Minutes of WSGA Board Meeting 18 May 2016

Avroair called WSGA's 18 May 2016 Business Meeting order at 6:37pm.

Board Members in attendance: Princess Trouble (Jacquie Vaughn), SirKarp (Rob Norenberg), Mizdirection (Toni Westgarth), Ham_sters (Crystal Stidham), FenchurchE (Fen Eatough), Avroair (Mark Clemens), GeekandGopher (Ray/Brenda Harrison), geekygal (Julia Fuentes), Hippychick1620 (Kristine Norton), Martin5 (Jerry Martin), Mr. Gadget #2 (Gene Reed)

Also in Attendance: Mc3cats (Chris Brue), NepoKama (Mitch Eatough), Scarecrow (Kevin Norton), BroncosFan4Life, AndrewRJ (Andrew Johnson)

Avroair welcomed the board members, appointees and visitors in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 24 March 2016 were approved unanimously

Comments: None

Treasurer Appointment

With the resignation of CoolCowCachers at Treasurer, it was proposed by Princess Trouble that we appoint Hippychick1620 as Interim Treasurer until a permanent replacement could be found. The motion was passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Report by Hippychick1620

March 1, 2016 Starting balance: \$17,142.22

Income:

Memberships: \$306(Total: \$306.00)

Expenses:

PayPal fees: \$15.49postage: \$9.80

Coin order: \$2,733.43Total (\$2,758.72)

March 31, 2016 ending balance: \$14,689.50 (\$2,452.72 loss)

March 31, 2015 ending balance: \$11,368.15 (1yr comparison)

March 31, 2013 ending balance: \$10,867.75 (3yr comparison)

March 31, 2011 ending balance: \$2,986.12 (5yr comparison)

April 1, 2016 Starting balance: \$14,689.50

Income:

Memberships: \$216.00Merch. Sales: \$215.50Return of deposit: \$300.00

• (Total: \$731.50)

Expenses:

PayPal fees: \$7.13postage: \$47.91

Office supplies: \$18.50Campout: \$505.88

• Chapter Allocation: \$252.57

• Deposit sent to Chapter Rep: \$300.00

• Total (\$1,131.99)

April 30, 2016 ending balance: \$14,289.01 (\$400.49 loss)

April 30, 2015 ending balance: \$10,089.31 (1yr comparison)

April 30, 2013 ending balance: \$10,183.27 (3yr comparison)

April 30, 2011 ending balance: \$5,160.14 (5yr comparison)

For May 2016 to date our income is roughly \$270 and expenses are roughly \$570. Note that these figures do not reflect the campout sales we have been receiving through EventBrite (I need the login information to add it to my spreadsheets).

Comments: None

Membership Report

Report by Avroair

We have 20 new accounts. 16 individual, 4 family members. with 24 new members. for a total of 475. There are 4 applications that need processing once I get the membership supplies.

Comments: There was some discussion on the cost of processing memberships compared with the money we take in from dues. It was proposed that we me further discussions to the forums for now and revisit the topic at the next Board Meeting.

Outreach

Report by AndrewRJ

I had about 30 people at an outreach event at the local Library, it was well attended and the Library LOVED us. We had about 5 totally new cachers sign up due to the event that the Lib heavily promoted, I will send out a final thank you and link to the WSGA once I archive the event

Report by MC3CATS

The Washington State Parks Foundation is holding their annual Outdoor Expo in June....This year it's at Millersylvania Park on 6/11/16. We have been asked by the Foundation to have a booth at this event...... I have all the supplies needed for the event. However, I need a couple of volunteers. Two are three to help run the booth....

I plan to ask GeoHQ for a Lab Cache credit as we have done in the Past. If anyone is interested, please let me know..

Comments: None

APE Mega-Event

Report by AndrewRJ

We are running a bit behind schedule this year, but still are will within needed timeframes. I have yet to hold the initial planning meeting usually held near the beginning of May. **Highlights:**

• **Numbers:** As of May 17 there are 67 will attend logs. This is **significantly** lower than years past as we no longer have the support of the Block Party. I am working with Jacquie and Mitch to discuss options to increase attendance.

