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President's Message

The older we get it seems like the Holidays come rushing into our lives like a sudden gust of wind. Speaking of wind, I hope those of you who lost power last month are all back to normal. I lost power for a couple of days which helped to remind me how dependent we become on things we often take for granted. The holidays should be a time of good tidings and cheer. For some that is not necessarily the case. We have established a charity donation for the Domestic Violence Service in Everett, Washington. Last year we donated a good portion of toys for the kids that live in these transitional housing units. We also give them a financial donation. Unfortunately, this year we missed the mark for the toy collection which is Dec. 6th . I guess next year we should start collecting toys in early October. Not all is lost as we are going to provide \$1,500.00 in gift card donations at \$25.00 apiece which will be for the purchase of food. Of course, if there is anyone reading this message that feels compelled to jump on the donation wagon please feel free to designate a financial contribution to this cause. Food is the one common denominator that we all need. For the cost of one box of ammunition, approximately \$25.00, we can provide the ammunition (food) we all need in the form of a gift card. Please consider making a contribution.

Last month in November we held a special member's meeting to go over and discuss the ramifications of the new set of bylaws we intend to bring up for final vote of the members

at our meeting in January 2025. One of the most obvious aspects of the new bylaws is that we are going to have to ramp up membership involvement when it comes to volunteering time and talent to committee work. In brief a member might be asked to sit on the financial audit. Or in the case of safety violation a committee would be put together to investigate and review the matter to make recommendations to the board for action. There will be various committees that will be put together to work on policies in how we will operate going forward. The stark reality is that while we are a club we are also simultaneously running a business. As with everything else the level of competition continues to increase for the recreational dollar. I have often felt that we have undersold ourselves. There are few ranges that offer the diversity of activity that we possess. Especially when you consider the beauty of our wooded wonderland. Couple this with the proximity we are to major metropolitan areas, our facility is pretty hard to beat.

That brings up another milestone that we can celebrate this year. In 2025 the range will celebrate 80 years of existence. I for one feel that is cause for a real celebration. I have brought this up with current board members and everyone agrees we ought to have a down right good time event. If anyone has some good ideas or wants to chair a volunteer committee to put something together regarding this anniversary, please let us know.

We have one more thing for your consideration. Before we know it we will have an election for the board of director's as well as executive positions on the board. Please give some thoughtful consideration to running for the board. I will soon canvass the standing board members to see who intends to run again and who will not be running. As some of you already know I will be stepping down to begin the next step in my life, called in my case, retirement. I hope after the bylaws are enacted and approved by the membership we will publish the number of positions for consideration. Think about it, here your chance to become a big shot for no pay. Actually, what I have found is the people on the board do it for a greater cause. They do it because they love the club and the activities we enjoy and want to see it go on for another 80 years. That is a pretty noble aspiration the way I see things.

Lastly, I want to thank all our employees and volunteers for all you do to maintain a safe and fun environment for us all and Happy Holidays.

Muzzle control is a paramount activity at all times.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you have something for the newsletter, send it in to secretary@wcwshootingsports.org. Our deadline each month is the 25th, but the earlier the better. Other members would be glad to find out what is going on and attend or even participate in one of our events.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

When you join the club, or when you renew your membership, you get a new membership badge. To reduce losses in the mail, we will have them ready for you to pick up in the rifle office.

If your badge doesn't have your special use on it, and it should, that means it has expired and needs to be renewed. Check the club calendar for the next special use classroom session and sign up to attend to get that renewal.

DECEMBER COMING EVENTS

1 December – Swap Meet
1 December – Shotgun Multiplex
2 December – Member's Night shotgun shoot
4 December – Club board meeting
Each Thursday – Indoor Pistol League
Each Friday – Junior Rifle
5, 19 December – Rifle/Pistol SP Use Class
6, 15 December – New Member Orientation
7 December – Appleseed Scout event
7, 14 December – Junior Shotgun League
7 December – Rimfire Benchrest Match
14, 15 December – NRA Basic Pistol class
15 December – Pistol Special Use range
16 December – Member's Night shotgun
16 December – Shotgun Committee meeting
21 December – Centerfire benchrest match
21 December – Home Firearms Safety class
22 December – Rifle special use range
23 December – Rifle/Pistol Cmte meeting
25 December – Closed for Christmas
28 December – ARA rimfire match
28 December – Trap Fundamentals
28, 29 December – Basic Rifle class

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Thirteen new members attended our club orientations in October. We are glad you are part of our club!

