

## **Minutes of WSGA Board Meeting**

**18 November 2015**

AndrewRJ called WSGA's 18 November 2015 Business Meeting order at 6:37pm.

Board Members in attendance: AndrewRJ (Andrew Johnson), FenchurchE (Fen Eatough), HippyChick1620 (Kristine Norton), Lizzy (Lisa Wasser), Martin5 (Jerry Martin), Mr. Gadget #2 (Gene Reed), Mizdirection (Toni Westgarth), PeachandPete (Annette Bailes), SirKarp (Rob Norenberg), tumbleweedpirates (Mike Lowery), Verano (Debbi Patton)

Proxies: Verano for ClayArtist

Also in Attendance: Jcar (Jim Bertrand), Mc3cats (Chris Brue), NepoKama (Mitch Eatough)

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from 16 September 2015 were approved unanimously

*Comments:* None

#### **2015 Member Bonus**

*Report by AndrewRJ*

Each fall since 2010, we've surprised our members with a Member Bonus - free swag to thank them for supporting WSGA and geocaching in Washington. In previous years, we've done pathtags a lanyard and a cachekin. This year, we returned to pathtags, featuring an apple. Within the WSGA board forums, the Board approved ordering 850 tags. Approximately 500 of these will be used for the Member Bonus; the rest will be used for new member gifts and sold online and at events.

At this time the pathtags have been ordered and will be distributed once they arrive.

*Comments: None*

## **WSGA 2016 Coin**

*Report by NepoKama*

The decision was made to hold the multi-part coin for the 15th anniversary. The proposed design for this year is posted in the forums with two options for the flip side. The stamp design is taken from the Washington State postage stamp that was released in 2002.

Next steps for the coin are review and comments by the board on the design.

*Comments:* There was some discussion on details of the proposed coin with a final version to be posted to the forums and the final vote to be taken via email.

## **2016 Campout**

*Report by AndrewRJ*

### **Summary**

We have reservations for Maryhill State Park's Group Campsite for Friday, July 17 through July 24, 2015. The WSGA has paid \$490.60 for this reservation. We are currently discussing a potential budget for the campout.

### **Background**

We have successfully reserved the Maryhill State Park group campsite and 4 additional RV sites for the 2016 WSGA Campout. In order to ensure we got the group site for the time period we made the reservation on Wednesday, October 17, 2015 for 7 days, Wednesday, July 17 through Sunday, July 24, 2016. The reservation cost was \$842.60.

At the end of November we will modify the reservation and changed the dates for the reservation of the campsite to Friday, July 22 through Sunday, July 24, 2016. With the change, we should be refunded about \$300, the cost of 5 days, minus the reservation change fee of \$8.50 and cancelation fee of what should be 15%. The final cost for the group site at Maryhill State Park is based on the number of campers with the price increasing for each 25 campers. Based on our estimated number of campers (51) we have an estimated cost for the group site of \$413.66.

For this cost we receive the group camp, shelter, fire pit, 4 RV spots with hookups, and 6 RV non hookups (Dry camping).

On November 9, 2014, We also reserved four extra RV sites located near the group campsite to have a total of 14 to offer to our attendees. The cost for these four extra RV sites was \$352.

The total spent so far is \$842.60

*Comments:* NepoKama has started work on a design for the Campout pathtag. tumbleweedpirates mentioned that the ranger at the nearby observatory is a cacher and might be willing to host a private event in conjunction with the campout.

## **Outreach Report**

*Outreach Report by Snowflake24*

### **Issaquah Salmon Days - October 3-4**

The Geocaching Adventure at the Salmon Days event started out slow Saturday morning with few visitors, but the afternoon picked up. On Sunday, volunteers were busy pretty much the entire day. Quite a few geocachers stopped by, and Mc3cats is pretty sure they signed up an entire muggle family for geocaching. A big thank you to volunteers Mizdirection, DSVaughn, Princess Trouble, Muddy Teapot, Lamoracke and Psykokiwi.

### **Skagit County Girl Scouts - October 17**

Mizdirection and her husband met up with Mc3cats near the Skagit County Regional Airport, where the outdoor class took place. Girl scouts were earning their geocaching badges, and roughly 50 kids and parents attended. Toni had a number of caches nearby that were used in the class as geocache examples for the girls to go find. Afterward, Chris cached with a small group of kids and parents, finding additional caches that were not part of the class. Chris says: "We had a wonderful time! The kids had a lot of fun learning about geocaching and GPS units."

