

WRRRA Board Meeting – Winter 2024

Monday, January 29, 2024

MEETING LOCATION & INFORMATION:

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86880354055>

Meeting ID: 868 8035 4055

AGENDA:

6:30pm Social
7:00pm Meeting Start
8:30pm 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	Yes
Dalles Rep	Anne S	Yes
Deep Creek Rep	Janet C	Yes
Goat Creek Rep 1	Tom W	Yes
Goat Creek Rep 2	Mike M	Yes
Silver Creek Rep	Brian B	Yes
Silver Springs Rep	Martha H	Yes
Silver Springs Rep	Chris L	No
GUEST		

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes (Fall and Planning Meetings) - *(Attachments B, C, D, E)* 5 min

The meeting started at 7:06pm. Kevin mentioned the reason for the Social Hour. He explained that we used to meet in person, and the social hour is meant to replace the socializing we were able to enjoy when we met in person.

The Fall minutes and the Planning meeting minutes, were distributed. Kevin asked if there were any comments or changes in the fall minutes. Hearing none, Kevin asked for a motion to approve. Rena moved and Fred seconded the fall meeting minutes, none opposed. The planning meeting notes were asked to be approved, Kevin asked for comments/changes. Hearing none, Kevin asked for a motion, Fred moved, Martha seconded, there was no opposition, and the planning meeting minutes were also approved.

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

Membership Drive (Fred) – (Attachments F, G)

15 min

Kevin opened the topic regarding membership, and reviewed the report that was submitted. Fred discussed the process and the communications that were distributed to the membership thus far. Kevin encouraged tract reps that after all the communications were completed it was important they make a personal connection to their cabin neighbors. We discussed the upcoming dates for an email blast follow up and the follow up by tract reps, and finalized those to be on or around Feb 1 (for the next email blast) and Feb 7 or 8 (for tract rep follow-up.) The question was raised when Eric would raise the price in square. Eric said he'd probably do it on the 16th, maybe late. Rena asked whether Goat Creek and Silver Springs had split up their groups yet. They had not.

Action Item: Send out another email blast on or around Feb 1. Fred should send an email to tract reps to assist them in their follow up (after Feb 7). Eric should raise the membership price in Square to \$60 on Feb 16th or so. Goat Creek and Silver Springs should split up their tract lists to ease the follow up load.

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

Pres Report / Relationships (Kevin O) – (Attachments H, I, J, K, L)

15 min

Forest Svc Update – No update regarding Brian Lee and his passing. Kevin's reached out to Heather, and has not heard back. Kevin also asked about what to do with issues, but hasn't heard anything. Timing is unfortunate, since Heather is new in her role. We had a good relationship with Martie and had fairly regular meetings with them. And now Brian's unfortunate passing will slow down our relationship building with the Forest Service.

Updates being made to the Forest Plan, given to us by NFH. Forest Service is updating their plan because of fire danger, Spotted Owls, changing climate, etc. The discussion was very high level, and they didn't discuss the Recreation Residence Program to any large degree, but there's lots more to come.

Someone through NFH sent us a link that said that Tribes were becoming more involved in Forest Planning. We were initially considering pursuing a relationship with the Muckleshoots, and that has been tabled for now. But on a national level they'll be getting more involved. That could ultimately impact the cabin program. Kevin has been mentioning to NFH that they must get involved, and of course NFH agrees, and will. Fred asked Mike what co-management means regarding tribes. Mike said the FS and the Muckleshoot has been assisting the Mt Baker/Snoqualmie Nat'l Forest on that regarding Elk, Deer, etc. The cabins are such a small footprint, Mike thinks we should try to stay under the radar.

NFH update – Cabin Program Restoration Act (CPR act), we are losing cabins and the FS is not allowing cabins to be rebuilt. The hope is that NFH can convince the gov't to get the numbers back to where they were. NFH is very focused on this initiative. They're working with Congress to get this Bill put together. Similar to the Cabin Fee act, there'll be an "ask" to cabin associations and cabin owners to support this effort. This is exactly what the cabin defense fund is for. We'll need to think about whether we'll give toward that when NFH sends out the request for a donation. A discussion ensued regarding how we should go about raising funds for this.

VP Report / Membership (Fred) – *covered above*

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

10 min

Chris discussed what had been done thus far regarding the software search, discussing that we'd narrowed the search down to two options – Club Express and Wild Apricot. It was asked when we might be able to make a decision and report to the membership. Chris said she hoped Chris/Eric/Brian would be able to meet with Sales/Company reps and make a decision and submit a proposal at the spring meeting for board consideration.

Action Item: Continue the analysis of the two software options still under consideration, and make a final selection to recommend to the board by the Spring Board meeting.

Financial Review (Eric) – *(Attachment N)*

5 min

Eric discussed the budget, especially anomalies, and where we may stand as the year moves on.

Nominating Committee (Rena) – *(Attachment O)*

5 min

Rena encouraged folks to remain in their roles, if they could, the historical memory is critically important, so consider remaining in your role if you can. If you are intending to step down, you should let Rena know in the first few months of the year.

Action Item: Rena will call a meeting of the nominating committee. Let Rena know if you intend to step down from your role, so the nominating committee will know which positions need to be filled.

Finance Committee (Kevin and Tom)

5 min

Kevin looked at Restricted funds, and there are two and a half restricted funds: The Cabin Defense Fund, and The Dottie Copeland Fund, And the Ken Leader Fund. Those funds can only be used in certain ways. He worked with Tom and Curtis Thompson regarding those funds and how they can be used. They'll work some more on that, so there's more to come.

Social Committee (Kevin and Mike)

5 min

Snowplay Social – trend of not having it is continuing. Every year since the one fabulous year, it seems that it has to be cancelled. We may try to schedule it for President's weekend (in Feb.) Kevin has called Greenwater Community Center for the April 20th dinner, and we're reserved, and Kevin has emailed Hanny's to see if that date was available for them to cater.

Action Item: Finalize the details of the Spring Dinner, especially Hanny's availability to cater.

Cabin Tour (Martha)

5 min

Martha got a list from Ken Ring of potential cabins that might be willing to be a cabin host (for cabin tours.) She's going to send the cabins to tract reps and ask them to contact those cabin owners to find out if they're willing to host.

Action Item: Martha will send a list to tract reps of those cabins who've told Ken they might be willing to host. Martha would like tract reps to follow up with those cabin owners to confirm whether they're willing to do so or not.

Plowing (Robbin) – *(Attachment P)*

5 min

Kevin referenced the plowing report, and asked if anyone had any comments/questions. No one did.

Other Key Topics / New Business

as needed

Secretary Workload Discussion

15 min

Time ran out, so there was no discussion except to the degree it was referenced in earlier conversations. Chris suggested that someone might take over the editing of the website.

Update: Brian Brewer has offered to become the Web Master. Chris will be giving him the login to our WIX website, and cursory training. Since we're about to change to a different software product (which includes a new website), it will be helpful for him to start transferring articles/info into the new website, via the "Sandbox" to which Club Express has given us access.

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Due to the late hour, there were no other topics raised.

Chris moved we end the meeting, Rena seconded, there was no one opposed and the meeting ended at 9:03pm.