Do you have skills that would help here at the club? There are lots of volunteer opportunities if you would like to help support the activities you enjoy.

Contact a committee chair for more information, or contact me at secretary@wcwshootingsports.org.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership is still growing, let your friends know the benefits of joining us. Membership is a good deal, we offer facilities and shooting opportunities that are hard to find locally. Some of these are only open to members.

Our individual membership costs \$297.00, and the family membership is only \$386.10, and each requires a \$200.00 initiation fee. We still waive the Initiation fee for military, law enforcement and first responders. New members can join us online, at <https://www.wcwshootingsports.org/new-membership/>

CALENDAR UPDATE

Don't forget to check our calendar for updates and changes before coming out to shoot.

Our calendar is updated frequently, and should be a good guide to what is open and available. Save a wasted trip, and take a look before coming. Or, check in when you arrive. The range you need may be available earlier than you expect.

If you would like to see what is going on in the club, and get a look at what may be coming in the future, everyone is welcome to attend our board meetings and committee meetings. We hope to see more members at our meetings.

WCW SPECIAL USE TRAINING

We are adding more pistol special use range sessions to the calendar, and the special use classroom sessions will be scheduled at separate times.

For December, this means that we will have special use classroom sessions on the 5th and the 19th, but the pistol special use range training will be in the morning of the 15th. The rifle special use range session will be on the 22^d.

We will keep working to offer the most flexible dates we can schedule. Contact Dave at wcpistol@gmail.com for questions or comments.

RIFLE AND PISTOL SPECIAL USE MEMBERS

Please remember to sign up and attend a Special Use classroom session before your special use expires. Expiration dates are printed on the back of your badge. Check the club calendar for classroom dates.

LAST SWAP MEET OF THE YEAR

We have one more swap meet this year. The date is Sunday, 1 December. It's not too late to plan to attend, or bring something to sell! December will be in time for Christmas!

Make plans to drop in and look around, you might find what you have been looking for. Or, this might be your chance to find a buyer for that item that has been gathering dust in your closet. Bring it in, find a buyer.

The public is welcome, bring your friends!

Any questions please call Ted Hudlow at 425-353-0042.

ARCHERY UPDATE

Aaron bid for and won the State 3D tournament for us.

Our website says we are only open from 9am to dusk. Archery is open later and winter hours are here. Archery Special Use hours are still 6am to 10pm. Make sure to get your Archery Special Use sign off and a gate key to be on the grounds after public hours. If you need Archery Special Use, Gabe gives the presentation on most Wednesday nights 6–8. Just contact Gabe to let me know you are coming. Note: The upper flat range does have lights so you can shoot when it is dark outside. There is a group of archers that are meeting on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6pm in the clubhouse. They are practicing indoor shoots and talking archery. All are welcome. We have experienced archers who can assist you in shooting and tuning.

Come join us!

KENMORE RANGE RIMFIRE MATCH FOR NOVEMBER 2024

There were 30 contestants in this month's match with five competitors in the Expert Division, ten in the Sharpshooter Division, eight in the Marksman Division and seven in the Rifleman Division.

Relay One Expert Division Target One: Keith Wilson placed first with a score of 248 5X. Matt Daly finished second at 238 2X and Ernie Snyder placed third at 237 5X. Target Two: Keith Wilson placed first again first again with a score of 247 6X, Ernie Snyder was second with a score of 244 4X and Reed Thorkildsen placed third at 243 7X.