- Ape Swag Bag: No decisions have been finalized however we anticipate that the Swag Bag cost will be about the same as last year (\$18), and we will sell them for \$30 during June preorders, (Since we will be in production in July, we will estimate a number for the follow-on preorders, and if we run out, that's it.) No Swag Bags will be sold at the event, only individual items.
- Event coin: Design is progressing well with the design approaching a final state. Mitch has again out done himself and has created a fantastic coin. We are working on a cutout of the word APE with the ridge and mountains with the tunnel in the background. The back showing a treasure map. Final design details will hopefully be completed by the end of the month so we can get designs off to the mint.
- Event shirt: Not Finalized but likely a similar design to the coin like years past
- **Parking**: We will be continuing with the designed plan from last year with the addition of the upper ski lot as needed. It is likely that we will not need the ski lot.
- Crew chiefs: We have all our area managers in place, and we'll be holding a Crew Chiefs meeting in June. Tunnel Monitors – FenchurchE. Welcome – Frisky Biscuits (Christine). Swag Preorders – Lizzy. Swag Sales – Hippychick1620. Refreshments – Peach&Pete. Lab caches – jcar. Parking – Rambudo.
- **Volunteers**: I will be sending out the recruiting calls for volunteers by the end of May. Several folks have already signed up proactively.
- Lab caches: We will be doing a series of these event caches, which are currently only available to mega-events. Jcar and mc3cats are partnering to create them, in consultation with Groundspeak.
- Overall Costs: We are in line with our projected costs and we will continue to try to keep costs down.

Comments: None

Website

A request was made by the webmaster for the club's website to authorize the purchase of the SSL Certificate. Motion was made for approval and passed unanimously. It was also proposed that we do a one year renewal and then do a five year renewal next year when the domain registration is set to renew, putting the two on the same schedule.

Comments: None

Social Media

The club now has a Twitter account: WaSt_Geocaching and it was proposed that we also create an Instagram account. Avroair Reports that our posts on Facebook are getting good responses.

Chapter Rep Welcome Packets

Princess Trouble proposed creating a packet of information that would include a description of each chapter rep's responsibilities, guidelines for posting on social media and anything else we want to share and have the same throughout the state. It would all be electronic, so no extra costs involved.

Summer Campout Coin

NepoKama provided proposed designs for the campout coin, with the back of the coin using a previous WSGA mold. It was decided to order 100 coins for the event.

Spot the Ape Tag

It was proposed that we pay for the minting of 100 numbered tags to be used in the Spot the Ape Promotion for the Ape Event in August as well as the minting of coins to serve as prizes. The motion passed unanimously.

Chapter Reports

South Central Chapter Report by Ham_sters

Past Chapter Events

4/23/16 - Tri Cities

So Long AC Funk GC6F80H

14 Marked Attended

(Approx. 30 people)

This was an event to say goodbye to two of South Central greatest cachers. To say that Al and Nola were monumental to the Tri Cities caching community is an understatement. They not only hid caches, were FTFs on numerous occasions, and helped support any event thrown their way but they also made it a lifestyle that they could share with others. They took numerous trips together just to find caches, they were always ready and willing to answer any question newbies might have, and every year for the Tri Cities Geocoin event, they would put together two huge canisters full of trackables, swag, toys, and cash, to raffle off: One for everyone and one specifically for the kids. Their hearts are huge, their knowledge is vast, and they will be missed.

4/24/16 - Walla Walla

CITO and a Souvenir GC6D5WP

19 Marked Attended

(Approx. 30 people)

4/24/16 - Walla Walla

Geocaching 101 GC6DPKJ

11 Marked Attended

(Approx. 30 people)

4/24/16 - Walla Walla

WW Spring Fling Meet & Greet GC6D74D

20 Marked Attended

(Approx. 30 people)

On the 24th, Walla Walla hosted combined events hoping to get more people out caching and to learn about our fun little "hobby". They were hugely successful, tons of people around all around the area made out for these three events and everyone had a great time learning and teaching.

