

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 8, 2022, Meeting Number 11

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present: Paul Beatty, Barb Berman, Kathy Billman, Christine Deneller, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Neil Kornhauser, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Diane Mason, Maura Mawn, Janine Padgett, Frank Pearce, Becky Strickland, Eloise Williams

Absent: Barbara Brandt, Kevin Carlin, Kevin Drevik, Barbara Standke

Previous Minutes

November's minutes circulated via email.

President's Comments – Joe Fabian

Spent a lot of time worrying when learned of Fran, Diane and Neil all resigning their roles, but found some good people to step up so has stopped worrying. Mark has already been busy these past few months but Becky and Paul will officially begin January 1.

Other clubs are amazed by our numbers, but we could always use new members, tell your friends!

Looking forward to the December 17 Club Hike/Bike/Picnic as well as the New Years Campfire event - Snacks and hanging out by a fire.

Sad news, Joe Hummel's wife passed away, Maura has sent a card. Also, Joe's birthday in December is being celebrated at the picnic with a cupcake and anyone who would like to bring him cards.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Laible

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 7,844.69	
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$ (2,000.00)</u>	\$ 5,844.69
TD Bank Internet Account	\$ 6,242.46	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 6,242.46
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 35,785.57	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,253.58
TOTAL CASH:		<u>\$ 55,340.73</u>

Budget for 2023 will be sent with December's report. Still researching Quickbooks vs Quicken and will order new checks then. Billing accounts have all been transferred and set up.

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

Membership Report – Ro Mason

Single	1046
Family	464
Qualified Leaders	50
OCSJ Board	20

Total -----1580

58 new members
66 lapses (non renewals)
6 checks

December's report will reflect the transition of the Hiking and Biking chair positions.

Activity Chair – Frank Pearce

There's been some issues with the email from Network Solutions, sending Wild Apricot updates to the wrong team members. Working to get it straightened out.

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

No real planning for trips in 2023 until Spring.

Hiking – Diane Mason

In November there were:

-70 events scheduled on...

-28 days out of 30...

-lead by 36 different leaders.

Meetup Hiking Group:

As of 12/8/22 there were 1316 members down from 1339 last month.

Leaders:

- 58 (give or take) leaders and co-leaders remain on the hiking chair's mailing list
- Had 15 first time leaders in 2022, 10 remain active.

- Deborah Krouse went through hiking leader training. She should be submitting a first hike in the near future.

Transition:

- This is the last hiking chair report by the outgoing hiking chair, Diane Mason. Becky Strickland, the new hiking chair, will submit January's report.
- Becky has been taking over the duties of the hiking chair and the transition should be seamless.
- Diane will give Barbara Berman the names of the 2022 qualified leaders in early January.
- Becky will start keeping track of the 2023 hikes beginning January 1st.
- Becky will write future newsletter articles when a new editor is found.
- Diane will continue with training new leaders in coordination with Becky.

Meetup:

- Meetup continues to be a problem by logging out our members. The new hiking chair will remind our members to sign in when she introduces herself to the members of the hiking group.

Cycling –Neil Kornhauser

More mountain bike rides in November than road. Seeing more participation from those who also belong to other clubs since we ride all year and other clubs stop when it's cold.

John Del Vachio held some beginner Mountain bike rides, and more have been requested going over basic skills.

30 bikers are planning to attend the December 17 tailgate, both road and MTN.

Neil's last report! He enjoyed his time leading the bike group and knows Paul will do well.

Cross Country Skiing – Fran Horn for Barbara Brandt

Trips are filling up, a lot would be good for newbies. Mentioned in the newsletter about Intro to Cross-Country skiing class available through Washington Crossing Meetup.

Backpacking/Camping – Mark Laible for Kevin Drevik

No report

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

Very busy, have 18-20 consistently every Tuesday out to help. This past Tuesday was firearm hunting so had planned an alternate get-together that was rained out. Have cleared and re-blazed 9 ½ miles of the Batona so far, next couple of weeks will be parts at Carranza and Wharton. Starting January will help maintain trails at Franklin Parker Preserve

Fund Requests

Ro Mason requested \$120 to order 20 Batona Trail patches. \$6 each and made by Mike McCormick. Will be given to members who complete the trail with the leaders during their series (Paul Baumgartner in winter and Tammy Mills this past fall and again in the spring. Frank will be the keeper of the extras.

Barbara Berman seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Old Business

Donations

All the checks have been mailed and/or dropped off. Pinelands Preservation Alliance received \$2000 towards ADA trail chairs. The rest were gifted \$1000 each, and have received some thank you notes from PPA, Cedar Run and Black Run, as well as public thanks you from Whitesbog via Instagram and Rancocas Nature Center on their weekly newsletter.

Amendments to By-Laws

Previous information on the website lists the Corresponding Secretary as a part of the Executive Board however, since this was never properly filed nor approved, suggesting that that verbiage be removed.

Ro made the motion to remove it, seconded by Eloise, all approved.

By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation of similar organizations-other Not-for-Profits are being reviewed to compare with ours; we'll look over to see where we may need to make changes.

New Business

Leaders Banquet – Barbara Berman

To be held at Riverton Country Club, Sunday, March 12 2023 1pm – 4pm. Will work to make it a standing reservation the second Sunday of every March. Would like to send out a Save the Date Announcement to the Qualified Leaders and Board Members so request the lists from the chairs by January 5.

In addition, will take suggestions for leaders gifts, links to the items will be helpful. Past items such as coolers and first aid kits were favorites.

Newsletter

The request for a new Newsletter editor has been sent out which drew 2 inquiries, Janine suggested asking friends who we feel would be a good fit. A description of duties is available to anyone who asks. All prospects will be vetted. Janine's last newsletter will be the January edition.

New Board appointments begin January 1, Becky and Paul. They'll start getting copies of the Membership "monthly lapse lists" – members who have not renewed their membership.

Note – When members come up for renewal, they automatically receive a notice via Wild Apricot 30 days before, then two weeks, day of, then 30 days after if they do not renew. These members are then removed from the various meet-up groups although it does take some detective work if they do not use their proper names in meet-up, or are part of family memberships. These members are also placed in Archives so can be retrieved if join again. Ro tries to keep ahead of the lapses so Board members aren't inundated.

Executive Board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Adjournment

Motion made by Diane seconded by Christine. Approved and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon

President - Joe Fabian