Relay One Sharpshooter Division: Target One. Bryan Schremp placed first with a score of 243 4X. Kathryn Koehler came in second at 240 5X with Jason Pahlman placing third at 238 1X. Target Two: Kathryn Koehler was first at 244 4X with Stephen Goodwin second at 242 0X and Jason Pahlman placing third at 241 5X.

Relay Two Marksman Division: Target One. G.D. was first at 238 3X with Jae Chung in second at 234 1X. Bill Ritchie placed third at 233 1X. Target Two: Nathan Hood placed first at 236 3X with Jae Chung in second at 235 4X and G.D. finishing third at 234 2X.

Relay Three Rifleman Division: Target One. Steve Lee was first at 228 3X with Ben Brinley in second at 226 2X. Yong Choi was third at 218 3X. Target Two: Steve Lee was first again at 231 3X with Yong Choi in second at 225 1X. Ben Brinkley was third at 212 0X.

Bill Ritchie and G.D. were promoted to the Sharpshooter Division for the December match.

The scores are posted under the Events tab on the range website.

Contact me if you have any questions about this match.

Matt Daly | Match Director
matt5404@frontier.com

- MEMBERS -

If you are able to support your range with volunteer time, please complete this short survey and let us know how you can help.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQHMZD3>

CLASSES, WE HAVE CLASSES

Do you know someone who is looking for basic firearms training? We have NRA certified classes here almost every weekend.

These classes are designed to introduce newcomers to shooting in a safe and welcoming atmosphere.

When the weather is warmer, we have our First Steps Shotgun class on the first Saturday of the month. This is an introduction to shotgun use and basic trap shooting

Basic Pistol is scheduled on the second weekend of each month. Our students learn the fundamentals of both revolvers and semi-automatic pistols.

Home Firearms Safety class is held on the third Saturday of each month. This class is a non-shooting class, covering safe handling of all types of firearms.

Basic Rifle is set for the fourth weekend of the month, using bolt-action rifles. We cover the basics, as well as a bit of position shooting.

Our instructors have recently started offering Metallic Cartridge Reloading classes, usually on the third Sunday of the month.

As well as this lineup of basic courses, we also teach two sessions a year of NRA certified instructor courses. This is for those who have experience in shooting, and would like to learn how to present that experience to new shooters.

You can find these classes on our calendar at [Calendar – WCW Shooting Sports](#), and on the NRA website at [Search for Courses | NRA Training](#)

SAFARI PRESENTATION

We have scheduled a presentation from an African safari operator, Brian Suddaby Safaris, on Monday, 3 February in our clubhouse. If you missed seeing him last year, this is your chance to see what a safari is about.

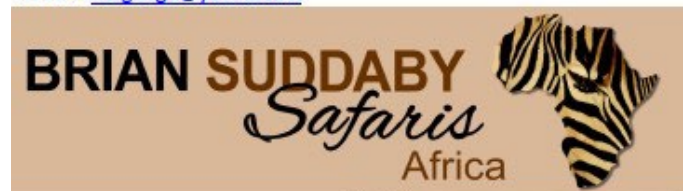
Dreaming About Going on an African Safari?

African Safari Outfitter, Brian Suddaby, will share everything you need to know to get ready for the trip of a lifetime!

Monday, February 3d

6:00 pm WCW Clubhouse

WCW member, Greg Burke, hunted with Brian in 2019, 2022, and in 2024. Contact Greg with any questions or to RSVP at 253-318-1568, or email at magoogb@yahoo.com



SAFETY REMINDER

We had an incident a while back when a shooter had a squib load in their rifle, and blew up their gun. You can see the flame coming out of their magazine on the video, and the side of the receiver was blown off. Item 10 in our Rifle Range safety rules, item 11 in the Pistol Range safety rules, and item 5 in the Shotgun safety rules all require the use of eye and ear protection.

Don't forget your safety equipment!

PROJECT APPLESEED REPORT

Here's a report on the last Appleseed event of the year, on 16 November, from the Appleseed Shoot Boss, Ian Borchert.

