

## MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 13, 2023 Meeting Number 4

\*VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING\*

**Present:** Paul Beatty, Barb Berman, Christine Denneler, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Maura Mawn, Frank Pearce, Becky Strickland, Eloise Williams

**Absent:** Kathy Billman, Barbara Brandt, Kevin Drevik, Fran Horn

**Guests:** Dave Robinson

### Previous Minutes

March's minutes were circulated via email.

### President's Comments – Joe Fabian

Adding Leader's Banquet and Picnic to the agenda. Hope everyone got out, it's really nice outside

### Treasurer's Report March 31, 2023 – Mark Laible

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 8,716.09	
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 8,716.09
TD Bank Internet Account	\$ 30,566.29	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$30,566.29
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 25,789.21	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 33,257.22
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 72,539.60
Deposits	Cape May Trip	(15,497.00)
	White Mountain	1,800.00
	2024 Leaders Luncheon	<u>500.00</u>
		(13,197.00)
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$ 59,342.60</u>
Cash Retained Earnings from 10/1/22		\$69,949.77
Net Income (loss)		<u>( 10,607.17)</u>

Retained Earnings

\$59,342.60

Notes: Leaders Banquet updated to be \$5400, previous amount did not include mailing of the gifts. Mark mentioned that more should probably be budgeted for next year due to rising prices. Expected expenses include the club picnic and Wild Apricot. The amounts affecting Balance Sheet amount include the Cape May Trip deposits and the Mt Washington trip deposit being paid back by participants.

Motion to approve by Doug, seconded by Chris. Unanimous approval.

### **Membership Report – Ro Mason**

March Numbers:

992 Single Accounts  
466 Family Accounts  
31 Lifetime (Joe Hummell added)  
61 2022 Qualified leaders  
16 Board members (Kevin Carlin resigned)

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1566

February total : 1562

83 Non renewals - Three are rejoining  
57 New accounts  
4 Checks

Notes: Lost some, gained some. Today's total is 1570. Most members who joined during Covid have stayed on.

### **Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce**

Already had 4 trips in April. Water levels so far have been good. One upcoming trip has a lot of participants, plan is to cap the event and divide into 2 groups. Future trips will be capped at 15.

### **Hiking – Becky Strickland**

No count for the March but held a lot of hikes. Someone fell on one hike and an incident report was filed, they are ok and even went to work the next day. Al had cancelled a lot of his hikes and some members were worried, but he has been checked on and is ok.

### **Cycling – Paul Beatty**

71 rides YTD. Weeknight rides have started due to longer daylight. There was a ride with 21 people and split it up into 2 rides for safety. Will tend to add another leader if there is a waitlist so everyone can get in. Paul led 2 rides and rode today.

### **Cross Country Skiing –Barb for Barbara Brandt**

No real information to share except that plans are being made. Kevin Carlin is doing a scouting trip in Colorado for a potential XC ski trip there.

### **Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik not present**

1<sup>st</sup> backpacking trip of the season this weekend.

### **Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason**

Team filled 6 holes on the Batona Trail created by beavers, using donated bricks and cinder blocks and filled sand bags. Working in Franklin Parker adding 10 signposts, footbridges. Also working on weekends with the NJ DEP at Friendship Bogs new trail. Planned for 7 miles to link up with Tulpehoken Trail. Trying to fit it all in since just 8 weeks left of Trailwork on Tuesdays planned.

### **Fund Requests**

Barb motion for deposit for Leaders Banquet for next year, already put in deposit and Mark has the receipt.

Doug motion for \$2,000 for Club Picnic but Mark noted already part of budget so already approved. Doug will make purchases and get reimbursed.

*At this point in the meeting, guests were dismissed so the Board could continue with the Business Call.*

### **Old Business**

**Cape May Weekend – Barb Berman** – The trip is filled. 28 rooms. Discussed possible changes for next year – changing date before Memorial Day, using another venue or even having participants pay directly to hotel. The discussion was tabled to next month so planners could be present.

**Wild Apricot Charges** – Frank – Charges are increasing. The price increase effective April 1 but will not affect us until our payment is due in August. Frank has been researching and found a blog that noticed that the prices increase every 2 years. We receive a discount for pre-paying. There is another available discount for paying for a 2-year contract. Frank suggested we capitalize on this next year – pay the normal one year amount this August, but next August pay for 2 years so we may save by beating a price increase.

Another issue is pricing by “contacts”. If there are more than 2,000 “contacts” the price increases by another \$2k. Contacts include not just members but also organizations that we would send informational newsletters to; Frank removed those contacts in order to keep the numbers low. Currently around 1500-1600 members, we may re-address things if membership should ever reach close to 1800. Also discussed reducing length of time we keep members active when they lapse.

Note regarding Meet-up – members must provide their last name if not initially on their profile, or they will not be approved.

**Waivers – Paul** – Question regarding members signing event waivers every time, as opposed to one yearly waiver as other clubs do.

Our Insurance carrier requires each participant to sign, not just members. There could be guests or members who do not have to sign in each year due to free membership. We have 2 policy types – one for Officers and Directors of the club and a second for personal injury/property damage for members. We have events in states outside of New Jersey, and every state is different. Everyone signing offers a layer of protection to both members as well as club leaders. Must do everything by the book because there are ways insurance companies will in-validate a claim if anything not in order. Other clubs may do things differently because they have a different policy type. Having event waivers helps keep in check who attended.

**Guest Policy - Becky** What is the definition of a ‘guest’? One member joined as a ‘family’ thinking they could always bring a guest, and this does not sound allowable? Should it be defined as everyone in a same household? Paul is going to research and present some verbiage to finish the discussion for next meeting.

## **New Business**

**Alcohol Policy** - Question about trips that stop for food at a restaurant mid-way through the trip – can alcohol be consumed? Answer is no. If participants choose to go out to eat after the event has ended it is not part of the club event.

**Reciprocal Social Media Advertising** - Ro made a motion to include in our club website information about upcoming events that charities we currently support hold – to get the word out to our members who may not be aware, and as a good neighbor to help them gain support since we also use the trails of some and services of others. For example Black Run Preserve is having a Poker Run April 22 with biking and running – we are listed as a supporter on their online media, our members hike and bike there, we should reciprocate. FPP is having a free event but not advertising a lot – should help them. Suggest we do this only during the year we have donated.

Chris seconded, the motion was approved.

**Newsletter** – Lennie has agreed to take on the responsibility of the monthly newsletter. She has already sent a request to the chairs for input. Frank will request pictures from the chairs to include. Barb will include a mention of the first in-person meeting to be held in July open to all members.

**Club Picnic** – To be held Saturday, June 10 at Pakim Pond – Doug has agreed to organize. Rain date June 11. Will be set for 100 people and advertised on all 3 Meet-ups, but directed for everyone to only RSVP on the Hiking page. Members not already a part of the hiking page will need to sign up (and there is a way to disable emails if not interested in receiving them). Will plan for various hikes and bike rides and request leaders do not schedule other events elsewhere. Plan for various hoagies and wraps, salads, individual chips, brownies, cookies plus water and iced teas. There will be music and planned games and everyone should bring a chair. Event will be posted soon.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Barb seconded by Becky. Approved and meeting adjourned.

**Submitted by Recording Secretary** - Vicky Gordon

**President** - Joe Fabian