

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 13, 2022, Meeting Number 9

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Present: Barbra Brandt, Christine Deneller, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Mark Liable, Rosemary Mason, Maura Mawn, Janine Padgett, Frank Pearce, Eloise Williams

Absent: Barbara Berman, Kathy Billman, Kevin Carlin, Kevin Drevik, Diane Mason, Neil Kornhauser, Barbara Standke

Previous Minutes

September's minutes circulated via email, approved with a motion by Joe and seconded by Maura.

President's Comments – Joe Fabian

Recently visited family out west and awed by the outdoor activities. Better weather is finally happening for hiking and biking and kayaking (well, for a little while for kayaking,)

Treasurer's Report – Fran Horn

TD Bank Checking Account	\$9,714.52
Outstanding Check	\$ 0.00
TD Bank Internet Account	\$6,984.03
Outstanding Check	\$ 0.00
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 45,781.65
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01
Donation Account	\$ 0.00
	\$ 53,251.22
TOTAL CASH:	\$69,984.21

Doesn't include insurance that will be paid next month. Did recently pay for Meetup and D&L insurance.

Fran and Mark still working on transitioning, will change to Quickbooks from Quicken. Currently updating Bank Accounts and IRS and NJ tax records. Mark will review and audit to make sure everything is up to date and compliant.

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

Membership Report – Ro Mason

Up 3 from last month.

Single	1051
Family	463
2021 Q Leaders	51
OCSJ Board	19

Total 1584

Notes:

New members	42
Lapsed members	23
Payment by Check	3

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

Still having kayak/canoe events but will probably end by end of October. The club requires a Dry Suit/Wet Suit for trips colder water trips and not many leaders lead these.

Hiking – Diane Mason

In September there were:

- 55 events scheduled on...
- 24 out of 30 different days of the month...
- led by 26 different leaders and co-leaders.
- The Hiking calendar is filling up again, although October got off to a slow start due to Hurricane Ian.

Meetup Hiking Group:

- As of 10/11/22 there are 1309 members. This number has been holding pretty steady since August as new people sign up and members lapse. It will be interesting to see if that number starts to climb now that cooler weather is here.

New Leaders:

- Toni Novak has returned as a leader.
- We have three brand new leaders: Joanne Rizzo, Wendell Gulick, and Tammy Mills. All three went through Hiking Leader training, co-led a hike with one of our leaders, and are now flying solo.
- Tammy is doing the Batona Trail in 5 sections. Her first solo hike was Leg #1, and Leg #2 is already scheduled.

Meetup:

- Meetup has again been baffling our members by frequently signing them out of Meetup for no reason.
- The change from a “comment” feature to a “chat” feature, has not been an improvement: 1) You do not get an email letting you know that someone has added to an ongoing chat, 2) The chat conversation is only seen by those who have already RSVP’d, and 3) The Hiking Chair is unable to see “chats”, which does not allow me to see why a leader’s hike has been cancelled.

Additional clarification regarding Meet-up added by Neil: On the new “Event Chat” button, all members, even if they have not RSVPED, can now join any chat. Chairs can access any chat.

At the moment, there are no automatic emails letting people who have RSVPED know that a new comment was made in chat. Perhaps that will change? The old “comments “ section was definitely better given that the automatic emails went out.

Cycling – Frank Pearce for Neil Kornhauser

We had 37 rides since the last board meeting. There are more and more trail rides in the woods now that the temperatures are falling. The Cape May to Lewes/ Rehoboth Beach ride went very well, 14 people participated in this 15 hour day!

We ran a metric century road ride which is 100 kilometers/ 62 miles. 9 people participated; all went well.

Paul Beatty (soon to be new cycling chair) had a 5 day Maryland Eastern Shore adventure and 25 people participated. They got home today. All went well. They had a great group dinner at a hibachi restaurant among others. There were multiple leaders with paces of D, C and C+. This was a great trip and Paul expects more adventures in the future.

All in all cycling is going great!

Cross Country Skiing – Barbara Brandt

No new news, members are signing up for the previous announced upcoming events, with a few newer members interested in signing up.

Backpacking/Camping – Kevin Drevik (report sent in email)

Two trips since last meeting:

- Sep 10-11: Delaware Water Gap in NJ; 12 people. Had one person who couldn't make the hike, Kevin was with her. She was evac'd by local fire & rescue and was alright. Incident report completed and sent to Bruce. Everyone else had a good time, though it rained Sunday morning as we were hiking out.
- Oct 8-10: Southwest Virginia. Just 2 people. Got down to 32 degrees Saturday night, but we survived. Nice hike. One hiker continued on his own after hike for an additional 15 mile stretch he needed to complete

Only trip left for year is Nov 5-7 in Southwest Virginia. Based on last year's Nov trip (it got down to 21 degrees) may have to cancel if weather is too cold.

Working on plans for 2023.

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

1st day back with 2 projects and 17 participants. Trail Maintenance in Wharton and installing guard rails to help prevent destruction due to off-roading.

Planning to participate in the October 29 NJ Park Police Trunk or Treat event at Atsion Lake, will be on meet-up for anyone interested to come out.

Fund Requests

Ro Mason for the Donations Committee made a request for \$10,000 to donate to various groups listed below:

1. Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) - \$2000 to sponsor an ADA complaint All Terrain non motorized wheelchair for the public to borrow and for upcoming van tours to ADA trails.
2. Franklin Parker Preserve - \$1000 for trail maintenance equipment
3. Citizens United for the Maurice River - \$1000 to support miscellaneous watershed protection projects
4. Whitesbog Preservation Trust - \$1000 for miscellaneous projects and public events
5. Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia - \$1000 for miscellaneous projects
6. Black Run Preserve - Total \$1000. \$500 for our club to become a sponsor member and \$500 for their Ambassador training project and/or for ongoing trail maintenance.
7. Rancocas Conservancy - \$1000 for miscellaneous trail projects
8. Rancocas Nature Center - \$1000 to support miscellaneous public events
9. Woodford Cedar Run - \$1000 towards replacing their electric golf cart used for transporting staff and animal supplies.

Seconded by Fran, unanimously approved.

Chris Denneler made a request for \$150 for Holiday Treats for the December 17th Holiday Hikes and Party. 2nd by Barbara Brandt, unanimously approved.

Old Business

T-shirts – Doug

Orders are still coming in, 1 or 2 at a time

New Business

Corporate governance conflict

OCSJ Constitution

Election process irregularity

Participation policy – left to discretion of leader, need clarifying language.

Vice President succession policy –

Amending Article I to more clearly allow remote attendance at meetings

NJ Civil rights issues involving single sex activities, need to be careful due to previous lawsuits.

Still some Meetup issues, some joining events without signing up.

Suggestion by Maura to celebrate long-time member Joe Hummel for his birthday, flooding with cards. Perhaps send to OCSJ PO box to present at the December Tail Gate event.

Adjournment

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

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon

President - Joe Fabian