What an event! Fourteen very eager shooters joined us for our final two-day event at the WCW Shoot Sports range, some shooters new, others returning with more friends. Faced with an early sunset and reduced shooting light, this group was incredibly efficient and clearly wanted to send as many rounds as possible downrange. They wasted no time in putting up impressive sighter groups while enduring the chill of the weekend. Not quite Winterseed conditions but getting close. We don't often complete an AQT on Saturday with time to spare but this group listened well and absorbed instruction like a sponge to make it happen! Mark W was our first Rifleman of the event with a score of 210 on Saturday and he proved again on Sunday this was not a fluke with re-qualifying scores of 217 and 221.

On Sunday review went by quickly, none of this was new to these shooters at this point. They were ready for more drills, AQTs, and moving with such a purpose I was starting to think we'd run out of the planned drills and would have to come up with new ones on the fly! Isabella scored 222, Josh 240, Michael J 216, Ben H 215, Chris 226, and Joe finished with a 211 on the last AQT of the weekend after previous attempts had gotten him as close as 208. For all these shooters it was their first time achieving Rifleman. Everyone else was incredibly close, multiple shooters in the 200+ range but not quite able to reach the Rifleman qualification before daylight told us it was time to wrap up. With consistent dryfire, fine-tuning of the steady hold factors, practice maintaining a comfortable and stable position, and acquiring NPOA quickly, I have no doubts every shooter who was at this event will earn themselves a path. Thank you for an excellent finish to 2024 and excited to see you back in 2025!



PLEASE DONATE!

Donations accepted year-round of **USABLE SINGLE SPEED BIKES AND TRIKES** to be distributed to children of domestically abused women of Snohomish County. Drop off your bikes and trikes in front of the chalet anytime and a club volunteer will deliver them to the Women's Shelter.

(Good condition only please.)



NOVEMBER 2024 BENCHREST CENTERFIRE MATCH REPORT

There were seventeen contestants in this month's 300-yard benchrest match with ten contestants in the Sharpshooter Division and seven in the Expert Division. The weather conditions featured very calm winds with five competitors shooting scores of 400 or higher.

Match 1 Expert Division: Jeff Locke placed first with a score of 103 with Parker Letson and Ernie Snyder tied for second at 101. Sharpshooter Division: Christian Eckhoff placed first with a score of 100. Bill Rice was second with a score of 99. Tim Turner and Bill Pettersen tied for third with scores of 97.

Match 2 Expert Division: Jeff Locke was first with a score of 105. Rob Noges and Parker Letson tied for second at 103. Sharpshooter Division: Troy Rice was first with a score with a score of 98. Bill Rice was second at 97 with John Kimbrough placed third at 96.

Match 3 Expert Division: Parker Letson finished first with a score of 102. Jeff Locke, Rob Noges, and Larry Wright tied for second with scores of 101. Sharpshooter Division: Christian Eckhoff was first with a score of 100. Bill Rice placed second with a score of 98 and Troy Rice was third with a score of 97.

Match 4 Expert Division: Ernie Snyder was first with a score of 104. Larry Wright was second with a score of 103 and Jeff Locke placed third at 102. Sharpshooter Division: Bill Rice and John Kimbrough tied for first place with scores of 99. Matt Daly and Christian Eckhoff tied for third with scores of 96.

The winner of the Expert Division was Jeff Locke finishing with a total score of 411. Parker Letson was second at 407 with Ernie Snyder third with a score of 407. The winner of the Sharpshooter Division was Bill Rice with a score of 393. Christian Eckhoff was second with a score of 389 and Troy Rice was third with a score of 385.



For information on this match contact Matt Daly matt5404@frontier.

WCW BOARD MEETING MINUTES –

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by
President Joe Rinaldi.