## **Upcoming:**

### **Tacoma Girl Scouts**

A request recently came through on the Cachers of Puget Sound FB page for someone to speak to a small group of scouts in Tacoma. Chris has made contact with the organizers, and this event is currently in the planning stages.

*Outreach Report by AndrewRJ*

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, King County Parks has recognized WSGA as a key partner at its annual Volunteer Program Appreciation Dinner on November 5th. AndrewRJ attended to represent the club and receive the award, presented by Kevin Brown, Director of King County Parks. It's great to be recognized alongside organizations such as The Sierra Club, Washington Trails Association, and Friends of the parks groups.

*Outreach Report by hydasek*

## Salmon Adventure at Issaquah Salmon Days

On behalf of the Kokanee Work Group (KWG), I requested WSGA's help in putting on a Geocaching Adventure (lab cache series) at Issaquah Salmon Days on Oct. 3-4. The KWG is a consortium of 30+ government agencies, NGOs, and nonprofits working to raise awareness and support for restoration of the kokanee salmon in the Lake Sammamish watershed. King County and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are the lead organizations. The goal of the Adventure was to use geocaching to raise kokanee awareness among attendees (Salmon Days draws 150,000 people each year) as well as promote the upcoming Kokanee Quest, a geocaching series (with pathtag prize) that launched Nov. 13.

I worked with my USFWS and Hatchery contacts to determine the topics and then programmed the Adventure, which had eight stations around the Issaquah Hatchery. (Mc3cats was the beta tester.) I arranged a free booth location and setup with the Hatchery, rounded up lots of prize swag from participating organizations, and created the participant handouts and flyers for posting at other booths supporting the Adventure. I also had a hashtag, #SalmonAdventure, for social promotion of the activity.

Mc3cats was the real hero, overseeing the actual event: recruiting booth staff and managing the booth and Salmon Adventure both days. Finding booth staff was a bit challenging, due to competing geocaching events that weekend, including the Quincy Cache Machine, but he pulled it off.

Participation-wise, Saturday was slow but Sunday had a fair number of interested participants. Overall, however, we didn't get the interest we'd hoped for – not even from geocachers. Mc3cats said we probably had 50+ (non-caching) people/families participate, but only 20 or so completed it using the app and came back for prizes. Others did it using the handout, and some did it but never came back for prizes.

We think there are a few reasons this Adventure wasn't as successful as expected, some of which may be instructive when considering doing Adventures at future events.

- Too many competing activities during Issaquah Salmon Days, and the Adventure took time to do.
- The Adventure technology, while simple, was a barrier to participation, as you had to explain the basic concept and get folks up and running on the browser app.
- Our Salmon Adventure booth was toward the back of the hatchery event venue.
- Not enough advance promotion, and we weren't featured on the Salmon Days website.

While mc3cats did get a few non-cachers interested in geocaching and the Kokanee Quest, overall Geocaching Adventures seem best suited to geocaching-oriented events (like the Ape mega), where participants are already familiar with geocaching and Adventures. The learning curve and time required to do it are drawbacks to attracting non-caching participants in other settings.

*Comments:* mizdirection introduced a request for a donation of \$1000 for the upcoming Great Balls of Fire event to offset the cost of t-shirts, in exchange for having the WSGA logo on the shirts. A vote was called and the request was rejected with a vote called to further discuss the matter in the forums.

## **Ape Mega-Event**

*Report by AndrewRJ*

Planning for the [2016 Ape mega-event](#) is underway. With the cessation of Block Party we have discussed continuing the Ape Event one additional year to gauge the decline in attendance.

Historically the event has been the third Sunday of the month after the Block Party which would be August 21st. This year we have the opportunity to move the event to the Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> if we choose to.

### **Do we want to continue with the third Sunday to preserve continuity or do we want to move the event back to the Saturday?**

The event page should be up by the end of the month. I will be submitting the Mega-event agreement shortly.

