

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 10, 2022 Meeting Number 3

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present: Joe Fabian, Barbara Berman, Fran Horn, Vicky Gordon, Kathy Billman, Barbara Brandt, Kevin Carlin, Kevin Drevik, Doug Hillebrecht, Neil Kornhauser, Diane Mason, Evelyn Minutola, Frank Pierce, Eloise Williams

Absent: Christine Deneller, John Kerney, Rosemary Mason, Maura Mawn, Janine Padgett, Barbara Standke

Sad news, Janine's husband passed away, the team offers condolences.

Previous Minutes

February's minutes circulated via email with updates. Approved with a motion by Barbara Berman and seconded by Doug Hillebrecht.

President's Comments

After years of great service, Eloise Williams has retired as Recording Secretary – Vicky Gordon to take over. Eloise will remain on the board as backup as needed.

Joe's AOL email account has been receiving and sending a lot of spam- doesn't really get used that much so do not get tricked by it.

The 4 Foot Passing Law has passed – Motor vehicles must keep a 4 foot distance when passing cyclists and pedestrians or slow to 25 MPH. Fine of \$100 if too close and \$500 if injury is caused. 18 cyclists were killed in 2021

No shows on hikes still a problem

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report sent out by Fran Horn with notes of income for February of \$2,250; expenses of \$506 for a month total of \$1,744.

Current Accounting:

TD Bank Checking Account:	\$ 2,511
TD Bank Internet Account:	\$ 8,937
TD Bank Money Market Account:	\$55,541
Total Cash:	\$66,989

Motion made by Barb Brandt, seconded by Eloise Williams and approved.

Membership Report

Diane Mason for Ro Mason – February ended with 1562 members which includes 49 new members.

Activities Chair – Frank Pearce No new news

Canoe/Kayaking Getting ready for Spring. Should see some events starting April

Hiking – Diane Mason

73 Hikes in February on 25 days and 27 leaders. There are currently 1269 members as of 3/9/22 (up from 1250 in February).

People still struggling with Meetup because they get signed off and don't realize it. If anyone mentions having trouble with RSVPs, tell them to check if they are signed in (look for their name and profile picture in the top right hand corner).

New Hiking Leaders

-Beth Mowery's first hike was 3/7. She is willing to lead again.

Hiking Leader Training

- 15 people volunteered (14 qualified to lead and invited to a session)
- Four training dates scheduled: First two held 3/5 and 3/10 Others are 3/19, and 3/26/22.
- Handouts: folder with a 10 page manual, various forms, Neil's meetup instructions and a business card.
- Using the Batsto River Trail (the white trail) as a "classroom" for a walk and talk, followed by a sit down to discuss handout materials.
- Asking for \$131.96 reimbursement for materials (works out to \$10.00 invested per leader).

Cycling – Neil Kornhouser

February had more Road Rides over Trail Rides. Planning for more D Rides as well as new leaders. Holding Zoom meetings for new and current leaders with instructions on how to create events in Meetup and using GPS to help with locations. Still issues with drivers too close despite new 4 foot law.

Cross Country Skiing – Barbara Brandt

Winter is over. 2 trips were planned however BnB Hostess came down with Covid. Currently planning for Apres Party and working already on next year.

Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik

Having a backpacking demo with equipment setups including used equipment to sell at the Hot Dog Hike.

Planning a 3 day trip in VA in April and a Beginners Backpack Trip on the Mullica River Trail in May.

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason/Diane reporting

Work on 1808 Trail continues. From Batsto to Buttonwood, gorgeous trail through cedar swamp on an old logging road. State will be getting bridge materials. Looking at a Summer or Fall official opening.

Fund Requests

\$2,000 request for food and supplies for Spring Picnic. Motion made by Diane Mason and seconded by Barbara Berman. Passed.

\$131.96 for Training Manuals. Diane Mason made the request. Motion made by Fran Horn and seconded by Neil Kornhauser. Passed.

Old Business

GUEST POLICY – Diane Mason. Members may bring a Guest with Leader approval. A person can come as a guest on one of each type of activity: bike, hike, kayak. Family memberships should include all the names to help determine permissions, and helpful if each has their own Meet-up account when +1s aren't allowed.

REPLY ALL – Barb Berman/Joe Fabian. Keep reply all at a minimum – no need to reply for meeting discussion topics.

BOARD MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – Barb Berman. Still waiting on one, will combine when all received.

New Business

NEWSLETTERS - Ability for administrative permission to directly add newsletters to website, Frank will research

SPRING PICNIC Update. Budget sent to members. Clarification the subs are 22" which will be cut into smaller sections. Will encourage people to bring their own water bottles to refill. Trash and recycling stations will be set up and all trash will be removed. Have 14 committee members plus 6 activity leaders who will volunteer to set-up, greet, serve food and clean-up.

Activities for the day are:

- 3 hikes (3 mile-Dave Bicking, 5 mile-Roger Lederle, 9 mile-Mark Silverstein)
- 2 bike rides (C road ride-Jeff, Neil working on a leader for a D ride)
- Paddling on the pond (Frank and Joe Logan)

HIKING LEADERS MANUAL – will distribute at Leaders Banquet

VENDOR INFORMATION for OCSJ branded logo products. Barb will send to Board Kevin Drevik's suggestions for review and discussion at next meeting.

RECORD RETENTION. Board Meeting minutes kept forever. Fran has 10 years of financial information. Storage Companies, locations and pricing being researched for further discussion.

OCSJ BANNERS AND BROCHURES. Brochures ready to go and will be printed/donated by Doug. Seven Banners were previously approved but will order two 3x5 Banners.

LEADERS' BANQUET – May 1, 2-5 pm. Save the dates were sent, plans are for 80 people. Estimated expense \$4,000 and there will be a motion at our April meeting to approve the fund request.

Future Banquets will try for a standing date of second Sunday in March – usually Daylight Savings Time. With potential time of 4-7 pm.

COMPLAINT POLICY – Reviewed. One change, all complaints go to President, but change if there is a complaint against a president it should go to the Vice-President.

SUSPENDED LEADERS POLICY – A policy exists from 2007 which will be sent to the team and posted on the website. Joe will send John an inquiry to determine his interest in returning as a leader.

Adjournment

Motion made by Barb Berman seconded by Barbara Brandt.

Recording Secretary

Vicky Gordon

President

Joe Fabian