

Minutes of WSGA Board Meeting

20 July 2016

Princess Trouble called WSGA's 20 July 2016 Business Meeting order at 6:47pm.

Board Members in attendance: Princess Trouble (Jacquie Vaughn), SirKarp (Rob Norenberg), Ham_sters (Crystal Stidham), FenchurchE (Fen Eatough), GeekandGopher (Ray/Brenda Harrison), geekygal (Julia Fuentes), HippyChick1620 (Kristine Norton), BroncosFan4Life (Chandra Day), Mr. Gadget #2 (Gene Reed)

Also in Attendance: Mc3cats (Chris Brue), NepoKama (Mitch Eatough), Winos_Seattle, AndrewRJ (Andrew Johnson)

Proxies: Mr. Gadget #2 for Mizdirection and Martin5

Princess Trouble welcomed the board members, appointees and visitors in attendance.

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Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 18 May 2016 were approved unanimously

Comments: None

Membership Report

Report by Avroair

Added 28 members. 9 of which paid for 2017 (after June).

Outreach

Report by Mc3cats

WSFP Get Outdoors Expo

June 11, 2016

This was the annual Get Outdoors Expo that the Washington State Parks Foundation puts on every year. This was their 4th annual even. They changed it up a bit this year and held it at Millersylvania State Park vs. the Capitol grounds as prior years. Not only did the WSGA have a booth at this event as in prior years, we also co-hosted a Lab Adventure during the event. I had a fantastic group of volunteers at this event to include the Seattle Winos, Terrible Ts and quite a few “drop in volunteers”. Our booth was rocking compared to the others at the event. This was a great outing for the WSGA and I am pretty sure we got a few more muggles converted during this event.

GPS Usage Report

I thought I would start a new section of my report that documents use of club equipment, specifically the club’s GPS units. We sometimes get requests for use of the club’s GPS units only. These requests usually come from a WSGA member who has a request for a geocaching class from a scout group or a public/private school class that wants to use the club’s GPS units for a geocaching class. I think it’s important that the board sees how the club’s equipment is being used and by whom. Going forward, I will include a blurb in my report on the use of the club’s GPS Units.

The WinterTrio – The Wintertrio borrowed the GPS units in June for a week for an elementary class who wanted to learn more about GPS usage as well as geocaching. They set up a few temporary geocaches around the school grounds for the kids to try out. The GPSs have been returned and currently in my possession.

On the subject of GPS units, I did obtain the Eastern WA GPS units from Hippy Chick and have passed these on to Crystal (Ham Sters) the South Central Chapter Rep as there is a request for the GPS Units in her chapter coming up in September. Mike, former SC Chapter Rep, will be using them for an upcoming Lewis and Clark related event.

Upcoming Outreach Requests/GPS Requests

With the exception of the APE event next month, I don’t have any current outreach request or requests for GPS usage. I am working on the Lab Adventure for the Ape event with Jcar. We already lined up a couple of volunteers who will be manning Lab Adventure caches. Looking forward to seeing you at the APE event!

Comments: None

Ape Mega-Event

Report by AndrewRJ

Our 7th-annual Going APE mega-event is four weeks away, and we are in high gear, all systems go!

- Volunteers: We are actively recruiting volunteers for all areas, and have more than half

the slots filled. But we still have about 20 slots to fill, esp. on parking. One additional volunteer push will be made.

- Equipment: We still need to put the word out to get tables and canopies.
- Swag Bag: Preorders opened in mid-June, closed July 10 and we sold over about 115.
- We will have to have shirt totals to Advantage Sports a few days before the actual pre-orders close. Some merchandise has already been ordered, and the final items (shirts) will be ordered July 29th (ish), for delivery by Aug. 8.
- Swag Bag stuffing: We need to get the SWAG bag stuffing party scheduled. This will get all our preordered Swag Bags ready for pickup at the event. This will also be the final crew chief meeting before the Big Day.
- Event coin: NepoKama created a great design again this year – with a proxy tag! – and the coin is at the mint. We are minting a total of 425, in three colors and 125 of the spot the ape coins and have continued to use Cache Advance as our vendor (supporting the home team, who also provide better service ;)).
- Event shirt: Design and colors are final; vendor (Advantage Sports) is ready to process our order in a week once we place it.
- Parking: Parking will be simpler this year as we will have fewer attendees. We will be only using the Hyak and Forest service lots this year. We have purchased 50 Discover day passes (Hyak) and 25 NWF day passes (Forest Service lot). Now if we can only find enough parking volunteers....
- Portapotties: We are continuing to use Spiffy Biffy this year. The price will be about \$450 and we've got a confirmed order for three toilets. (Background: State Parks requires us to provide additional toilets due to the large crowd at our event.)
- Lab caches: Jcar and Mc3cats are working on the prep for the Ape Adventures, which will only be live the day of the event, although folks will have a week to log them.
- Caches: The Ape Cache is currently disabled due to a damaged lid and the container is wet. I have a new can that I am willing to donate and am reaching out to the cache owner to see about getting the container fixed up.
- Spot the Ape: I personally have nothing to do with this but it seems to be going very well.