Following the New Year we will obtain our insurance binder, and I will apply for the park permit. I will begin working with Mitch and the board to develop new ideas for the Ape Coin.

The current event format is working well, so we won't be making big changes from the attendee's point of view.

In addition, I have been approached by several cachers who have expressed interest in creating a larger weekend, possibly holding other events that weekend. I feel that this could be beneficial and is something that I will be discussing further and ideas will be reported to the board as they develop.

*Comments:* After some discussion, AndrewRJ called a vote on whether to move the event to Saturday. Motion passed unanimously. NepoKama suggested the idea of talking with Oregon cachers to try arranging an event for the same weekend near the Original Stash location.

## **WSGA Parks Liaison Manager Report**

*Report by Annette of Peach & Pete*

Once again, there is not a lot going on in the realm of Park Liaisons, but that is a good thing. We do have one opening for Bellevue. Because I don't know too many cachers in that area I'm asking that if any of you know of a good fit for the Bellevue Liaison, please contact me so I can

get in touch with them and hopefully recruit a new Bellevue Liaison. I'll also be putting a notice on Cachers of Puget Sound and perhaps on the WSGA Facebook page and WSGA website to see if I can get some interest. Other ideas?

The Auburn Parks project finally delivered on a promise made when a 2014 small grant was received. On Saturday, October 17, the Auburn Geocaching Adventure kicked off with a large attendance of over 200 people as there were 150 logs on the event sign-in. Twenty new caches went live at 9:00 a.m. and off they went to find them. And the amazing thing was that people kept coming almost all day long to pick up a passport and start their journey. 73 cachers returned with a completed passport and received their prize of a beautiful trackable geocoin designed by Mitch Eatough. To date, over 110 coins have been distributed, and the caches continue to be found every day, so people are still doing the challenge. We have begun to plan a 2016 event, as all the comments we saw on the event log and talking to geocachers as they returned to get their coin told us they thoroughly enjoyed this event and looked forward to another next year. All of those involved in this project feel it was a great success, and was a good investment of WSGA's funds through the small grant in 2014. My working full-time and trying to manage all the details of this event made for a slower delivery date and less than perfect fulfillment of my original vision, but that gives us something to build on for next year. Hard work but such an exhilarating result at the end.

Again, I thank the many of you who hold positions in WSGA for all the assistance and support that I have received from you. Please let me know if you have ideas for the Parks Liaison area of WSGA.

*Comments:* None

## **GeoTour Sponsorships**

*Report by hydnek*

### **Washington State Parks GeoTour**

Stats for the State Parks GeoTour (June 2013 – October 2015), courtesy of rambudo:

There are 103 caches in 102 parks.

Total Finds: 36,605

Total DNFs: 398 (mostly missing caches)

Total Favorite points: 2,788 (all have at least 4)

Cachers who have found/hidden\*:

100+: 46

90+: 55

80+: 69  
70+: 82  
60+: 112  
50+: 219  
40+: 252  
30+: 302  
20+: 383  
10+: 615  
5+: 1031  
1+: 8370  
DNFs only: 61

Cachers who have found all 103 caches: 15

Mr. Gadget #2, rambudo, rocketglider, lamoracke, FugeFinders, benandjayme, rb2006, Peach&Pete, Frisky Biscuits, yellow1961, jim and jan, NW Wolf Pack, Broncos Fan 4 Life, Rock Chalk, Ms Marvelous

\* Note: The above figures don't precisely match the gold/silver finish list because

- 1 - Some finishers haven't logged all their finds online (not required).
- 2 - Multiple finders in the same family/household may only claim one silver and gold coin.

Most Found:

2404: Iron Horse - Hyak  
821: Peace Arch  
764: Fort Casey  
621: Saint Edward  
613: Saltwater

Least Found:

101: Fields Spring  
113: Crawford  
126: Mount Pilchuck  
126: Camp Wooten

131: Curlew Lake

131: Steamboat Rock

Most Favorite Points:

150: Fort Worden

113: Rosario Beach - Deception Pass

111: Potholes

93: Peace Arch

81: Wenatchee Confluence

**Visit Rainier Centennial GeoTour**

Series 2 of the Rainier GeoTour launched October 9, right on schedule, so cachers now have two series to chase around Mount Rainier. Lots of cachers have been finding the caches in recent weeks, ahead of the worsening weather. Series 2 doesn't have caches along the Chinook Scenic Byway due to pass closures preventing access; instead, Series 3 next spring will have more of an emphasis on the scenic byways.

