



## Washington Hunter Education Instructor's Association (WHEIA)

### Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2019

WDFW Building located at 1130 W. University Way, Ellensburg, WA. 98926

11:00am-2:00pm

**11:10am – Call meeting to Order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Introduction of Officers** Thomas Bryson, Bob Palmer, Kelly Kussman,

8-Members and 1-WDFW representative present

**President's report:** Thomas Bryson

**Membership Reports:** Lyle & Alice Lewis, Westside, WA.

**Treasurer's Report of Finances.** Read by Kelly Kussman

Accepted  Revised

**Secretary's Report:** Kelly Kussman

Review of previous meeting minutes.

Accepted  Revised

**WDFW Representative Report:** Aaron Garcia

**Committee Reports:** (No Active Committee currently)

### Old Business:

- a) WHEIA documentation
  - Officers working on assembling or rebuilding WHEIA association documents
  - Focus on documentation before event scheduling
  - Trailer use, inventory and check out policy and process also under update
  
- b) Website
  - Login and password information resides with President and Secretary

- Additional effort be put into updating the website and keeping it up-to-date.
- c) Social Media
- WHEIA Facebook administrator Jeff Bull contacted about potential change site administration to current officer,
    - i. No update on action.
- d) Logo
- Contacted Ed O’Leary about obtaining a digital copy of the log
    - i. Kelly will contact and purchase logo for association records.
- e) Insurance
- Research alternative insurance carriers.
    - i. Will research additional insurance carriers and options.
      - Contact National Wild Turkey Federation and Pheasants Forever.

**New Business:**

- a) State of WHEIA (Thomas Bryson)
- WHEIA officers, have been working since the March 2018 general meeting in Wenatchee to rebuild and refresh the Association.

There have been several changes in leadership over the past couple of years that have created some challenges with the continuity of knowledge and have impacted our ability to hold meetings as typically seen in the past. We as a board, have held several officer’s planning meetings so that we could prioritize and coordinate our rebuilding efforts. As with any volunteer organization, we have experienced some of our own setbacks, conflicts and growing pains. Part of our work planning for 2019 includes resuming and the local delivery of WHEIA general meetings. We are committed to deliver meetings on both sides of the Cascade Range.

- b) Meetings
- Frequency.
    - i. Running two meetings a month for January and February and cycling between Board of directors and General.
  - Regional Meetings and locations
    - i. East and West
  - February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting cancelled. Conflict with large NFL game...
- c) WDFW Updates

- Discussion about potential WDFW budget shortfall and impacts to existing programs.
  - Suggestion for WHEIA to attend local upcoming IST events and provide updates and presentation.
  - Looking for WHEIA's help to staff upcoming events
    - i. Moxee, WA. September 14, 2019
    - ii. Wenatchee, WA. September 21, 2019
    - iii. National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD), Tacoma Sportman's Club September 28, 2019.
- d) Bylaws, policies and procedures documents
- Time to review and update.
  - Officers to review these documents and provide suggestions at future board meeting.
- e) Newsletter
- Was suspended in 2017 due to limited volunteers and incoming funds
  - President Bryson working on a draft
  - Need to identify the members that wish a printed newsletter
- f) Scarves
- Price point for the sale of scarves.
    - i. Kelly to contact Kris Thorsen about NHFD needs.
  - Motion was approved to advertise the sale of scarves AT \$5.00 each.
  - How to advertise.
    - i. Advertise on web site and local area member meetings, and IST events.
- g) Need for additional volunteers to assist efforts in rebuilding WHEIA
- May start calling members based on profiles when joining or renewing
- h) House Bill 1346
- HB1346 bill about lead ammunition.
  - We suggest all members research HB1346 and contact your representatives and express your opinion.
- i) Dates for Next WHEIA meeting
- Membership meeting (west side) February 24, 2019
- WDFW Region 4 Office 16018 Mill Creek Boulevard  
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1541
- Board meeting March 3, 2019

Ellensburg area (TBD)

Membership meeting (east side) March 24, 2019

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Meeting Adjourned t 1335 Hours