

## WRRRA Board Meeting – Spring 2023

### Monday, April 24, 2023

#### MEETING LOCATION & INFORMATION:

Apr 24, 2023 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85727225799>

Meeting ID: 857 2722 5799

#### AGENDA:

6:30 Log On; Social Time

7:00 Meeting Start

8:30 Meeting End

#### 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	NO
Dalles	David/Molly Ebel	Yes
Deep Creek	Janet C	Yes
Goat Creek	Tom W	Yes
Goat Creek	Mike M	NO
Silver Creek	Dennette W	Yes
Silver Springs	Chris L	Yes
Silver Springs	Ken R	Yes
GUEST	Robbin B	Yes
GUEST	Barbara M	Yes

#### **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Secretary Chris M was not present; no one volunteered to take the minutes.

Approval of Minutes from Winter 2023 Board Meeting - (*Attachment B*)

No edits or changes to the minutes were proposed.

Rena motioned that we approve the minutes as is; Ken seconded. Motion passed.

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

### **Spring Dinner Plan – Updates and Assignments; Highway Cleanup**

Discussion about various activities and timing. GWCC reserved, caterer set. Cinco De Mayo theme.

Mike M not available to help. Janet to get 6-8 bags of ice; Greenwater store or Enumclaw.

All board to show up by 5:00pm to help setup and readiness.

LOGE rep unable to attend, unlikely to send a proxy. FS not attending.

Low numbers to date (42); some discussion about why, not sure.

Plan to send additional email reminder and FB post, extend reservations one day; change announcements to note credit card accepted.

Highway cleanup to be led by Ken; signup sheet and verbal prompt at dinner.

**Action Items: Janet get ice, board show up to help, send final reminders, prompt highway cleanup.**

**Eric to send final number to Kevin 4/26, which he will relay to caterer (done: 44 actual, 48 requested).**

**Kevin to get beverages and door prizes.**

### **Membership Drive – Updates and Remaining Activities – (Attachments C&D)**

Currently 204 members; expecting a handful more as typical at dinner and picnic events.

Fred had sent out info and reminders to tract reps on contacting tract non-members.

Tract reps provided input on how the personal effort went.

Fred is not planning any additional actions; tract reps are free to continue the effort if they wish.

Molly and Dennette advocated for consideration of a multi-year membership option in future; although more work from an accounting standpoint, it would mean a lot less work chasing down non-members.

**Action Items: Tract reps to continue to chase down non-members as appropriate; Fred to schedule a post-mortem this summer to discuss learnings and potential changes for next year.**

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

### **Pres Report / Relationships (Kevin O)**

**Forest Service** – New district ranger **Heather Randall Wilder** is in place. She is not available to attend the spring dinner. Board to meet with her the Friday prior to dinner, and discuss issues plus drive through the cabin tracts. There is a new regional forester as well – **Liz Berger**.

**410 Rec Users** – Fred attended the recent meeting, notes sent out as an addendum to the board packet. Continued good dialogue between all users, a model for volunteerism and stewardship activities. Much conversation around Enumclaw FS office closure. Discussion of volunteer plans for National Trails Day. WRRRA to set up volunteer opportunity near the cabin area.

**Enumclaw FS Office Closure** – There was a meeting in Orting (no WRRRA attendees) and then a Zoom meeting with state reps Schrier and Fortunato that Kevin was able to participate in and represent WRRRA and our concerns about this closure. There seems to be growing momentum to stopping this closure.

**NFH** – Conference is early May in Lake Tahoe. Kevin doing a presentation on Emergency Preparedness. All board encouraged to attend. Kevin will bring back learnings to share with WRRRA.

**WSFHA** – Janet volunteered to be the liaison for WRRRA. Kevin reached out to WSFHA but has not heard back yet. Will continue to try to make this connection.

**Action Items: Kevin to keep board and members posted on updates in all areas.**

### **Secretary Report (Chris M) – (Attachment E)**

Chris not present, Kevin provided updates.

Newsletter cost management improvements; next newsletter article due date prompt.