Upcoming Chapter Events

5/14/16

New Cachers Meet & Greet GC6GMJ6

We're trying to get new cachers ready for the Geocoin event in June. WSGA is going to host an event geared toward newer cachers to help under the apps better, let them know about WSGA, the events coming up, and to get families out doing stuff together. We'll be giving away prizes for the youngest cacher, WSGA members, new WSGA members (Hopefully we can get some new blood to sign up), and just give the rest of the last year's WSGA items away. Make some room for this year's items!

Upcoming Area Events

6/25/16

Tri Cities 2016 Geocoin Challenge

Sacajawea State Park, Pasco, WA GC60EZ6

by Richland, Pasco, W. Richland, and Kennewick, Visit Tri

This is the official event for the Tri Cities 2016 Geocoin Challenge. There will be a Meet & Greet event on the 6/24 and a CITO on 6/26. There will also be a couple of Geocaching 101 classes leading up to the event.

That's about it on this corner of the state. I'm excited to get this new year for WSGA started and have some fun!

Cache-Cadia Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

There has been a little activity happening around the area. I would like to thank Go-pher-It for planning and holding several meet and greet events around the Cachcadian region. He held two in Wenatchee, one in Ellensburg and one in Cle Elum. This is much to my liking as I would like to see gatherings all around except all being held in Wenatchee.

I held a CITO event on April 23, 2016, (GC6ENJ3) along to Norton Canyon Road just outside of Ephrata. WA. This place was decided after going there to find cache last month and being challenged by a local checking if I was there dumping trash. Needless to say this area was in need of a little TLC.

We had a small turnout that day but have to proudly thank those who traveled great distances and worked their Butts off participating in the cleanup. Being this was along side the County Road, we had to adhere to the same guide lines as used for the "Adopt the Highway" program, Hard Hats, Safety Vest, and traffic signage.

At this time I am not aware of any new planning regarding activities around.

48 North Chapter Report by misdirection

Wow, a whole lot has happened up here!!!!

We had our Leap Year event GC6APGC which brought in about 30 people. We got to meet so many people! Best of all was a wife and son who has a man in the military at NAS Whidbey! It was their first event in the area and they are looking forward to many more! Also, because of PNWBrat's event outside that of Bellingham that same day, we had cachers that canoed and rowed and found some 5 terrain caches!!

The Rasar Campout and 2 Citos' with it was a big success! Actually it was a plant out and a plant in. Everyone worked extremely hard on bushwhacking into areas with no trails in Rasar, finding native plants and bringing them out. Once they were out everyone replanted them in 2 areas that needed to be replanted. We also during the weekend, had a "Fly By Seat of Your Pants" for late arrivals on Saturday and Sunday. Working with Ranger Kevin, we washed State Park Vehicles, picked up debris that was left by other volunteer groups and pulled holly out of the park using root pullers. For a free weekend of camping, it was GREAT!!!!

The May the Fourth Be With You Event in Oak Harbor brought in about 20 people for a celebration of the military and (of course) Star Wars. We enjoyed visiting with several drop in cachers from New Jersey and Minnesota.

Inland Empire Chapter Report by Martin 5

Past Chapter Events:

04/23/2016
14th Annual Cache In Trash Out
John Shield's Park, Spokane
GC6BZ0V
29 attended logs posted. (Approximately 60 people)

Upcoming Chapter Events:

None at this time.