Statistics on the Visit Rainier GeoTour as of October 31, 2015. These are based on online logs and compiled using a GSAK macro - thanks, rambudo!

There are 25 caches in Series 1, published June 13, 2015.

There are 25 caches in Series 2, published October 9, 2015

Total Finds: 4,566

Total DNFs: 44

Total Favorite points: 337 (all have at least 1)

Cachers who have found/hidden:

50: 11

45+: 14

40+: 17

35+: 24  
30+: 47  
25+: 74  
20+: 89  
15+: 106  
10+: 136  
5+: 200  
1+: 603  
DNFs only: 2

Most Favorite Points for Series 1:

42: Suntop Lookout  
31: Laysen Cave  
15: A Family Farm  
15: Eatonville, Washington  
14: On the way to Sheep Lake  
14: Deep Creek Falls

Most Favorite Points for Series 2:

10: Carbon River Aggradation  
7: Melmont Ghost Town  
7: Where the Water Falls  
6: Alder Ghost Town  
6: Think Inside the box

Highest % Favorites per find:

33% Suntop Lookout  
28% Where the Water Falls  
27% Carbon River Aggradation  
25% Laysen Cave  
22% Think Inside the Box  
20% Melmont Ghost Town



Chapters	Accounts	
	New this Year	Renewals
Puget Sound	26	118
48 North	17	43
Inland Empire	4	32
South Central	6	23
Olympic Peninsula	0	26
Southwest	12	13
Cache-Cadia	5	14
Unaffiliated	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>273</b>

#### **As of 11/14/2015**

We cannot compare membership numbers or trends to last year because we did not have a board meeting in November of 2014. No data was compiled for that reporting period until December.

During this reporting period, we had gains of 5 new accounts, consisting of 8 new members. These new accounts were in the following chapters: Puget Sound, 48 North, Olympic Peninsula, and Southwest Chapters.

We seem to be in line with last years membership totals with the modest gains this period. We have had a small number of accounts renewing for 2016. For our 2016 (next year) memberships, we show 60 accounts with 99 members total. It's time to put out a call for 2016 membership renewals. I need to renew my own membership!! I'm still waiting for the arrival of pathtags to send out to many of our new members. Please let those that ask about these that we will get them into the mail THE DAY that I receive them.

*Comments:* None

## Financial Report

*Report by HippyChick1620*

July 1, 2015 Starting balance: \$14,781.35

### Income:

- Memberships: \$363.00
- Misc. sales: \$139.00
- Coin Sales: \$52.00
- Campout: \$401.00
- APE event: \$10,464.00
- Fee refund: \$0.55
- Chapter donation: \$90.42
- (Total: \$11,509.97)

### Expenses:

- PayPal fees: \$448.06
- Order shipping: \$37.86
- Duplicate dues refund: \$19.00
- APE event: \$4,653.41
- Campout: \$92.00
- Stop pymt on check fee: \$15.00
- Chapter allocation: \$77.18
- Total (\$5,342.51)

July 31, 2015 ending balance: \$20,948.81 (\$6,167.46 gain)

August 1, 2015 Starting balance: \$20,948.81

### Income:

- Memberships: \$308.00
- Misc. sales: \$413.00
- Coin Sales: \$377.00
- Campout: \$60.00
- APE event: \$2488.00
- Fee refund: \$0.87
- Donation: \$0.50
- Transfer from PayPal to Chase: \$8,500.00
- (Total: \$12,147.37)

### Expenses:

- PayPal fees: \$102.16
- Order shipping: \$52.97
- Swag bag refund: \$30.00
- APE supplies: \$1,449.41
- APE Merchandise: \$9,123.53

- Campout: \$871.95
- Petty cash w/d for APE/BP events: \$990.00
- Transfer from PayPal to Chase: \$8,500.00
- Total (\$21,120.02)

August 31, 2015 ending balance: \$11,976.16 (\$8,972.65 loss)

September is currently running income ahead of expenses, due to the APE & Block Party cash being deposited.

