

WRAA Board Meeting – Summer 2022
July 29, 2022 – at the cabin of Ken Ring, SS-156

AGENDA:

5:00pm Dinner

ATTENDEES:

Role	Name	Present
President	Kevin O	Yes
Past President	Rena I	Yes
Vice President	Fred O	Yes
Treasurer	Eric C	Yes
Secretary	Chris M	Yes
Dalles	David/Molly Ebel	No
Deep Creek	Josh/Brittany G	Yes
Goat Creek	Tom W	Yes
Goat Creek	David D	Yes
Silver Creek	Dennette W	Yes
Silver Springs	Bill V	Yes
Silver Springs	Ken R	Yes
GUEST	Diane DeWitt	Yes
GUEST	Barbara Mead	Yes
GUEST	David Glaab	Yes

AGENDA DETAIL

Call to Order

After dinner was served and enjoyed the meeting was called to Order at 7:02 pm, and Approval of Minutes, Rena moved approval of minutes and Dannette seconded the minutes, and all voted affirming the approval. - *(Attachment B)*

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

Summer Picnic – Review Updates and Finalize Plan – *(Attachments C, D, E)*

20 min

- Attendance update – 80 registrations, perhaps 20 walkups.
- Secure Volunteers for all activities – we received very few volunteers, but the board needs to step in and help where there's need.
- Final details – ice, miscellaneous supplies, etc
- Parking and shuttle – we have extra parking in the group parking area. If folks don't have a parking pass, they'll need to pay \$5 for parking.
- Pie contest – Rena has changed up the process a bit, and has gotten volunteers for judging.
- Games – Dennette and Steve are responsible and are good to go.

Cabin Tour – Finalize Plan – (*Attachment F*)

10 min

- Attendance update – we'll probably get more than the 16 who's already pre-registered.
- On-site Sales – \$5 for individuals or \$15 for nuclear family.
- Other questions or organizing issues – we had one last minute addition to the tour, not part of the brochure. The cabin number will be added to the front page.

We need another barbecue. We are using Ken and Kevin's barbecue and Eric Carlsen said we could also use his. We need someone to help at Camp Sheppard. Ken will haul his and Kevin's grills to the picnic site.

Food prep – we need folks to cut veggies for the burgers, and set up. Board members need to be down there by 10am.

Check in table – Eric has nametags and pens. He has a list of attendees. If anyone shows up w/out registering he'll just add their names to the list. We'll use stickers/dots for the tour.

Tables and chairs are more expensive than they've been in past years.

ACTION ITEMS: Board should show up at 10am and pitch in wherever needed.

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

Pres Report / Relationships (Kevin O) – (*Attachments G, H, I, J*)

15 min

Meeting with the FS successful. Hopeful the culvert will go in this fall, but perhaps the following spring. Martie is retiring in September. We'll have a thankful/congratulations chat with Martie before she retires.

410 corridor meeting, Nat'l trail days was a success, the main thing that came up in that meeting is the closure of the Enumclaw office. The lease comes to an end in 2024. Fred reported that Mary Coglein(SP?) was at that meeting. Everyone in the meeting was in agreement that the office shouldn't be closed. Our attention should be to communicate with the Portland office. Perhaps there could be an article in the newsletter encouraging folks to write letters to the gentlemen to the Portland office. His name - Glenn Casamassa, Region 6 USDA Forest Service Supervisor (?).

Fred also brought up the Muckleshoots and their desire to have the land on which the cabins sits.

Martie said the FS is in full support of cabin owners. Kevin has been trying to connect with the Muckleshoots, and the contact that Martie has been working on, isn't working out. But Martie is going to try another individual with whom we can connect.

PSE plans to turn off the power during high wind events. During Red Flag conditions (high winds, very dry), they'd shut off the winds to this corridor. The meeting held on July 20 was very high level. Based on their Red Flag conditions markers, they would not have turned off the power at all.

ACTION ITEM: Include article in the newsletter for members to write a letter to the Portland FS Office. Board should consider writing letters individually, or writing a letter collectively, as a board.

Secretary Report (Chris M) – *(Attachment K)* 5 min
Fall Newsletter articles due September 12th.

ACTION ITEM: Please submit newsletter articles by the deadline.

Membership

Fred was told our NFH membership wasn't as high as it's been in the past. Fred believes we should schedule a meeting with a membership committee meeting to talk about membership and how to increase numbers.

ACTION ITEM: Fred should call a membership committee meeting (in early fall) to determine the best way to move forward so membership in both WRRRA and NFH can increase.

