

WRAA Board Meeting – Spring 2022

May 9, 2022 – Zoom Meeting

MEETING LOCATION & INFORMATION:

Time: May 9, 2022 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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AGENDA:

6:30 Log On; Social Time

7:00 Meeting Start

8:30 Meeting End

ATTENDEES:

Role	Name	Present
President	Kevin O	Y
Past President	Rena I	Y
Vice President	Fred O	Y
Treasurer	Eric C	Y
Secretary	Chris M	Y
Dalles	David/Molly Ebel	Y
Deep Creek	Josh/Brittany G	Y
Goat Creek	Tom W	N
Goat Creek	David D	Y
Silver Creek	Dennette W	Y
Silver Springs	Bill V	Y
Silver Springs	Ken R	Y
GUEST		

AGENDA DETAIL

Call to Order

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

5 min

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. After asking whether there were any changes to the minutes, Kevin asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes, Rena moved they be approved, Fred seconded, and it was approved.

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

Membership Drive – Final Report and Future Actions (*Attachments C and D*) 10 min

Fred reported we're at 92% of our membership goal. Fred asked if the area reps reached out to those who hadn't joined.

Silver Springs - Bill Vlases reported he hadn't done a whole lot, except asking those who are new to cabin ownership to join WRRRA.

Silver Springs - Ken Ring reached out to all of Silver Springs who hadn't renewed via email. 4 renewed. Ken didn't call anyone.

Goat Creek – David Dittmar said Goat Creek was split up between him and Tom Wood. David sent out an email to about half. He received 3 emails back that were positive and one a very negative email.

Silver Creek – Denette reported she ran into a few of them at the cabin and spoke to them personally. She left voice mails to those she hadn't reached.

Dalles – Molly did not make an effort to those who have never joined. She talked to folks in person, and sent emails to others. She believes folks are getting tired of so many emails. She recommends we give folks multiyear membership options. Some discussion ensued about this concept; it's cumbersome to track and was therefore previously rejected. The Membership Committee will discuss more.

Deep Creek – Josh sent out emails. We had at least one new renewal after the email was sent.

Kevin said we don't have an appetite to send out any more communications re: membership, so we should just call it done.

Eric mentioned that on the square site the membership option is still available. We will leave it up all year in case anyone else wants to join or renew. If folks have questions about membership, we should direct inquiries for payment there.

Action item: Provide any more feedback to Fred on the membership process. The membership Committee should meet soon to review and discuss future changes.

Spring Dinner and Summer Picnic Planning – (Attachment E) 10 min

Number for spring dinner – 45 as of Monday, May 9th. Kevin extended invitations to various individuals who are key folks for WRRRA, and one has RSVP'd yes. We need about 58 folks to break even. Eric will send out a list of those who have already signed up so we can connect with those we know who haven't signed up yet.

Kevin asked when board members should show up to help with set up. Bill said perhaps 4pm. The dinner is more of a social event, with some short updates from Kevin and whoever else happens to be there from the Forest Svc, etc.

Kevin mentioned the summer picnic and we should begin planning for that since we only have one meeting between now and the picnic and that meeting is the night before the picnic. Rena mentioned we need tour planning.

Action Item: Eric should send out list of those who have already signed up for the dinner. Board should show up at 4pm to help set up for the dinner.

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

Pres Report / Relationships (Kevin O) – (Attachments F, G, H, I, J, K) 15 min

We had a meeting with the FS in March. Kevin gave the updates in the recent newsletter. The most important update is that the Culvert is in the Work plan for this year. So they'll begin planning this summer, and may get it installed in the Summer, 2023. Chris asked who the Forest Supervisor was since that seems to be an important person to develop a relationship with. There's been an interim person in that position (and she attended the FS meeting the meeting before last) but he doesn't know if a permanent person has been chosen yet. Kevin continues to work with the FS to try to develop a relationship with the Muckleshoots.