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Gabe Shank (Vice President)
Dave Rusko (2 nd Vice President)
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding
Secretary)
John Sutton (Trustee Chairman)
Dave Levinson (2 Year Trustee)
Scott Ray (Trustee)

Absent board members:

Patty Woolley (Trustee Elect)
Aaron Morales (Trustee)
Gary Webster (past President)

Committee Leads and Facilities Manager present at meeting:

Robert Haverstock – Facility Manager
Martin Morehouse – Rifle
Gabe Shank – Archery
Dave Rusko – Handgun

Guests:

Bill Miele
Ian Borchert

Guest topics:

Bill Miele presented.
Bill wanted to make sure we use the same document in all locations. He also wanted to make sure we follow document control. We discussed making sure it is clear when we make changes and know which document is correct. Dale suggested putting the revision in the filename. He also suggested putting the name of the document in the footer. Dave R. brought up that we do not deal with ages 21 through 26 in the new bylaws. Dave L. and Bill M. suggested we include that type of information in our policy book instead of the by-laws. We

discussed how the committees would work. Non-directors can be in committees. We will need to recruit people to participate in our committees. Scott asked if there is a chart that shows how many committees there will be and how many people need to have on each committee. The information is in the by-laws. So, one can be drawn up. Ian Borchert presented.

He came as a representative of Project Appleseed. He came to ask if anyone had any questions about Project Appleseed. He briefly shared a little about the program. There are some events they would like to put on the calendar and have been working with Martin. Martin said there are no calendar conflicts.

Committee reports:

Notes from the committee reports that were presented before, during and after the board meeting are below.

Archery report:

The following content was provided by Gabe Shank and was shared outside of the board meeting.

Aaron mentioned we bid and won the State 3D tournament.

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Handgun Report:

The following content was provided by Dave Rusko and was shared outside the board meeting.

Bullseye Pistol league has requested relocation of the steel targets on the pistol range. They have concerns about damage to the turning target mechanism. Researching additional protections or alternative locations.

Failed air compressor repair on Range 3 in progress. Will be repaired after the Bulls-Eye league moves into the Clubhouse for the winter. Temporary compressor in place and continues to service Range 3 reliably.

Air pistol shooters with fixed air tanks have been observed performing refilling off the firing line and in violation of the no firearms handling behind the firing line policy. A temporary electrical connection to permit refilling on the firing line has been put in place. A permanent electrical solution to be planned. The Pistol Rules policy has been updated and signage is being created. Steve Read will be assuming the position of Event coordinator for the Bullseye Pistol league program.

No members obtained Pistol Special Use in October 2024.

We had 14 new members attend the October 2024 New Member Orientation (NMO) classes.

November 2024 NMO scheduled 1-November and 16-November.

Rifle Report:

The following content was provided by Martin Morehouse and was shared outside of the board meeting.

A member asked if we could have a lower cost membership for out of state members. Martin will collect more information to share with the board.

Martin shared an update on all the discipline problems from last month. He talked to all the members involved and they all were receptive to our feedback and apologized. No further action will be taken.

Rifle matches for the coming month are Rimfire Benchrest on 2 November, NRA Highpower on 3 November, ARA Rimfire

on 9 November, and Centerfire Benchrest match on 16 November. The Junior Rifle group will also have IERPA postal matches on 3, 10, and 17 November.

Our next NRA Basic Rifle Class is on 23 – 24 November 2024.

Indoor smallbore practice is on the calendar on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 PM. See me for more information.

There were three members in attendance at the last committee meeting.

Ten members attended the rifle special use classes in October. The November Rifle Special Use range session is on the 24th. Project Appleseed has proposed their planned events for 2025. They don't appear to conflict with any of our regular scheduled matches or classes.

We replaced firing pin springs on six of our Savage Mark II NRA class rifles, and it looks like they are working better. We will also be storing them uncocked, to reduce compression fatigue in the springs.

We are looking into improved mounting methods for our steel targets on Range 1, as well as additional targets. Plan to try a series of smaller targets and several mounting methods to see if they work better than the existing rubber straps. This will be about \$200 to add about ten more targets to the range.

We need to set a date in April or May for lead reclamation and bullet trap maintenance in the clubhouse. Need to plan on using some air chisels to break up the lead for removal, as we had to use hand chisels before. The lead tends to compact over time.

