

9th Annual Conference
Association of Washington State PFDs
Ocean Shores Convention Center
Meeting Notes
April 28th, 2014

Welcome and logistics - Bob Crumpacker GHPFD
Welcome - OS Mayor Crystal Dingler

AWSPFD Business meeting - Mick McDowell, Chair

PFD Introductions - All PFD Representatives – 15 of 24 PFDs represented
History, Overview, website

Mick reviewed meeting history and need for united assembly of PFDs.

Nominating Committee Report- Betty/Russ/Mike

Russ Shipleet has left the PNW. Nominating Committee may replace his position.

Betty will handle the coin toss for current positions.

Financial Report/ Kevin

Reviewed. Comment that about 1/3 of the PFDs are not active.

Financial activity report attached

2015 Conference Location/Vancouver-Kelly Sills is the host
Confirmed.

The Future of Washington PFD's – Jim Hedrick

Summary of Responses to PFD Survey and questionnaire.

Current Law, Legislation, Conclusions, Next Steps, etc.

Slide deck on AWSPFD web site

Need to do a better job of quantifying impact on State economy.

Planning for post termination of state sales tax rebate needs to be well defined.

Discussion of next steps.

Change the model?

Coordinate with City/County requests?

Panel Discussion on Local Option PFD Sales Tax – KT filling in for GD

Kevin Twohig / Spokane PFD – Spokane CC, INB PAC, Spokane VM Arena

Nick Bacon / Asotin PFD – Asotin Aquatic and Fitness Center

John Givens / Tri-Cities PFD – Kennewick, Benton County, Richland, Pasco PFDs – TC Regional PFD formed 2011

Discussion of approaches taken in each community, election campaigns, state auditor requirements, lodging tax used for operations

Washington Tourism Alliance Update - Jane Kilburn

Jane provided background on the WTA and the need for tourism funding that is not being provided by the State. WA is losing market share to other states that have better funding. New legislation enables WTA to develop a self-funding model via private industry assessment. Lots of discussion regarding marketing WA.

Legislative Round-up with Group Discussion - Jim Hedrick

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What the legislature did and did not do in the 2014 session. 2015 preview. Budget Outlook, Revenue Outlook, PFD Legislation, Elections.

Discussion evolved around different approaches to passing the legislative extension and the value of a state-wide economic impact analysis.

Action Item: Mick requested Board approval to have the Ex Comm develop the methodology to study the economic impact of the PFDs specifically to the State and circulate to the Board for comment. Heads nodded.

Meeting adjourned