Directory will be a more significant discussion; as previously suggested, recommend Chris set up a separate committee meeting to discuss. Send out overview of the key issues in advance.

**Action Item: Chris to set up Directory discussion meeting in May/June.**

### **Treasurer Report (Eric) – (Attachment F)**

Brief review of P&L Report that Eric submitted.

Note that Revenues are front-loaded in the year (memberships) while expenses are not.

Several comments about what a great job Eric did in financial overview for newsletter.

### **Nomination Committee (Rena) – (Attachment G)**

Discussion of upcoming roles to be vacated, and lack of backfills for Dalles and Silver Creek.

Dennette wondered if we have volunteers in other tracts, could they fill in. This would take a change in the by-laws so not likely something we could do by this election.

**Action Item: All board continue to develop suggestions and recruits for upcoming open roles.**

### **Recognition Committee (Rena) – (Attachment H)**

Nominations for Ken Leader Distinguished Service Award due end of May, article was in newsletter.

**Action Item: Nominate individuals if/as appropriate for this award.**

### **Plowing and Roads (Robbin and Barbara) – (Attachment I)**

Robbin reviewed the Plowing program this last winter. It seemed to go quite well, no major issues or complaints. Board members agreed, very successful, great job Robbin and thank you!

Discussion about making the program and dues collection officially part of WRRRA. Discussion about history behind decision to keep it separate. Seems to be primarily related to liability concerns.

WRRRA and board have insurance coverage, and we do have liability concerns around social events, alcohol consumption and injury, but the plowing program seems to be another level with heavy commercial equipment, injury potential, property damage, and potential for damage to the forest.

Eric noted its already difficult to get insurance as is.

Kevin noted that the plowing permit needs to be issued to an individual cabin owner. And that owner is responsible for plowing themselves, or hiring licensed bonded contractors.

Brief discussion about custom requests to plow deeper into drives, and how to bill or address that.

Robbin plans to do research into pros/cons of folding plowing back into WRRRA.

Kevin requested Robbin come to the board at the summer meeting with a proposed plan.

**Action Item: Robbin research and develop proposal for changes to the Snowplow program.**

Barbara gave a quick overview of the Roads maintenance plan. Reminder that cabin owners are responsible for the maintenance of the roads, with the exception of the road to Corral Pass which the FS maintains. Road maintenance must be done with the permission and approval of the FS.

Billing for Roads has been separate from Plowing, because some members do not use their cabins in the winter and don't want to pay for plowing, but we want all members to contribute to roads fund. Cabin owners on Corral Pass road are not enthused about paying since the FS maintains their road. Randy Iddings (cabin owner) is the contractor for roads repairs. Does a great job. He scouts the roads and submits a request to Barbara for repairs each year, which she turns over to the FS for approval. Randy is working on this years plan now.

**Action Item: Submit any requests for road repair to Barbara.**

### **Technology (Perry/Kevin)**

Perry was not present, but Kevin reviewed the email Perry had sent clarifying roles and responsibilities. General agreement that Chris and Eric should be part of the committee to offer real insights.

**Action Item: Perry to set up kickoff committee meeting; interested board should be invited and attend.**

### **Summer Picnic & Cabin Tour Planning (Kevin & Ken)**

SSCG group picnic site reserved. This event requires a lot of help and support, all board participation.

Kevin to engage Martha Hunter and Jennifer Prewitt to help with Picnic Planning.

Rena not doing pie contest, Steve/Dennette not doing games organization this year; any volunteers?

Ken ran through a list of preliminary leads on the cabin tour.

Kevin encouraged board members to volunteer to be a host, and/or ask neighbors to step up.

**Action Items: Make sure Picnic is on your calendar; sign up to help; find cabin tour volunteers.**

### **Other Brief Updates – (if appropriate and as time allows)**

Infrastructure (Ken), Finance Committee (Tom W), Fundraising (Dennette), History Committee (Diane D).  
None provided or discussed.

### **Other Topics / New Business**

None were raised.

### **Meeting Conclusion**

At 8:47pm Janet made a motion to close the meeting, Rena seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting ended. Good discussions and meeting, thank you all for attending.