Shotgun Report:

The following content was provided by Fred Harmon and was shared outside of the board meeting.

We had a short meeting with 3 members present. There were a few things brought up. We should put updated placards placed in the clubhouse that specify the exact information and format for calling EMS in the event of an incident. This should include the address, and the specific information to be relayed to the 911 operator to insure expedient response.

We may wish to consider moving the defibrillator to the clubhouse area, as there is always a possibility that an incident may occur during a Members Night, when the office area, where it is currently located, is locked. After discussing this, it was suggested that we discuss with the board, moving the AED to a location similar to the rifle range.

We should establish a group of members who are regulars at Members Night who have a list of contacts if an incident occurs and make an emergency packet that has forms and contact info if an incident occurs. Kind of a "in case of emergency, break glass" type kit.

Otherwise, things are going well. We have had some talk about some 5-Stand Fundamentals. I have talked with Gary, who is excited about it, and suggested some instructors. Tim Lave talked with us, and he would consider instructing after the first of the year, as he has other commitments at this time. Setting up a scheduled time for Doubles practice has gotten some interest. This would allow people to practice for the Multiplexes, as we can do 16yd and Handicap without any changes to the traps and would give others a chance to give Doubles a try and find they enjoy it. I discussed the idea with Dave Rusko of creating a webpage or video that explains the shotgun range and its offerings. We could show the rules, New Shooter Orientation for first time users, the 16yd Trap, Continental, Doubles and our Fundamentals class offerings. If we can produce a good format, we could look at using it as a "best practice" and consider making similar ones for our other programs. If we can get people excited and know what to expect, we could attract more shooters. We should focus on the diversity of age, sex and cultures who are welcomed into the club and the comradery of the members, which makes it a social group, and more than just a place to shoot.

Manager's Report:

Robert Haverstock presented.
Dave Carter from white flyer called and there is a sale on clays. The deal was so good, Robert purchased 6 pallets. He ordered earlier than our original plan because of the savings. Robert will be figuring out where to store them.
Having problems with heaters in the clubhouse. Robert had the heaters serviced. The starter is going bad on one. He would like to replace the starter in both. He will get an estimate this week.
They completed the employee reviews and plans for wages.
Robert is getting a lot of texts and calls early in the morning. Robert asked that people do not call him until after 8am.
Two rentals of our club have been requested. One is shotgun and that one is okay. The other renter wants to do rifle and pistol. They want to draw from holster and want to shoot standing up. They don't have insurance. Robert said we should not rent to the second group. The board agreed.
Joe mentioned we have some maintenance problems. Our employees don't have the experience and knowledge to handle the maintenance themselves. Joe believes we need to find a maintenance supervisor.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Maggiora presented.
They finalized the budgeting for employees. WaFed promo board is up. They will keep it up through November.
Range income down but sales are up. Net revenue is slightly better than this time last year

Trustees Report:

John Sutton presented.
Dave L. said Carson got the Bobcat running again. So, we don't need to purchase a new one.
Scott said the shotguns we have for training are not suitable for the sport. They are not good for Continental and 5 stand. We need to get the correct over and under shotguns for youth. We should purchase three average guns and two smaller ones. We discussed it.

John S. said he would be happy to head up finding these. Joe suggested we ask the membership if they have any they would be willing to donate. John S. will send Martin information on what to send membership in an email asking for shotguns.

Old Business:

Asphalt patching of driveway completed. Range 4 containment wall materials received. Construction to proceed as time and availability permits.

Dave R. reported on the decking in front of the office. Planet Builders LLC provided a quote. They said it will cost \$35,000+tax. It will have steel railing and Trex decking. They will change the steps into ramps. It will be a 3-week project after the permit is approved. No safe way to keep the office open during the construction. Dave R. suggested we rent a small rental unit to run the office out of. Dave R. said he did not have them give us an estimate for the small roof next to the office. Dave L. suggested we have them bid that too and we just have them do it all. Dave R. will investigate it. They can start 2 weeks from signing the contract. We will pay at the end of the job. Dave L. moved we approve this. Martin M. seconded. Passed.