Treasurer Report (Eric) 5 min

Costs are going up. We've spent about \$500 more this year than last. We've seen an increase in revenue from Vanguard. We've gotten by cheap on Software, we haven't bought any new software. Budgeting process for next year – a rough budget will be available in October.

ACTION ITEM: Eric will compile the 2023 budget draft in time for the fall board meeting, if we have any budget items to request, we should let him know.

Infrastructure Report (Ken) 5 min

Technology is continuing to be an issue. Perry has agreed to lead the technology committee. David said he was happy to consult, even though he's sold his cabin.

ACTION ITEM: Perry should call a meeting of the technology committee, with the most urgent need being to replace the list serv tool.

Nomination Committee (Rena) – *(Attachment L)* 5 min

The positions open are Silver Springs Rep, Deep Creek Rep (perhaps Janet Curran will take that post.) We need to replace David Dettmar for the Goat Creek track rep. David Glaab might be interested in serving as the Silver Springs Rep. John Mower might be willing to become the Goat Creek Rep. Forest Hunter might be interested (in Silver Springs).

Action Item: Rena will speak with David Glubb, Josh will contact Janet Curran, Ken will talk to Forest, Kevin will speak with Jennifer Prewitt. Update: Janet Curran agreed to be nominated as the Deep Creek Rep.

Recognition (Rena) – *(Attachment M)* 5 min

Albert Polmar was nominated for the Ken Leader Distinguished Service Award, and an ad hoc committee conferred and determined that he should indeed be given the award. His biggest contribution was his work on the appraisal process of our cabins, so that our fees could remain within the realm of reason. Based on the nomination and agreement of the ad hoc committee, Rena recommends the board approve Albert as being the first recipient. Chris moved that Albert be accepted as the first recipient,

and it was seconded by Bill Vlases. The board was unanimous in their vote to approve Albert as the first recipient.

Action Item: It was approved that Albert be the first recipient of the Ken Leader Distinguished Service Award. Rena will order a plaque and it will be presented to Albert at the Fall dinner. Please keep name of award recipient confidential. Rena will ensure that Albert will be in attendance at the fall dinner.

Roads/Plowing (Barb/Perry) – *(Attachments N, O, P, Q)*

5 min

Barb reported that she did an article for the last newsletter. She mentioned that the Roads are in great shape, almost all due to Randy Iddings. Barb reported we have a pretty good participation rate in the roads fund. Every year Randy Iddings grades the road, fills in potholes, and he recently completed about \$4500 of work.

DC 10 contacted Barb about the road down to their cabin. The FS confirmed that it is a driveway, and their responsibility. They get their parking area plowed, but not down the driveway, the long “road” to their cabin. Randy doesn’t think they could even get a dump truck down their long driveway.

A discussion ensued regarding what should be done, and it was recommended we figure out what’s being done with the other ski clubs. Car traps should be sent to Barb so that Randy could fix them.

Action item: Contact Barb re: car traps. Perry is in the process of training Robbin Bradburn on the snow plowing program. Robbin needs to become the permittee for road plowing.

History (Diane)

10 min

Diane reported that our archives are complete. She has sent a completed set to the UW archives, and we are the only tract in the nation that has archived a complete set of records. We have two archivists from the UW, assigned to us forever. The archivists can also help with the website.

Diane talked about video archives and that can be done via zoom. The UW has the equipment and zoom will transcribe the interview. Diane is happy to be the chair of the History and Heritage committee, but is not able to be on the board. The NFH History and heritage committee has been active in planning the recent NFH conferences. Since the conferences had a strong history focus, it fit that they helped with the agenda.

The History and Heritage committee has also participated in creating the NFH Strategic plan. Kevin gave an overview of the strategic plan process and what the strategic plan is. Diane said the most recent survey of the FS said that all our tracts are listed as unknown (regarding historical designation.) The NFH History and heritage committee has been charged to get the FS to move ahead on deciding the designation of our tracts.

Diane is encouraging folks to get involved by talking about the heritage of their cabin. Diane will be creating a book describing the re-build of her cabin.

Fred’s focus would be an updated version of the history book. The first attempt was done by Fred’s dad, and this is a continuation of the long ago project.

Diane said that Rena could do a write up of the Metal Roof approval process. And others might be interested in contributing to our Heritage ad History project, in some area of their own interest.

Dannette suggested we conduct some more interviews, via zoom.

Action Item: Diane should contact the UW archivist re: Zoom interviews, and the rest of us should start thinking about what might be included in the history book.

Fundraising (Dennette)

5 min

Dennette has volunteered to be the fundraising lead.

Other Brief Updates – (as appropriate)

Finance Committee (Tom W)

Technology (Perry / Ryan)

Other ??

Other Topics / New Business

as needed

. The meeting ended at 8:58pm.