

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 8, 2023 Meeting Number 6

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present: Paul Beatty, Barbara Berman, Kathy Billman, Barbara Brandt, Christine Denneler, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Maura Mawn, Frank Pearce, Becky Strickland, Eloise Williams

Absent: Kevin Drevik

Guests: Scott Buek, Janet Horton, Joe Logan, Eileen Levinson (for a short period)

Previous Minutes

May's minutes were circulated via email. Motion to approve by Eloise, seconded by Ro. Unanimous approval.

Vice President's Comments – Joe Fabian

Barbara Berman did a great job running last month's meeting. Busy time with family, and unfortunately unable to attend the club picnic due to a previous planned trip. Stopped at a few places that didn't have club brochures and dropped some off – bike shops around the area, Pinelands Adventures, Mick's. We need to get some more out there.

Here's a reminder to not let your guard down, people think we can't be sued, but spoke with another club that had been sued 6 times!

And lastly, if you hike/bike/kayak by yourself carry id on you. One biker recently fell and was unconscious for a day and the hospital did not know who to contact during that time. Be safe!

Treasurer's Report May 31, 2023 – Mark Laible

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 9,597.58	
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 9,597.58
TD Bank Internet Account	\$ 34,417.48	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$34,417.48
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 25,790.88	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 33,258.89
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 77,273.95

Deposits	Cape May Trip	(15,497.00)
	White Mountain	800.00
	2024 Leaders Luncheon	<u>500.00</u>
		(14,197.00)
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$ 63,076.95</u>
Retained Earnings from Prior Years		\$69,949.77
Net Income	(loss)	<u>(6,872.82)</u>
Retained Earnings		<u>\$63,076.95</u>

Lowest amount of dues collected for a month, but it is cyclical. Minimal expenses coming up, have ~\$16K to be paid for Cape May Trip (all pre-paid by members). Should break even by end of 2023.

Motion to approve by Barbara Brandt, seconded by Ro. Unanimous approval.

Membership Report – Ro Mason

May Numbers:

Single	959
Family	461
Lifetime	31
Qualified Leaders	61
OCSJ Board	16
Total	1528

April 1571
March 1566

4 Checks
87 Lapses
34 New Accounts

Lots of lapses in May, could be because pandemic is over and those that joined during big push of 2020 have left – a lot of them weren't even active, they never joined meetup so never attended events. Pre-Covid we had 1,000 members, so still big difference.

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

Water levels are getting low again. A few upcoming trips are tidal and should be ok with water. There will be several canoes and kayaks at the picnic for members to try out. A new leader is coming on board, George Powitz. Cross-Country Skiing has now been transitioned to the Kayak Meetup. Skiers must sign up for the Kayak Meetup if they have not already, and can leave Cycling (if they want).

Hiking – Becky Strickland

53 Hikes in May. 3 Leaders prepared to lead hikes at the Club Picnic

Cycling – Paul Beatty

41 events in May, 143 YTD – 21 different Leaders and 160 different participants.

May Memorial Day All Paces Ride was a success, 60 members with 5 Pace Subgroups. New Leader Ron Peak will have weekly C Rides. 3 rides this month have been cancelled due to the current unhealthy air conditions. For the picnic, bike rides will start from Pakim Pond but riders will be asked to park at campground to free up parking. They can drop off chairs first, Doug will be there early.

Thanks to Frank and Barbara for facilitating the move of X-Country to Kayak on Meetup.

Cross Country Skiing –Barbara Brandt

Held a Zoom meeting with Leaders to plan the schedule - 4 trips planned, 1 tentative (hoping for Lake Placid but may be too pricey).

Planning on White Mountains, Stowe, VT, full week at Booneville, NY and long weekend at Weston, VT.

A volunteer has stepped up to host the Pre-(formerly known as Apres-) Ski Party in September. Date TBD.

At the Cape May weekend, several skiers were in attendance and recruited 3 new members (bringing in the younger set).

Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik via email

Beginners hike was cancelled due to severe weather. Next upcoming trip is 4 day hike in New Hampshire

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

In May helped the Pinelands Preservation Alliance with their Access to Nature program, NJ Conservation with trimming up Evertt Preserve, more Batona Trail maintenance and the 1808. Replaced 12 Batona Trail Markers. Also measured log bridges on the 1808 to be replaced in the future with plank bridges for easier accessibility. September 2022 to May 2023 2,682 Volunteer Hours, these were sent to the state so they can match with trail maintenance grants. Only two Tuesdays missed. Ended the Season with a last Trailwork day on the 1808 and a picnic with pot-luck food and using up the hotdogs. The team may have some projects during the summer, will go out and assess the burnt Batona section.

Note – the Batona Trail is closed from Bass River to Cutts Road due to the recent fire – still burning.

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Fund Requests - None.

Old Business

Cape May Trip – Fran

Was a wonderful weekend. A little bit of weather and wind but there were about 50 good people attending. Have not received the bill yet but Fran will review and send to Mark to process the payment. Jim Bodnar has always run a great trip but has said he will be stepping down from future trips. Next year, members should be able to make reservations directly with the Chalfonte Hotel which should make the process much easier on the club and planners.

New Business

Picnic – Doug

Everything us on track, Ro's notes made planning very easy. Doug will be there early with a truck load of items to set up, people can leave their chairs at the site and they'll be looked after. There will be nametags at the sign-up table for everyone, and there will be a supply of shirts on display for purchase. Lennie is picking up the food. Joe Logan will bring Recycle Bins and will take back with him to properly dispose of.

Frank has brochures and will bring them to the picnic to distribute to leaders/members. Barbara Berman has extra stickers she'll bring.

Tax EIN Number Brought up from last month's meeting, member wanting to have the club's Tax number so he can donate a portion of his estate to the club. The number is sensitive information and requestors should be vetted. Barb Berman will work up a policy to be reviewed by Mark, and then voted on by the Board at the next meeting.

Cape May Trip Next Year Notes - Jim Bodner will not run it next year. With the hotel allowing members to make their own reservations it may make it easier to plan. The hotel is not open all year long (most rooms do not have heat or air conditioning) and they offer the weekend they want to open it up to the club for the event – we do not pick the date.

Reminder – next month's meeting will be in-person at the Pinelands Preservation Alliance Barn. 17 Pemberton Rd.

Adjournment

Motion made by Barbara Berman seconded by Barbara Brandt. Approved and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon

President - Joe Fabian