New Business:

Chalet parking widening is completed. Dave R. asked if we allow public shooters to train other public shooters on our ranges and charge the student a fee WITHOUT the trainer having a signed agreement with the range? The board said no.

Dave R. asked if we would be collecting food for the domestic violence organization we support. Joe said we should. Joe said we usually give them a donation too. Dave R. will reach out to them to coordinate. Nextdoor app has a WCW Inc. page on it. Dave R. asked if we should shut it down. The board said yes. Dave R. will work with Martin to shut it down.

Richard Ripley has a lot of responsibilities outside of WCW training, so he is going to stop running our training programs. Dave R. and Martin will work as co-chairs for our training. Dave R. would like to send a direct

email to the members to ask what they want. Dave R. has a videography who will do drone footage for us. They will shoot the video and help do what we need. \$75/hour. Dave R. estimated it would be 10 hours of work. Dave R. asked if he could move forward. Joe R. suggested we wait until the weather is better. The board thought Dave R. should move forward. Dave R. would like to look into purchasing a couple tablets at \$150 apiece for people to fill out waivers instead of the paper waivers. The board said that is fine.

For the Good of the Order:

Joe R. said we are turning 80 next year. Joe thought we should do something.

Dave Levinson moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Martin Morehouse seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.

**WCW SPECIAL MEMBER'S MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by
President Joe Rinaldi.

Member count (excluding board members):
12

Board member count: 8

Present board members:

Joe Rinaldi (President)
Dave Rusko (2 nd Vice President)
Joe Maggiora (Treasurer)
Dale Sieg (Recording Secretary)
John Sutton (Trustee Chairman)
Patty Woolley (Trustee Elect)
Dave Levinson (2yr Trustee)
Scott Ray (Trustee)

Excused board members:

Gabe Shank (Vice President)
Martin Morehouse (Corresponding Secretary)
Aaron Morales (Trustee)
Gary Webster (past President)

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Joe Rinaldi asked how many members read the new bylaws. He said the purpose of this meeting is to get their thoughts on what we have done with the bylaws and get your approval to move forward.

Joe said the new bylaws give the board more autonomy. This allows the board to have more flexibility to do more without membership approval. This also increases the involvement of the members in the committees. The committees are used to get things done at the club. It used to be that board members just did everything. We want more involvement from membership.

Bill Miele said another reason we did this is to comply with Washington state law. Our current bylaws are outdated. We also improved transparency to the membership particularly related to our finances.

Compliance with the by-laws and state laws. A member asked what we will see differently with finance transparency. Bill said there is a finance committee that will develop our annual budget. Financial reports will be issued more frequently.

There will also be an audit committee. The audit results will be reported to members on a quarterly basis. We will make sure there are no conflicts of interest.

There will be a policy book for the board that will be posted.

A member asked if there will be two boards because of the 501c3. Joe R. said we discovered we will not need two boards.

Patty asked what we do if we don't have enough volunteers for the committees? Will the bylaws be void? Bill said the thought is there will be enough people to volunteer.

The commitments will not be as significant as they have been in the past. Bill also said

the positions can be filled with all board members. If this is a continuous pattern, we can change the bylaws as long as we stay in compliance with state laws. We discussed this a little further.

A member had a concern that the Conduct Committee could prevent someone from becoming a member. Dave L. said we would need to follow our policies. We won't be able to say someone cannot be a member because we don't like the person. Bill mentioned our policies will need to comply with state law. If the individual complies with our policies, they can be a member.

Joe asked people to raise their hand if they believe they will approve the new bylaws in January. All members raised their hands. We talked a little more about the benefits of the new by-laws.

Dave Levinson suggested we have a motion to table the vote for the new by-laws until the January Membership meeting. Ken Deleone moved to follow Dave Levinson's suggestion. Joe Rinaldi seconded. Passed.

For the Good of the Order:

None

Dave Rusko moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Patty Woolley seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Sieg,
Recording Secretary.