### **NEW Business and Guest Speakers:**

Dave Dahms explained the boundary waters issue regarding the safety test. You do not need a safety card if you are in a boundary water area. For example, if you put in at Hells Canyon dam, Lewiston or Pittsburgh Landing you do not need to take the test. If you boat the Owyhee Reservoir you will need your safety card for Oregon waters.

Idaho Fish and Wildlife Officer Tom Bassista is the representative for SOBA. States Organization of Boating Access is a nonprofit **organization** devoted to the acquisition, development and administration of public recreational **boating** facilities nationwide. ... To that end, SOBA has held an annual conference since 1986 to bring together the leading individuals and experts working to improve **boating access**. The 2020 SOBA conference will be held in Idaho in August of this year. One of the reasons he would like to connect with the WWA is our state is unique to jet boating. Tom would like to see us represented at this years conference to:

1. Talk about jetboating
2. As an advocacy group WWA can speak to the conflicts jet boating has during the heavy use times.

3. SOBA would also like to have the WWA create an event or field trip for one of the days the National group is here. Examples would be Lake Lowell, Spring Shores, Map Rock and Celebration Park. The only obstacle is the algae bloom and moss during the late summer.
4. The number of people going is approximately 100.

The story of SOBA is online at [SOBA.org](http://SOBA.org) for more information. We were reminded that this cannot be considered as a guided group. WWA members are not licensed as guides, but we can consider this an event. There will be more discussion at the next board meeting.

### **New Business**

Jeff and Melanie Higgins are in charge of the Chili run this year. The run is on Sunday, February 23. Pre-run will be on Saturday, February 22 at 9:30 at Celebration Park. We will have the competition at Rattle Snake or at Lizard Rock depending on which area is open. If you can be a leader let Jeff Higgins know.

Post Banquet Meeting will be at Clyde Durham's shop on Monday, February 17, at 6:30.

Northwest River runners Banquet will be Saturday, March 28, at the Elks in Lewiston. They have a block of rooms reserved for WWA members if you want to stay there. Discussion regarding a possible fun bus will be investigated. We must have a least 40 members going to make it worthwhile. Bob Hays will check into this.

Door Prizes drawn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jayne White

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