Upcoming Area Events:

05/14/16

Reach FOUR The STARS (With RMB & D'Dawg)
Colville City Park, Colville
GC6BBKM by RobotMonkeyBoy, D'Dawg & Grandkids Rock

06/14/2016 Celebrating 8 Years! Liberty Lake Regional Park, Liberty Lake GC6HE67 by Martin 5

06/18/2016
Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Fisher
Cliff Park, Spokane
GC698KV by shrimala and CacheDFish

06/26/16
Paddle and Cache III
Little Spokane River, Spokane
GC6EB07 by the tc life

07/02/2016
THE BRITS, (well the Welsh actually), ARE COMING!!
Krispy Kreme, Spokane Valley
GC6D5XA by Ellie&Rudi Mentry

07/16/2016

Filmed in Spokane 2016 GeoTour Kick Off Greenacres Park, Greenacres GC6BJP9 by Cache.Advance

07/17/2016
Benny & Joon at the Garland!
Garland Theater, Spokane
GC6D0GP by Cache.Advance

Miscellaneous:

Lookout Lisa and Cache Advance are working on the 2016 Spokane GeoTour, with a kickoff set for July 16, 2016. There will be a second event, with a free movie showing, on July 17, 2016. This year's geotour will focus on movies which have been filmed in or have a connection to the local Spokane area. I will share more information as it becomes available. Please share the weekend event information with your local chapters!

The 2015 Spokane 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-oreillecounty-geochallenge/

<u>Items for Possible Discussion:</u>

Cache of the Month: Who maintains this now? I attempted to nominate a Spokane cache for April, which had been published in February 2016. I kept getting an error message saying the cache was not in the data base. I emailed Kevin Norton (contact listed on the WSGA webpage as the POC) and received no reply.

WSGA Outreach GPS Units: Does anyone know where the 6 GPS units are what were purchased for outreach on the East side of the state? They never made it to the IE Chapter and I have a request for using them in August.

Olympic Peninsula Chapter Report by GeekyGal

On April 1st I hosted an April Fools event. 17 people came to the event including people from Seattle and Wisconsin. There was an Earth Day CITO in Jefferson County that from what I heard was a big success. In July I'm planning my annual Caching Family Picnic in Sequim. I also want to do an event in Silverdale/Paulsbo area. I'm still working on the when and where.

Southwest Chapter Report by Geek&Gopher

Past Chapter Events

5/7/16 – Vancouver/Portland Maintenance Madness Kick Off & Celebration Events (GC6BGH7 & GC61Q2) (Approx. 50 people attended)

Geocache Description:

A cooperative Geocache Maintenance day, hosted by Washington State Geocaching Association (WSGA) and Geocachers Exploring Oregon (GEOregon), Join with us for a day of cache maintenance! A morning kickoff event in Vancouver, and a final evening wrap-up event in the Portland area (GC6C1Q2). Newsflash! Ohio Geocaching OHGeo is joining us with events on the same day! (GC6FFX3 and GC6FFXE)

Upcoming Chapter Events

6/11/16 – Battle Ground WA
Meet & Greet with the New WSGA SW Chapter Reps
Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter
Time & Location TBA

7/2016 – Stevenson WA Geocaching 101 Class Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter Member Verano

7/2016 – Vancouver WA Geocaching 101 Class Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter Member Verano

8/6/16 – Chehalis WA
Poker Run & BBQ
Hosted by WSGA SW Chapter
Schaeffer County Park, Time & Description TBA SOON!

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

6/18/16 – Stevenson WA 15th Annual Columbia River Gorge Geocachers Picnic (GC6DKBC) By Columbia River Gorge Geocachers

6/16/16 – Long Beach WA Pirate's Pizza (GC6CZ42) By Half-Canadian and Scooter the Wonder Dog

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

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Puget Sound Chapter Report by SirKarp

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Previous Events: Unfortunately the chapter did not put on any events since the last board meeting. I had hopes to hold a CITO in April but that didn't work out, and given the large number of CITO's held by other cachers in the Puget Sound area I think it's probably ok.

Up and coming Events:

GC6F1PG – WSGA – Puget Sound, it's almost summer picnic, will be held on 06-05-16. This is typically the summer picnic, but this year it's actually going to be late spring. The main reason for this is because of all of the other big summer events made it difficult not to conflict with another event. As always it will be a potluck event, we'll have a general raffle, a WSGA members only drawing and an early bird drawing.

Though it's to early to list it on geocaching.com 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!

Meeting was adjourned by Princess Trouble at 9:25pm.