Comments: None

Campout

As of 20 July there were 27 Will Attends for the Campout and 36 registrations. Campout coins have arrived and will be for sale at the event.

Merchandise

Report by NepoKama

Chapter SWAG bundles have been compiled and will be shipped out this coming week.

Merchandise purchases for the APE event are all on track. Geocoins for the event and the Spot the APE promotion are in production. Shirt design is at the manufacturer and the order will be

placed this week now that we have final preorder numbers. Other APE swag for the pre-order bags and sales booth will also be placed within the next week.

In addition, per voting at last meeting Campout Geocoins have been minted and will be sold at the campout this weekend.

Once APE event is completed the next tasks for merchandise will be the member gift for this year and designs for the 2017 club coin.

Parks Liaison

Report by Peach&Pete

The good thing about the Park Liaison Manager is that most of the time, you don't have much to do. All is well in the area of Park Liaisons as far as I know, because I have not been notified of any problems or issues with any of the various Park Liaisons. It is a good thing!!!!

Both Pete and I work the Mariners day game on Wednesday, but we hope to be home in time to join the on-line meeting and see what is up in the world of WSGA, especially with the Campout this weekend. So, I may be late logging on, but I do plan to be there.

Comments: None

Bylaw Change

It was proposed that the bylaws be changed to allow chapter representatives to either live or work in the chapter they would like to represent.

“9.3.3 - To run for Chapter Representative, a Member’s primary residence must be within Washington State and they must reside or their place of business must be within the designated Chapter.”

A final vote was set for 72 hours later.

Membership Renewals

There was discussion on ways to remind members when it is time to renew and how to go about it, perhaps setting up a system for mass emails and that we look into reviving the club newsletter.

Appointment of new Treasurer

Princess Trouble introduced the proposed new Treasurer, BroncosFan4Life (Chandra Day), and called for a vote to approve her appointment, which passed unanimously. With thanks to HippyChick1620 for her years of service in the position.

Chapter Reports

Cache-Cadia Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

Late Spring and early Summer activities took off with a very busy schedule within our Chapter. Since the last of May through the end of July, there have been 8 events held or scheduled to be held.

05-21-16 GC6FKCA SUNSET CAFE Spring Brunch
06-04-16 GC6HNE2 WWFM World Wide Flash Mob Flash & Cache
06-12-16 GC6HNDH Late Night Gathering (a.k.a.) Meet & Greet
07-02-16 GC6M07V Pioneer Mob
07-09-16 GC6KQ8C Hot Summer Nights Meet & Greet
07-15-16 GC6M3HK Geo-Pub Tour Stop #7 Wenatchee
07-29-16 GC6MGD0 Geocaching 101
07-30-16 GC6H714 CF Geo Romp Kickoff Happenin

I am looking forward to representing our chapter at the WSGA camp out on the 22-24 of July at Mary Hill State Park.

Inland Empire Chapter Report by Martin 5

Past Chapter Events:

None since the last meeting. With all of the local cacher events which take place, it's hard for the chapter to find a weekend that doesn't have a conflict with someone else's event. We host events when there appears to be a gap, but those definitely don't happen during the summer months. With the Filmed in Spokane GeoTour kickoff, there were three events this past weekend alone.

Upcoming Chapter Events:

None scheduled at this time.

