

## MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 14, Meeting Number 7

\*VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING\*

**Present:** Kevin Carlin, Christine Deneller, Kevin Drevik, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Neil Kornhauser, Diane Mason, Rosemary Mason, Janine Padgett, Eloise Williams

**Absent:** Barbara Berman, Kathy Billman, Barbara Brandt, Mark Liable, Maura Mawn, Frank Pierce, Barbara Standke

### Previous Minutes

June's minutes circulated via email, approved with a motion by Eloise and seconded by Christine.

### President's Comments

June's picnic went really well-plenty of food, events and kayaks to try-Rosemary and Diane did a great job planning. Cape May trip also a lot of fun, planning thanks to Barbara Berman and Fran. I get lots of compliments on the newsletter. Led 3 kayak trips and scouted a trip on the upper Delaware River, saw a picture of the 1808 Trail sign and really impressed. Reports of the first CPR class are good, instructor doing a great job, thanks go to Maura, Fran and Di. The Board Members do a great job and we're all part of a team, if someone sees a team member needing help – it's ok to step up and offer.

### Treasurer's Report – Fran Horn

Treasurer's report sent out via email by Fran Horn on 7/14.

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 4,899.03
TD Bank Internet Account	\$4,284.59
TD Bank – Money Market Account	\$52,778.62
Greve Memorial Fund	\$ 7,842.39
Donations Account	\$ 0.00
Total	\$60,621.01
<i>TOTAL CASH:</i>	<i>\$69,804.63</i>

A good month, paid for the Cape May trip (\$15K) but had a little left over. Picnic paid \$1712. CPR payment will be arranged when all training completed.

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

## **Membership Report – Ro Mason**

Membership Report sent out by Ro – June ended with 1549, up 19 from last month. Changes included 28 lapsed accounts but 47 new accounts. Early accounts for July show an additional 21 people, getting members from Central Jersey

## **Activities Chair – Joe for Frank Pearce**

Fire in the pine barrens impacted some trips, water levels are low making kayak trips hard to plan. Hoping for rain.

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

Joe led 3 kayak trips, Kevin Carlin led tidal trips on the Delaware River-side of NJ.

## **Hiking – Diane Mason**

In June there were:

- 51 events scheduled on...
- 21 out of 30 different days of the month...
- led by 34 different leaders and co-leaders.
- I expect the number of hikes to continue to decrease each month through the middle of September.

Meetup Hiking Group:

- There are currently 1288 members as of 7/14/22 (down from 1301 in June).
- Although new members join the hiking group every day, the numbers have gone down since I have been removing duplicate profiles missed during The Purge.
- Members continue to struggle with understanding being signed in/logged out.

New Leaders

- Working on getting inactive leaders to start leading again but don't anticipate anyone to begin leading again until fall.

## **Cycling – Neil Kornhauser**

June was a good month – 41 Rides (5 cancelled for rain). Specialty rides out of state have been popular – NYC Perimeter, Queens and another planned soon. Other rides included the Delaware & Raritan Canal, Philly Flower Show and training rides for newbies. Paul Beatty has an Eastern Shore, MD 5-day trip coming up.

The Cycling group has been labeled “A Well-Oiled Machine”. It's a great group of leaders who step up when needed, keep safety in mind for example, splitting rides in two when they become too large. Christine Fesco has stepped up to admin the Ride with GPS.

After 6 years as Biking Chair, Neil has decided to step down. As of January 1, Paul Beatty will take over and until then he'll go through training and both Co-Chair.

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

People are signing up for the future planned trips. Hoping for snow!

### **Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik**

Three trips were held in June – Windgap, PA and VT. Keven hurt his back before the White Mountains trip but the trip was still able to go. Future trips are planned including Acadia.

### **Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason**

Normally take off for the summer but we were asked to help with trail assessment after the Wharton fire. It was held as a NJ Volunteer Program project, not an OCSJ event but 14 trail members in teams walked through noting downed trees, signage and blazing needs. We have been asked to help in the future at Franklin Parker and PPA with guard rail installations along rivers to halt ATVs.

### **Fund Requests**

Motion by Fran for the \$700 extra from the Cape May trip be used for tips for the Chalfont staff who also treat us well. \$500 for tips and remaining \$200 for the Greve fund. Seconded by Chris and all approved.

We made donations last year to various outdoors non-profits last year and we should make plans to do so again. \$10K was donated last year and recipients are so grateful. Plans need to be set up for a new committee to come up with suggestions so we can donate again. Non-Profits picked will be voted on by the board.

### **Old Business**

#### **CPR Training – Diane**

1<sup>st</sup> Class was held Wednesday with six leader/participants and was a success. Three more scheduled with 33 currently signed up: July 16, August 3 and 6. Instructor was great, went over adults, children and infant CPR plus first aid geared toward outdoor activities plus defibrillator use. Location at PPA was great. Di will attend each upcoming class to help set up and sign everyone up.

#### **Cape May Weekend Trip - Fran**

This trip has been enjoyed by the club for 30 years. A nice time, held two bike rides, walks on the beach and birding. Dinner and pizza as well as a cocktail party.

#### **Club Picnic – Ro and Diane**

A successful day, 92 people attended. Came in under budget at \$1713. Board members attended and Trail Maintenance Team helped with serving to help keep everything sanitary. There were 3 different length hikes, a bike ride and kayaks available for members to try out on the pond. We had a DJ and the

Trail Maintenance Team gave a rendition of the 1808 Trail song written by Robert Steinfort. Some leftover food went to the Parks Staff, down to Cape May and to the American Legion.

### **TShirts – Doug**

The shirts are taking a little longer since now rethinking the type of materials to be used and decided moisture-wicking would be best but should be available soon. Order sheets will be created with all the available styles and colors, everyone can order and the shirts will be set to print. Billing to be done by invoice.

### **New Business**

- Request by Doug for more Meetup Accounts to help alleviate confusion about team-leader-specific events as well as cross-posts. Wild Apricot does have an events feature that isn't being utilized and not everyone on the team knows how to use. Doug will send a message to the board soliciting for volunteers to make up a team to determine what's needed to get the most out of it and fix the event problems.
- Fran noted that if anyone gets emails from 'Hiking President' – it will be spam since Joe does not use this email. Just delete 'credit card rejection' notices
- Motion by Kevin Carlin to skip August meeting, seconded by Diane. Approved - Team will meet again in September.
- Motion by Kevin Drevik to suspend the prior of requirement of Covid vaccination for social events. Seconded by Chris. Eight voted in Favor and the motion was passed.
- Neil asked Janine to post the OCSJ Newsletter to the Home Page in Frank's absence.

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Doug seconded by Eloise. Approved and meeting adjourned.

**Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon**

**President - Joe Fabian**