### Block Party

The final Block Party was wildly successful. People started visiting the booth at about 8:30 and we had a line most of the time until about 4:45pm, perfect for tear-down at 5pm. We brought in \$3,647 for the day, with about \$250 (estimated) of that being new memberships. This is such a great event & I will miss it immensely.

### APE Event Financial Summary

As most of you know, our Annual Going APE! Mega Event is our cash cow, this is our major fundraiser that helps carry us forward. This year, due to it being a bigger event, we had more in expenses than in years past. That being said, we also brought in more as a result. We spent \$17,126.25 in supplies & merchandise, and made \$25,129.78 in merchandise sales & donations, for a profit of \$8,003.53.

*Comments:* None

### Member Discount

*Report by SirKarp*

As many of you may know there has been a thread in the forum regarding additional member benefits since June. There was also a little discussion at the last meeting. I would like to know whether or not we want approach an outdoor store and / or cache advance for a discount for our members or coupons that we could send out to our members as an additional member benefit.

*Comments:* SirKarp motioned for a decision on whether to investigate a discount for club members which passed unanimously.

## **Chapter Reports**

### ***Southwest Chapter report by verano***

40 people attended my World Space Week event in Ridgefield on October 3 and explored the Geocache Container Contraption (a construction of examples of geocaching hides to help new cachers learn about unusual cache containers), which was altered to look somewhat like a space ship. Everyone learned some outer space trivia, and for some reason the outer space word search was a big hit.

I helped out at the Cache Dash Splash and Classic 1945 events in SW Washington in September, held in Counties I represent.

68 people attended the GIFF event I hosted in the Vancouver area on November 7. About 2/3 of the attendees were from Washington, and 1/3 from Oregon. There are some great pictures on the WSGA Southwest Chapter facebook page. Everyone took home a laminated movie ticket magnet to commemorate the event. We only had two chairs to spare.

The WSGA Southwest winter event will be held in Longview on December 6 and should get published this week. The Portland, OR Police Bureau rescheduled their kickoff event at the last minute for that Saturday (the 5th), so I moved my event to Sunday since some Oregon folks like to come to my events.

I will host a CITO road cleanup in the near future, a Geocaching trivia event in early January, and then a meet and greet in Centralia.

My current local focus, to improve the reputation of the SW Washington area for geocaching, is: getting caches archived that have long gone missing, and encouraging cache placers to CITO their cache locations. We have a rep for DNFs and trash, unfortunately, with the nearby Oregon cachers.

I continue to attend the GEOregon meetings and cross-post all upcoming SW WA activities on the Portland Geocaching FB page. The newly elected GEOregon board president and I are already planning a joint spring event.

### ***South Central Chapter report by tumbleweedpirates***

First of all if you guys have a Friends of (state park name here) in your area you must join! Our Friends of Sacajawea has been so helpful and giving four all our events this year it is amazing. They helped us host our Mega event in the tune of, we couldn't have it without them! I just recalculated our outreach to the community with non-geocaching events through events they set up on free park days and it is actually over 600! We have several new Cachers showing up on logs also. On our June 6th free park day we had over 200 visit our booth and then on another event we hosted on free park day in Sept we hosted about 420 folks. Which only lead to three families coming to a Geo 101 class afterwards but hey, they were all new at the class!

I do feel a cheap coin with necklace and candy to give to kids after completing a small navigational track helped our popularity at the last event. WSGA may want to invest in a coin like this in future. I will buy more for our events in park next year here though.

Get to know your state parks and events/clubs there are several in the state. Also when state parks are losing rangers as our are then the Friends groups end up running the park. If you are on the board during this event it could give WSGA huge exposure. We are invite to a very large fall event here next year that brings in 1600 kids in a day. We will have a booth and a demo for kids then handouts for kids to take home to parents so they can learn more about caching. It is a pretty big deal and I am having a professional develop our 20 min lesson plan. It will have to use navigational aids of Lewis and Clark days to current geocaching aids and compare their uses. This is a prerequisite me and the director made.

In August SCWSGA hosted a dinner at our local eatery and we had many attend this one, it was very nice.

In Oct we hosted a CITO and about 7 people came and three of them were new. We cleaned for a couple hours then came back to my place for fresh ground hamburgers, more Cachers came to feed also.

