

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 19, 2022, Meeting Number 10

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present: Barb Berman, Barbara Brandt, Kathy Billman, Christine Deneller, Kevin Drevik, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Neil Kornhauser, Mark Laible, Rosemary Mason, Diane Mason, Janine Padgett, Frank Pearce, Eloise Williams

Guest: Paul Beatty

Absent: Kevin Carlin, Fran Horn, Maura Mawn, Barbara Standke

Previous Minutes

October's minutes circulated via email.

President's Comments – Joe Fabian

2023 is looking to be a great year, should reach 1600 members, three new board members – Mark Laible the new treasurer (though Fran will stay on to help with technical issues), Becky Strickland for Hiking and Paul Beatty for Biking. Janine is planning to withdraw as editor from the monthly newsletter so will need to find a replacement.

Spam is still happening, if you get something looking suspicious, whether from the president or any board member, just delete it.

Treasurer's Report – Mark Laible

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 15,734.52	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ (10,000.00)</u>	\$ 5,734.52
TD Bank Internet Account	\$ 3,543.70	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 3,543.70
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 35,784.50	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	\$ 0.00	\$ 43,252.51
TOTAL CASH:		<u>\$ 52,530.73</u>

Checks are outdated and Mark will order new ones.

Motion to approve by Barb Brandt, seconded by Frank. Unanimous approval.

Membership Report – Ro Mason

Single	1054
Family	464
2021 Q Leaders	51
OCSJ Board	19

Total	1588

Notes:

New members	51
Lapsed members	39
Payment by check	2

Recently reached 1611 members, 22 new since Halloween. Handing brochures and business cards at the Halloween Trunk or Treat helped.

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

70 trips this year. Now going into the colder months where there will not be many trips, and if there are, will require cold water gear – wetsuits/drysuits.

Frank picked up “Ceremonial Checks” which will go to a few of the designated charities.

Hiking – Diane Mason

In October there were:

- 69 events scheduled on...
- 30 out of 31 days of the month...
- lead by 29 different leaders.

Meetup Hiking Group:

As of 11/9/22 there were 1339 members (up from 1309 last month).

New Leaders:

- Joan Divor lead her first hike this month.
- Michael Louise has his first hike scheduled.
- Tammy Mills has completed the 5th and final leg of her Batona Trail series. Very impressive for a new leader!
- Two more members have shown an interest in becoming new hiking leaders. I’m waiting for confirmation of a training hike date.

Meetup:

- Nothing new to report. Members still getting logged out for no reason.
- Purging continues on a twice monthly on-going basis.

Cycling –Neil Kornhauser

30 rides in October. Carmen Cortez has been liking mountain bike trail rides, easy-paced D rides. Mike Engel leading C, C+ plus D rides all over. Paul Beatty has run interesting Schuylkill River rides as well as Art Museum to Wissahickon rides, he'll be a good chair.

The Tail Gate event expects to have 25 riders broken into two rides: Trail and Road. Zoomed with Paul to go over more details in running the biking group.

Cross Country Skiing – Barbara Brandt

Two bigger trips planned, with large numbers signed up Conway, NH and Stowe, VT. Smaller trips not as popular but may still get new sign-ups. Hoping for snow in NJ to have pop-up trips. Also researching shops to provide rental equipment for newbies.

Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik

Last trip was las week, Kevin hurt his back but Tom Kerbaugh stepped up and took over. It was gorgeous weather. Hoping to start up again as early as next April. Looking to plan a hut-to-hut trip in the White Mountains in August.

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

Had 19 people out at last outing, trimming and re-blazing the Batona trail in Brendan Byrne. Three more miles there then moving on to Wharton. We've also had a request for help in Bass River. We'll be running a Saturday Trail Maintenance day after Thanksgiving.

Fund Requests

Kevin made a motion requesting \$4200 to use as an advance to make reservations for a Mt Washington/White Mountains backpacking trip in August. The money would be paid back as members make their own arrangements, ½ would be paid by March, the rest in June. Chris Denneler 2nds, motion was approved.

Diane Mason made a motion to request \$150 for additional Hiking Leader Training Packets.

Eloise seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Old Business

Donation Committee – checks are prepared for the nine non-profits and they are on their way. Doug modified the 'large ceremonial checks' and these will be presented to a few of the organizations with the help of Ro, Frank and Vicky.

Club Procedures, Constitution and By-laws are being reviewed to see what needs to be updated or perhaps changed. Certain forms were not filed so this could mean some changes to the Executive Board, but will be re-visited before final decisions made. Some not-for-profit organizations do not have Constitutions, they have Mission Statements instead so will compare and see what attention is needed and if a committee is needed to accomplish it.

Janine is resigning as editor from the monthly newsletter, so will be looking for a replacement. Discussed possibly making the newsletter quarterly or every other month.

Discussion about duplicate hikes held on differing days. We're glad leaders are stepping up to add hikes even if sometimes it's one that was recently advertised - not everyone is available for every hike nor for certain days so it should be ok to run similar hikes with different leaders on other days. There are a lot of people in the club and this will give everyone a better chance to attend a hike of their choosing.

Ro Mason mad a motion to gift Vera Strek a membership for 2023. She has been interviewing our members and writing great articles in her Spotlight column in our newsletter for ages. Barbara Brandt seconded, motion approved.

Discussion about Batona Trail patches for members completing the trail series hikes led by Tammy Mills recently and upcoming Paul Baumgarten events. Usually \$6 each and will reach out to person who gets them and see what will be needed by next meeting.

Changes coming up in 2023 with official appointments and changes to the chairs, but people are stepping up to help continue to support the club. It's helped make this a great 2022!

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon

President - Joe Fabian