Upcoming Area Events:

Quinquagenarian / GC6HYCK
by Blue Meanies 07/31/2016
Beauty Bay, ID

Pend Oreille County Meet and Greet / GC6K9KD
by TC Life 08/06/2016
Pend Oreille County Park

International Geocaching Day BBQ and Bug Exchange / GC6NCAM
by Airrooster 08/20/2016
Airway Heights

Additional Chapter Area Information:

Lookout Lisa and Cache Advance launched the 2016 Filmed in Spokane GeoTour, this past weekend. This geotour focuses on movies which have been filmed in or have a connection to the local Spokane area. There are 30 caches as part of the tour and all are required to earn the coin. There are also 10 lab caches which will take you to the filming locations from the movie "Benny and Joon." The lab caches will run for a whole year.

The 2015 Spokane History GeoTour is still up and running with coins still available.

Also the Pend Oreille County GeoTour is still up and running with 12 coins remaining. For more information go to: <http://pendoreilleco.org/your-government/parks-and-recreation/pend-oreille-county-geochallenge/>

Olympic Peninsula Chapter Report by GeekyGal

On 6-11 I had an event. It was a small turn out, mostly the usuals. However, there was one woman who has come back to geocaching after a couple of year break. She seems interested in WSGA. The OP Facebook group had new likes thanks to the Port Angeles and Sequim Rocks groups. I'm thinking of hosting an intro to geocaching event for those in the rocks groups can learn more about it.

Southwest Chapter Report by Geek&Gopher

WSGA Member suggestions:

They would like to see a renewal reminder email/postcard from WSGA for membership renewal.

Past Chapter Events

6/11/16 – Battle Ground WA

GC6HXJF Get Outdoors Celebration Meet & Greet

Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter

10 AM to 11 AM @ Columbia Tech Center Central Park

26 logged attended not counting other family members

Upcoming Chapter Events

7/23/16 – Stevenson WA

GC6KRBH Introduction to Geocaching

An event cache by mtribe and Verano (SW Chapter Members)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Stevenson Community Library

120 NW Vancouver Ave

Stevenson, WA

7/31/16 – Ridgefield WA

GC6K6CG Vancouver Sunrise!

Hosted by Verano (SW Chapter Member)

17919 NE 29th Ave Ridgefield WA 98642

5:50 to 6:30 AM

7/31/16 – Centralia WA

GC6MHVK Poker Run & BBQ

Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter

Schaeffer County Park

12 noon to 3 PM

Sept. (?) Date & Time TBD Ice Cream Social

Sept/Oct CITO TBD

Vancouver Coin Challenge TBD 2016 or 2017

Sponsored by the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter

Upcoming Area Events:

9/17/16 – Long Beach WA

Cache Splash Dash II (GC6CZ0C)

By Half-Canadian and Scooter the Wonder Dog

9/18/16 – Long Beach WA

Hit the Road Breakfast (GC6E695)

By Half-Canadian and Scooter the Wonder Dog

48 North Chapter Report by Mizdirection

I do not have much to report for this time period. I have been working 60 hours a week.

Coming forward from here though on September 10th in Bellingham, the chapter will celebrate SWAP IDEAS Days, with (hopefully) everyone bringing ideas for where they would like the chapter and WSGA to go forward from here. I also would like everyone who attends to give ideas on new mystery and cache ideas.

Camano Island State Park has confirmed that because of the great support WSGA has given them throughout the last years, we have the kitchen shelter for free on 9/17/16 to follow our beach and ivy clean up that morning.

I have several thoughts for the next meeting. I will send them via email or on the forum.

Puget Sound Chapter Report by SirKarp

Events Held:

June 5th 2016 was the chapters big summer time event, GC6F1PG, It's almost Summer Picnic. As some of you know there was death in my family shortly before the event. Because of this I was unable run or be at the event. There were several folks that stepped to help out and make the event a success in though I couldn't be there. Thank you, Mc3cats, Broncos fan 4 life,

Caption Trevos, Princess Trouble and Avroair, without you folks stepping up I would have had to archive the event, or reschedule it.

Up incoming Events:

The third annual Puget Sound Haunted nightmare event is set for Saturday 10-22-16, we'll be at the Vasa Hall in Preston again this year. We have the space reserved and the theme will be Carn-evil. We'll be placing 13 new caches in the area for attendees to find with the reward being a path tag designed by Bronco's Fan 4 Life. We've already got a few helpers and always looking for more!

Other than that I haven't planned any events, primarily because of the delay in finding out what the chapter allotment is and needing to make sure there is the funding available for the big events, ie Halloween, and Holiday parties.

That is all I have at this time.

Meeting was adjourned by Princess Trouble at 8:31pm.