NFH Conference was this past weekend. There were 7 folks in attendance from WRRRA. Rena and Chris both thought the conference was very valuable. Kevin also referenced the President's Meeting Power Point attachment (a session at the NFH conference) that he distributed that he distributed to the board before this meeting. There were many important issues raised during that President's meeting and WRRRA folks should be aware of what those issues are. Chris mentioned that WRRRA folks should join NFH if for no other reason because they are our lobbyists in WA D.C. Rena said we've had outstanding leaders in NFH recently, and the previous President, Doug Gann, is relatively local and it would be advantageous to have Doug Gann present to WRRRA at some point in the future. Kevin thinks it's important WRRRA become involved in NFH, and the next conference (a one day conference) will be in Boise in September. We also received an award at the conference, for outstanding communication. The award was given because of the broad range of ways we do communicate with our membership, and the fact that we do have a communication plan.

Update from WSFHA (the state organization.) It's not a terribly strong or active organization but Kevin would like WRRRA to become more involved. Rena said she used to attend the meeting, and they have two meetings a year, one on the east side and one on the west side. As part of the meeting, they have a cabin tour of various cabins in the area, and Rena said the meetings were just delightful.

Goals and Priorities – Kevin reviewed the goals/priorities for the year. Kevin said regarding Firewise certification – it's fairly complex and NFH has been working on it for a year and a half.

Committees – Kevin reviewed the various committees. Kevin asked if Josh/Brittany or Molly/David would be willing to lead fund raising. They are not. Chris suggested that a newer rep could lead fundraising.

Action items: Find a willing volunteer to get involved with WSFHA. Focus on achieving established Goals. Find volunteers to lead Fundraising and Technology Committees.

Secretary Report (Chris M) – (Attachment L)

10 min

Chris noted the deadline for the newsletter, and the problem with the Listserv (it is no longer a tool that works very well for Kevin. She can create a work around using Excel, but it will be a problem to manage. She told folks the Fire Contracts will be arriving in folks' mailboxes soon.

Action item: Newsletter articles are due on June 6th. Chris will create an Excel file to take the place of the listserv as a stop-gap solution. Have Technology Committee review ListServ and develop options.

Treasurer Report (Eric) – *(Attachments M and N)*

10 min

Eric reviewed the Profit/Loss statement, and mentioned that we will probably be in the red at the end of the year because of the spring dinner loss, as well as the increased price for the spring newsletter. The formal approval of the 2022 Budget was an outstanding item from the Winter Meeting.

Rena moved that we approve the budget, Chris seconded. 2022 budget was approved.

Infrastructure Report/Cabin Tour (Ken) – *(Attachment O)*

5 min

Ken mentioned that in 2021 several cabin owners expressed an interest in being a cabin tour host in 2022, so he'll follow up with those people. Kevin reminded us that we probably need commitments from about 8 cabins, since some are bound to drop out as we get nearer to the date.

Chris asked about the Meth lab that was set up earlier this spring. Kevin emailed the 410 coordinator, and is waiting to hear back what the plan will be.

Action Item: Recruit Cabin hosts for the Cabin tour, funnel leads to Ken.

Nomination Committee (Rena) – *(Attachment P)*

5 min

Positions up for election this fall noted on the attachment sent out prior to the meeting. Rena will be calling a zoom meeting for those who are leaving the board, and those leaving the board will be part of the committee to find replacements. Rena can talk to those folks who have said they're willing to volunteer, and ask them regarding their interest in being on the board (particularly as an area rep.)

Action Item: Start considering folks you can nominate for the board.

Recognition (Rena) – *(Attachment Q)*

5 min

Nomination submissions for the Ken Leader Distinguished Service Award are due May 31st.

Action Item: Rena will be calling a meeting of the Recognition committee regarding what other ways we might recognize members who have been impactful in serving WRRRA.

Plowing (Perry)

5 min

Not present and no updates received.

Other Brief Updates – *(as appropriate)*

Finance Committee (Tom W)

With Vanguard account we are seeing some interest rates go up, so things are turning around regarding interest income.

Roads - Included in infrastructure report.

Technology (Perry / Ryan) – no update

Fundraising (OPEN) – looking for someone to lead the Fundraising effort

History (Diane)

Kevin said we need to talk about what Phase 2 of the History Project will entail.

Kevin suggested there was no other business to go over.

Chris moved we end the meeting, Fred seconded. The motion passed. The meeting ended at 8:40pm.