

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 14, 2023 Meeting Number 11

Present: Barbara Berman, Barbara Brandt, Christine Denneler, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Becky Strickland

Absent: Paul Beatty, Kathy Billman, Kevin Drevik, Maura Mawn, Frank Pearce, Eloise Williams

Previous Minutes

November's minutes were circulated via email and approved.

President's Comments – Joe Fabian

Led a nice Christmas Hike to see lights and have been getting on the Fitness Hikes. Enjoyed the Holiday Soup Hike – did the 10 Mile led by Mark Silverstein. Chris Dennler did a great job organizing all the food, and she acknowledged her elves, Ro, Diane, Marty and Debbie. Last month Joe had tech issues and was unable to acknowledge members by sight so apologize if anyone was missed.

Treasurer's Report November 2023 – Mark Liabile

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 2,852.12	
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$ (500.00)</u>	\$ 2,352.12
TD Bank Internet Account	\$ 6,156.82	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 6,156.82
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 10,668.26	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	\$ 18,161.27
Certificate of Deposit (4.25%)		\$30,435.50
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 57,105.71
Retained Earnings from Prior Years		\$63,825.95
Net Income (loss)		<u>(\$ 6,720.24)</u>
Retained Earnings		<u>\$57,105.71</u>

November was a good month, low activity for expenses. \$500 donation for PPA-the check has been cut (Ro received a thank you from them). The CD continues to grow it comes due next month and may look at increasing the amount for another year since there are no large expenditures expected for the coming year. Will check in next month. The Tax Return has been submitted.

Approved as circulated online for November.

November Membership Report – Ro Mason

NOVEMBER		PAST MONTHS
940 Single	New 42	Oct 1501
442 Family	Lapsed 57	Sept 1502
61 Qualified Leaders	Checks 4	Aug 1510
31 Lifetime		
16 Board Members		
1490 Total		

A dip in membership, as people must be returning to work. As some drop, still getting new members though. Seeing some north/central jersey addresses

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

Frank not available, but kayaking is slowing down for the season. Ro mentioned Ira’s upcoming Winter Solstice trip – mentioned members must have a pfd and drysuit.

Hiking – Becky Strickland

64 hikes in November with 27 Leaders. 654 YTD through November.

Update on reports of people being left behind – shared information on trail tips for leaders and asked that trips have clear information on paces.

Cycling – Paul Beatty – via email

For November: 24 rides across 11 leaders

YTD: 328 rides across 28 leaders

There have been no submitted injury reports for bicycling for 2023 for club rides, which I hope will continue in the future.

As of today, I expect there to be ~15 qualified leaders for the year. 3 of the leaders are 'net new' qualified leaders, which is a good trend. The final list will be provided after the end of the year.

Discussion around requests to not combine C/C+ Rides – to be continued next month.

Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik – Not available

No report but will pick up again around April.

Cross Country Skiing – Barbara Brandt

Trips are filling up and there are a few new-to-skiing members, even on the younger-side. Also getting some volunteers for potential last-minute snow-day local trips if/when they happen.

Barb is planning a combined hike/XC Skiing Clinic – stay tuned.

Washington Crossing Park will be holding a XC Ski Clinic and the information is posted on the XC section of the Clubs website. Also information around rental locations

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

20/23 people helping out each Tuesday. Have worked on 14 miles of the Batona in the last 8 week – clipping, painting and replaced 6 Mile Markers. Also worked in FPP, brush cutting and replacing foot bridges. Ro and Diane also replaced blazes on the Yellow and Blue Trails

Planning a combined Wharton State Park Staff/OCSJ Trail Work Day for the MLK Holiday.

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Fund Requests – None

Old Business

Family Memberships – Barbara Brandt made a proposal to have Family Memberships defined as 2 adults in the same household/address and their children under 18. Seconded by Barbara Berman. Approved

Holiday Hike – everyone had a good time. 4 hikes were held at different paces. Name tags were a success

New Business

Barbara Brandt would like an OCSJ banner for events, more discussion around getting new Banners for each of the Activity Members for promotion.

Leaders Banquet – Barbara Berman – a Save the Date for March 24, 2024 will be sent out in January. Barbara looking to past volunteer, Kirsten Fesco to help with centerpieces and database.

WHYY Diverse Database Request – Barbara Berman

Request from the Newswork Community Engagement Calendar for addition to their Source Database. The information is supposed to be only available for the WHYY Reporter members. Everyone agreed we could use more promotion if this is what the intention is. Barb will get back to him and find out what he is looking for.

Zoom Issues – Barbara Berman and Mark Laible

Issue again trying to access our Zoom Account – determined that some account holders are listed as “basic” and only allotted 40 minutes, while the one license holder has unlimited minute allotments. Barbara Berman will now hold the license account which Mark will transfer to other members when she is unavailable, or when requested for things like Leader Meetings. There is 2-factor authentication attached to the account. Mark has written instructions on how to manage the use.

Tabled for next Month – Back-ups for Members

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Barbara Berman seconded by Barbara Brandt. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Vicky Gordon, Recording Secretary

President - Joe Fabian