In Nov we have already hosted the GIFF show and it was well attended with about 20 folks! Richland gave us one of there rooms with a projector on a Friday night for free! This is a 40 dollar per hour room and we had it for 3.5 hours. I set this up with our Richland Park director due to Ranger Jen being gone. Since it helps improve the Mega event then the space is free. So having a Mega event sponsored by local cities has its privileges. And this is another way to increase your membership. But I really don't know if that will happen for us next year, we will see.

We have already met for our coin event next year and are working on coin design, cache placement teams, and our theme is decided on.

Geo HoHoHo 2015 is coming up I have 100 pathtags on the way to make it kind of an event. There will be 15 caches you get 13 and get a Pathtag. I will have WSGA on all of it. To kick off we will have a Christmas event like we have each year. We even put WSGA on back of tag, the donation thing. ACFunk is helping me with cost, hosting and setting up 1/2 the caches this year. We are also giving away 24 bottles of Geo HoHoHo wine I am making labels for at the party!

### ***Cache-Cadia Chapter report by Mr. Gadget #2***

This fall the following activities had taken place in the Cache-cadian chapter:

Sept 27, 2015, Waterville To Wheat To Eat VIII

Oct. 3, 2015, Quincy Cache Machine

Nov. 7, The Cache-cadian GIFF Event

Up Coming activities:

Dec. 9, 2015 Cache-cadians 2015 Christmas Party GC66JZG

### ***48 North Chapter report by mizdirection***

We attended and helped Chris with the Salmon Issaquah Days booth and had a wonderful time! He did a wonderful job setting everything up and we were very glad to donate the brochures and information packages we had.

Another 2 weekends at Cabela's helped us introduce and meet cachers around 150 people. There is a definite excitement in the community.

The [Welcome to Fall](#) Event was a great success at Rasar State Park, despite the rain and the salmon just were not running that weekend! Everyone, who attended, received a prize in the raffle. Rasar State Park donated a number of items to us. We are trying very hard to keep our teamwork with Washington State Parks going.

We also helped Chris with the Girl Scouts and their geocaching badges at Skagit Regional Airport. Wow, all I can say is that most everyone I met was very excited! There were a couple of issues with this.

1. The Girl Scout Council brought running/fitness GPS devices that they expected Chris to program on the spot. The devices only provided waypoints only and we were not familiar with them. Making it very hard to train inexperienced prospective cachers in the field.
2. The adults who had had GPS's or cellphones had limited knowledge on how to use the apps. or devices. A class with the adults attending these types of events (prior to the event) would help greatly.
  - Things that 48 North has done to help with the above issues:
    1. I, personally, now have 6 GPS's that can be used for these types of events in my area.
    2. Before an event such as above we can give classes to parents, troop leaders, etc. on how to use apps or GPS's provided.

Nightmare at Preston! Wow, we spent 2 wonderful days helping with the setup and still all I can say is "WOW"!

Coming Events:

- [Holiday Hoopla VI](#): Our Christmas Event at a new location.
- [Sunset Fire on the Beach](#): Meet and greet at Cama Beach State Park

- 2 CITO: 1 at Cama Beach State Park and 1 at Camano Island State Park first weekend of February.

Possible events:

- A combined lunch event with Puget Sound Chapter for the Whidbey Island Cache Machine 2.
- An off season campout at Rasar State Park, hopefully with Puget Sound in April.

### ***Puget Sound Chapter report by SirKarp***

Events Held:

We held a meet & greet on 9-20-15, GC624Z9 Afternoon Tea at Glacier Park, in Eatonville. We were able to secure a shelter reservation at no cost though the city. We had a good turnout, seems a number of non locals were in the area to hide caches for the next round of the Rainier tour as well as a number of locals came out. I was happy to meet so many cachers that I had never met before from the area.

