

MINUTES OCSJ BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 14, 2023 Meeting Number 8

Present: Paul Beatty, Barbara Berman, Kathy Billman, Barbara Brandt, Christine Denneker, Joe Fabian, Vicky Gordon, Doug Hillebrecht, Fran Horn, Rosemary Mason, Frank Pearce, Becky Strickland, Eloise Williams

Absent: Kevin Drevik, Mark Laible, Maura Mawn

Previous Minutes

No meeting in August, July's minutes were circulated via email. Motion to approve by Becky, seconded by Barb, approved as circulated.

President's Comments – Joe Fabian

It's getting dark early again, lots of hikers and bikers out – can be dangerous. Now is the time to watch out for kids and hope that people are wearing/using lights.

Treasurer's Report August 31, 2023 – Mark Liabe via email

TD Bank Checking Account	\$ 4,911.61	
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$ (320.00)</u>	\$ 4,591.61
TD Bank Internet Account	\$ 14,290.53	
Outstanding Check	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$14,290.53
TD Bank Money Market Account	\$ 5,804.68	
Greve Memorial Funds	\$ 7,468.01	
Donation Account	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 13,271.69
Certificate of Deposit (4.25%)		\$30,111.78
TOTAL CASH:		\$ 62,266.61
Deposits		
2024 Leaders Luncheon		<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS:		<u>\$ 62,766.61</u>
Retained Earnings from Prior Years		\$69,949.77
Net Income (loss)		<u>(\$ 7,183.61)</u>

Retained Earnings

\$62,766.61

Motion to approve report made by Becky seconded by Fran.

Membership Report – Ro Mason

August Numbers:

952 Single
450 Family
31 Lifetime
61 Leaders
16 OCSJ Board

1510 Total

33 New
58 Lapsed
87 Renewals Due (not yet lapsed and auto archived by Wild Apricot)

1520 July
1524 June
1528 May

Canoe/Kayaking - Frank Pearce

Water levels affecting trips, recent storms are helping. Oswego was recently checked by Ro and was low and Charlie out on the Wading which is up. Frank has the stuff for a club table at the Pinelands Festival Saturday at Albert Hall. The club was invited to have an info table.

Hiking – Becky Strickland

39 Hikes were held in August and 470 hikes year to date! The Summer is slow, per usual. Joe will be adding some hikes in Haddonfield.

Cycling – Paul Beatty

38 rides in August by 13 leaders. Labor Day All Paces Rides had 50+ riders with 6 different rides/paces. Evening Rides are starting to wrap up for the season. Barb requested C or C+ Rides be listed as only one pace – not C/C+ together.

Cross Country Skiing –Barbara Brandt

All scheduled trips for 2024 are posted on MeetUp and the website. September 23 is the Preview Party and newer people have signed up for it. Shout out to Frank for helping to feature ski pictures and trips to help with the transition to the kayak Meetup page and help spread interest. Looking at recruiting leaders for pop-up ski trips in New Jersey, dependent on snow.

Backpacking/Camping – Barb for Kevin Drevik

August NH trip went well, climbed Mt Washington. Beginner/Intermediate Backpack trip is scheduled for this weekend. October's trip is 4 days in NH, south of the White Mountains.

Trail Maintenance – Ro Mason

September 23 at 10 holding maintenance at 1st Beach at Wharton State Forest, 1 pm at Apple Pie Hill.

September 30 planning a parallel event with Boy Scouts working on a Trail Maintenance Badge

October 3 is first Tuesday at Bass River State Forest which will be posted soon.

Future plans include Franklin Parker on the Red Trail and the boardwalk at Evertt Preserve.

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Fund Requests – None

Discussion about upcoming Zoom payment which is budgeted.

Old Business

Elections – Barb Berman

No one interested in Executive Board positions for coming year, will send out an email stating they are uncontested and current members will remain. Will include mentions in the newsletter regarding if people are interested in becoming more involved they can attend the upcoming in person meeting to see what the board is up to.

Donations – Ro Mason

Have a listing of the organizations we gifted donations to last year and will review at our next meeting since Mark would like to weigh in and was not available tonight. There were a few who did not acknowledge with a thank you last year and will not include them in this year's discussion.

New Business

Software Tools – Becky

Questioning if everyone doing a volunteer job for the club has the proper tools to do it. Example, does the Newsletter editor have Word and do they need it to make their task easier. Should the club pay for it?

Hydration/Salty Snacks Recommendations – Becky

Should we make recommendations to members to drink water and when is it too much? Some may need to be reminded to drink more water and some may need to be reminded to also include electrolytes with their intake. Will discuss this in a newsletter article.

Group Requests – Becky

Received a request for volunteers for an Island Cleanup and was wondering if this and other requests for help should be passed on to members. Decided No.

Sweeps – Becky

Some Leaders are receiving pushback when requesting Sweeps. With smaller groups it may not be necessary but for larger groups where people could get left behind and lost should have a sweep. If no one volunteers the Leader should assign one.

Not everyone wants to include an emergency number, and there are instances where members should probably add their own cell numbers. Instead of email, Leaders can change the column to ask for personal cell phone numbers.

EBikes – Joe

EBike usage with the club should be Peddle-Assist only, Throttles are not allowed. There are issues with EBikes that do not meet Standard UL certifications, catching fire, etc and they are even being recalled or banned in certain areas. A good idea for a Newsletter article with recommendations to make sure that EBikes are Certified Underwriters Laboratory before making purchases.

Many board members received an email from Wild Apricot regarding Password Changes, Ro will contact them and check if the requests are valid and get back to the team.

October's Meeting will be in person at PPA. Ro will confirm they know we are coming.

Adjournment

Motion made by Barb Berman seconded by Eloise.

Submitted by Recording Secretary - Vicky Gordon

President - Joe Fabian