

WRAA Board Meeting – Fall 2024
October 21, 2024 – Zoom Meeting

AGENDA:

6:30pm Social
 7:00pm Meeting Start
 8:45pm Meeting End

ATTENDEES:

ROLE	NAME	ATTENDING
President	Kevin O	Yes
Past President	Rena I	Yes
Vice President	Fred O	Yes
Treasurer	Eric C	Yes
Secretary	Chris M	No
Dalles Rep	Anne S	No
Deep Creek Rep	Janet C	Yes
Goat Creek Rep 1	Tom W	Yes
Goat Creek Rep 2	Shelby White	Yes
Silver Creek Rep	Brian B	Yes
Silver Springs Rep 1	Martha H	Yes
Silver Springs Rep 2	Chris L	No

Call to Order

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes - *(Attachment B)*

5 min

The meeting called to order at 7pm. Martha to take minutes in Chris’s absence. Shelby White introduced as the new Goat Creek Rep 2 taking over for Mike Middleton. Everyone introduced themselves. Kevin asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Rena moved that they be approved. Tom seconded. All were in favor of approving.

Key Topics for Discussion - *(Reports in attachments as noted)*

Fall Dinner Meeting, Elections, Silent Auction

Fall Business Meeting Plan (Kevin) – *(Attachment C)*

10 min

- We reviewed the agenda. The Board should arrive by 4pm or earlier to help set up. Diane will be there earlier to set up and decorate. Elections will start at 5pm. Rena suggested we not open the bar until after the elections.
- Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Tyler Smith will be in attendance. We are not sure about Chief Sowers or Sgt Mark Rickerson.

- Elections Plan – *(Attachment D)* 5 min
- Assuming there are no nominations from the floor, all elections will be held at the same time.
 - Since Jennifer Prewitt is now running for Silver Springs Rep, Rena will send Jennifer’s bio via email to the Silver Springs members since it wasn’t included in the newsletter.

- Silent Auction Plan (Kevin) – *(Attachment E)* 5 min
- Kevin will bring auction forms and Rena will bring pencils.
 - Action item: Everyone is welcome to bring more auction forms.
 - Fred will be arriving early to help Shirley with her items.

- Dinner Details and Numbers; Plan for Check-in (Eric/Kevin) 5 min
- Eric reported so far we have 66 RSVPs for the dinner. 4 are still deciding. Anticipate approximately 70 attendees.
 - Kevin to send another reminder via email and Facebook mentioning Wed at 5pm is deadline.
 - Eric will turn off the RSVPs on Wed at 6pm.

- Board Changes and Elections (Rena/Kevin) – *(Attachment F)* 10 min
- Jennifer Prewitt has been appointed as the new Silver Springs Rep to replace Chris L since she resigned due to time constraints.
 - Rena moved to approve the appointment of Jennifer. Fred seconded.
 - Still seeking a Silver Springs rep assuming Martha gets voted in as VP.

New Business

- Proposal to Pay Out WRRRA Reward – Discussion and Motion – *(Attachment G)* 10 min
- It has been proposed for Scott Kingland to receive the \$1000 reward for his part in the eventual arrest of 2 burglary suspects. There is a concern since the bylaws mention “arrest and conviction” and the suspects have not been convicted yet.
 - Martha spoke in favor of granting the reward after reading the police reports that explained the risk Scott took.
 - Rena mentioned the Board should have the ability to interpret the circumstances around the burglary sprees and approve the reward in this case.
 - Fred is in favor, and he is the one who recommended Scott get the reward and submitted the proposal found in Attachment G.
 - Kevin said originally the reward was for \$25 years ago when it was first enacted.
 - Shelby said by granting the reward, it will motivate others to do the right thing.
 - Eric is in favor of giving the reward but waiting a bit on paying the money out.
 - Fred moved that we approve the proposal and pay the reward to Scott now. Janet seconded the motion. All were in favor except Eric wants to hold off for a bit.
 - The reward will be presented at the Fall Dinner and Kevin will look to see if an oversized check is possible to present.

WRRRA Vehicle Stickers – Discussion and Plan 10 min

- Linda Mower has created approximately 100 WRRRA stickers for the exterior of members' vehicles. She has used her own money for this and does not expect reimbursement. She started to hand them out at the picnic. She took an informal poll at the picnic and received a positive response from cabin owners.
- There was some discussion on whether we should sell these stickers with the proceeds going to the Cabin Defense Fund or just give them away. We could also include a couple in the welcome packet for new members.
- It was decided that Linda could make them available at the Fall Dinner for free for those who want them. Later, we will evaluate if people like the idea and if we think it helps with our crime prevention efforts and discuss further. Kevin will follow up with Linda to let her know to bring them to the Fall Dinner.

2025 Planning Meeting – Schedule and Content 5 min

- The planning meeting has been set for November 21st via Zoom. During this meeting, the Board will set the budget for 2025, review committees, set goals, and set the calendar for the following year.
- Eric will send a draft budget for the Board to review.

Additional Committee / Leader Updates - (Reports in attachments as noted)

Pres Report / Relationships (Kevin O) 5 min

- Hopefully the Forest Service will attend the Fall Dinner. It sounds like there is a new person taking over for permitting and that Susan Sherman-Biery was just a temporary replacement. Kevin is still trying to have a conversation with Brian McNeil after several attempts. If he doesn't hear back soon, he plans to escalate to regional leadership.
- NFH – Fall Forum was held in Boulder, CO. Nothing super noteworthy to report currently.
- The Forest Service is including the Tribes more in decision making.

VP Report / Membership (Fred) 5 min

- Fred and Martha have transitioned the files and information for Vice President.
- Fred reported there is no plan to change the dues for next year.

Secretary Report (Chris M) – (Attachment H) 5 min

- Thanks for the update while traveling Chris!
- Hope to have the new Club Express system implemented in the New Year.

Financial Review (Eric) – (Attachments I) 5 min

- Donations to the Cabin Defense Fund are in Vanguard. The total is approximately \$118,000.

Infrastructure Report (Martha) – *(Attachment J)*

10 min

- It is important to report any burglaries to the Pierce County Sheriff and receive an incident number. This helps them connect suspects with actual crimes.

Recognition / Ken Leader Outstanding Service Award (Rena) – *(Attachments K & L)*

5 min

- Rena has the award and it will be presented to Shirley Cherberg at the Fall Dinner. Please keep the nominator private.

Plowing / Roads (Robbin / Barb) – *(Attachment M)*

5 min

- As of this meeting, the Forest Service has not provided a permit for snowplowing yet.

Website Updates (Brian) – *(Attachment N)*

5 min

- Brian will be providing a design document for the Board to review before being sent to Club Express.
- Kevin mentioned Ryan Maloney, who supports the current website, may have a plan for Wi-Fi and internet service to all cabins next year.

Before we closed, Kevin encouraged the Board to dress up in costumes for the Fall Dinner. He will also make a few comments in memory of Kit Ryan at the dinner.

Kevin moved we end the meeting and Shelby seconded. There was no one opposed, and the meeting ended approximately 8:45pm.