On 10-24-15 I held GC60A9G - Nightmare at Preston. This was the second year the Nightmare event has been held and it was extremely successful. We had a three room mini-haunt outside made up of 2 10X10 canopies and a 10X20 tarp building. There was a small cemetery scene complete with hearse and a real coffin. To round out the horror outside was a 2 skeleton crew working on sawing logs and a couple more sitting outside "their" pup tents around a glowing ember "fire". On the inside we had the hall decked out in a logging camp theme (Preston was once a logging town) we had the witch's kitchen complete with horror foods and on the stage area we had an old fashion funeral scene. Food was a potluck style dinner with WSGA supplying sodas, sausages and kraut, hotdogs and buns and sloppy joes - all leftover from previous events. There was a WSGA members drawing for an ammo can and the coords for a FTF opportunity. Also held was a general raffle open to all. To complete the night there was a costume contest with 12 happy winners of a homemade trophy and other swag. Attendance was really good and everyone seemed to have great time. NwStinkerbella designed and I paid to have a Halloween Cachkin produced to use as prizes in the costume contest, to give to our volunteers and to have for sale at the event, they were quite popular. To be clear no WSGA money was used to produce this Cachkin I did this from my own personal funds for fun. We hope to continue to produce an annual "nightmare" Cachkin in succeeding years, Carol already has next year's design sitting on her computer. Yes we are already in the very early stages of planning for next year's Nightmare. The success of this event would not have happened if it weren't for the generous rental agreement of the VASA Hall, they allowed us to have the hall the day before to do our set up of the mini haunt and all the decorating, then the day after to do our tear down and clean up. The parting words of the caretaker when she came to lock up on Sunday was we left the Hall better than their own members do after using it. The hall as well as a couple of the neighbors I spoke to were very happy with us and we have been welcomed back

next year. The most important ingredient to our success was the great folks that volunteered to help out, Nw Stinkerbella, Mizdirection and Lizzy were there all day Saturday helping with the erection of the mini haunt and decorating the inside. Bronco fan 4 Life, Frisky Biscuits, and once again Mizdirection came early on Saturday to help with the final touches of which there were many. Capt. Trevos and Crew, worked our welcome table, handling the costume contest details, trackable area and various other duties. Sproutter and Grumpy Bumble donned costumes to do our scares in the haunt. Go-pher-it on Saturday managed any parking issues that might have cropped up and was there again along with Grumpy Bumble Sunday assisting with getting everything packed and in the truck. I want to thank my volunteers again without them we could not have done it.

Though not technically an event, on 10-31-15 we with the hearse at the Duvall Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treating event, they reserved a prime spot in front of the Visitor Center. The evening before the event NwStinkerbella suggested handing out Geocaching fliers while handing out the candy. Within an hour we had passed out every single flier I had printed. We had a brief chat with the owner of the company who does the janitorial services for the Groundspeak offices. We chatted with a number of folks who have heard of caching but never done it before. The Chamber has already invited us back again next year and I will be sure to have enough fliers on hand for the full 3 hours this time. Based on the short time I was able to hand out fliers I can say that there is definitely a lot of folks in the Duvall area that are interested in learning about Geocaching. I'm going to have to arrange some kind of Geocaching 101 class in the spring to take advantage of the interest.

#### Up and Coming Events:

Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> is Krampus Day, which gives a good excuse to hold another event! The event will be held at the Izzy's Pizza in Lacy. Its' GC65W3X, Krampus Day Meet and Greet. I plan of having a WSGA member's raffle for an ammo box and a small general raffle.

I am currently working on finding a hall for the Annual Puget Sound Holiday Party. I've spent the last few weeks interviewing different halls. However rentals fees are being problematic as well as just getting the folks to call me back. Traditionally the party has been the second Sunday in January, and like all traditions I'm going to break this one. As all halls I've contacted charge the same for a Saturday as a Sunday I'm planning to move the event to Saturday. I also want to put a little time between it and the cache machine so currently the plan is to hold the Holiday Party on Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup>. Of all the places I've found the most promising one is the Brighton Park Grange in Tumwater. I have yet to tour the hall and hope to do so in the next few days. If it fits our needs it will put the Holiday Party in the South Sound in mid Jan.

Also we have had some discussion of co-hosting an off season camping event with 48North. We have been kicking around the idea of camping event at Razar during the Eagle Festival, time has gotten way from us and concerns about weather being a factor in not being able to recoup the cost of renting a group loop there have stalled that idea for the time being. We are now considering possibly doing an early spring event instead.

That is all I have at this time.

AndrewRJ motioned to adjourn at 8:40pm with everyone in favor.