

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 11, 2023 Meeting Number 5

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present: Paul Beatty, Barb Berman, Barbara Brandt, Christine Denneker, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Frank Pearce, Becky Strickland, Eloise Williams

Absent: Kathy Billman, Kevin Drevik, Joe Fabian, Fran Horn, Maura Mawn

Guests: Dave Robinson

Previous Minutes

April's minutes were circulated via email. Motion to approve by Becky, seconded by Barbara Brandt. Unanimous approval.

Vice President's Comments – Barb Berman in Joe's absence

Nothing to comment on – everything seems to be running well.

Treasurer's Report April 30, 2023 – Mark Laible

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| TD Bank Checking Account | \$ 9,818.17 | |
| Outstanding Checks | <u>\$ (305.67)</u> | \$ 9,512.50 |
| TD Bank Internet Account | \$ 32,620.35 | |
| Outstanding Check | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | \$32,620.35 |
| TD Bank Money Market Account | \$ 25,790.03 | |
| Greve Memorial Funds | \$ 7,468.01 | |
| Donation Account | <u>\$ 0.00</u> | \$ 33,258.04 |
| TOTAL CASH: | | \$ 5,390.89 |
| Deposits | Cape May Trip | (15,497.00) |
| | White Mountain | 800.00 |
| | 2024 Leaders Luncheon | <u>500.00</u> |
| | | (14,197.00) |
| TOTAL ASSETS: | | <u>\$ 61,193.89</u> |
| Cash Retained Earnings from 10/1/22 | | \$69,949.77 |

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| Net Income | (loss) | <u>(8,755.88)</u> |
| | Retained Earnings | <u>\$61,193.89</u> |

Evaluating peaks and valleys, everything seems to be in good shape now and for the future.

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

Membership Report – Ro Mason

April Numbers:

- 995 Single Accounts
- 468 Family Accounts
- 31 Lifetime (Joe Hummell added)
- 61 2022 Qualified leaders
- 16 Board members (Kevin Carlin resigned)
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- 1571

February total : 1562

- 50 Non renewals
- 50 New accounts
- 9 Checks

Notes: 2 new people tonight

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

Oswego had been high, had a trip where everyone went in, some multiple times but everyone ok. Ro even helped someone from the AMC club who needed assistance after spotting them walking down the road, they were going into hypothermia. Other trips have been non-eventful as the waters receded.

Hiking – Becky Strickland

64 trips for March and 55 for April – rain this month caused a few cancellations. No incidents.

Cycling – Paul Beatty

29 Rides in April and 100 YTD. And 11 days into May with 11 rides. Paul ran a Schuylkill River ride. The club ride leaders seem to be getting recruited into other clubs – Paul is checking to see if this is to our detriment or if they’re just leading for multiple clubs

PSA notice about road closures around PPA (our venue for live meeting in July) hopefully it will be done by then or just may need to be aware of detours.

Cross Country Skiing –Barbara Brandt

Planning on 5 trips for the 2023/24 season, and working on a few more. There was no Après Ski party this year, planned on moving to the beginning of the season instead in an effort to build excitement for the winter and to invite anyone else who may be interested in finding out more about x-country and the planned ski trips. All are welcome.

Discussion again about the placement of the X-Country Skiing events within Biking – and perhaps moving to kayaking instead. Before the next year events would be the best time to make the move.

Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik via email

Four trips on schedule right now:

- May 20-21: Beginners/Intermediate hike
- June 17-20: New Hampshire
- July 8-12: New Hampshire
- Aug 13-16: New Hampshire (Mt. Washington)

Planning 3 more trips later in the year

- Sep: Beginners/Intermediate hike in PA
- Oct: Intermediate trip in VA
- Nov: Intermediate trip in VA

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

Team busy with 5 projects:

- Reblazing the Batona Trail and replacing 8 mile markers
- Helping FPP getting ready for their 20th anniversary festival
- Helping NJ DEP with new trail Friendship Bogs in Wharton
- Working on an ADA Trail with the Pineland Preservation Alliance.
- NJ Conservation at Evert Trail

End of Season BBQ is set for May 30 (although potential for a few more projects)

Reminder there have been breakins at Pakim Pond, Evans Bridge, Bass River. Do NOT keep valuables in your cars and especially do not be seen hiding them at the parking lot.

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Fund Requests

Paul – not a fund request per se, but a request for background information. There used to be large bike rides in conjunction with other clubs and wondering why they've stopped. We know there can be combined club events as long as all clubs have insurance, and get waivers. Considering applying for One-Day "Insurance Riders" if necessary for large co-mingled events and curious of the cost.

Old Business

Cape May Trip – no one present to discuss.

Picnic – Doug

Everything is set for the date, paper products are in, food has been ordered and contingencies set to store and refrigerate it if it rains and the picnic gets moved to the next day.

Nametags have been suggested and agreed on. Doug will send out a special email with volunteers needs and appeals for additional things like coolers, tables, canopies.

John Stevens is set to DJ and will bring his own table, canopy and extension cord for electric.

Mark will help with games. All attendees should bring their own chairs.

One issue is there are 131 people signed up for the picnic (31 on waitlist), but now that the individual hike/bike events are listed for the day – there are inconsistencies: some members did not initially sign up for the picnic itself – so could be too many attendees. Doug has offered to contact people after an audit of the lists are compared. Paul will check the lists for the bike rides. It was mentioned that even though the park lists a limit of 100, they haven't always checked in the past and there may be some wiggle room if need to go a little above.

Becky will check with hike leaders planning events that day to make sure they stipulate that hikers also need to be on the picnic list before they sign up to attend.

Newsletter - The Board took a moment to thank Lennie for taking on as newsletter editor. May's episode looks great!

Waivers - Suggestion by Becky to remove the email listing for printed sign-on sheets next time a set is printed. The information is unnecessary and takes up valuable time when members are signing the waivers. All agreed.

New Business

Tax EIN Number

Dave Robinson - Thank you for the Tax ID information however felt it was more cumbersome than necessary, he intends to donate a portion of his estate to various non-profit organizations, OCSJ being one of them but the club was the most difficult to get the EIN information. Thought there should be easy access to others who may want to do the same. Mark explained that listing publicly the club's info could open it up for potential fraud. The subject was tabled for discussion for when Joe is present.

Franklin Parker Preserve Festival May 13 – OCSJ will have a table with poster board and brochures to highlight the club. Ro, Frank and Chris will be there, stop by and say hi.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon

President - Joe Fabian