

WSGA 4th Quarter 2009 Board Meeting
November 19, 2009 – Online Chat

Call to order @ 7:20 p.m.

In attendance: Laurie Freeman, Cathy Hornback, Paul West, Caroline Stuckey, Jesse Fulbright, Doug Smith, Theresa Wines, Abby Wolfe, Jim Spearman, Doug Smith, Russ Wilson

Absent: Mike Lawson

Welcome visitors: Jim Bertrand, David Woodford, Carolyn Gross, Brian Parkhurst, Diane Clementi, Joey Burdick, Laretta Campbell

Greetings to Officers and Guests by President

Floor was opened to nominations for any elective office by any member in good standing.

Nominations:

- Diane Clementi nominated Caroline Stuckey for secretary.
- Theresa Wines nominated Abby Wolfe for president.
- Abby Wolfe nominated Jim Bertrand for treasurer, Jesse Fulbright for Vice President, and Craig Brown for Puget Sound Chapter Rep.
- Jesse Fulbright nominated Al Funk (of acfunk) for Central Chapter Rep.
- Caroline Stuckey nominated Russ Wilson for NOP Chapter Rep.
- Paul West nominated himself for 48N Chapter Rep.

Laurie closed the floor for nominations.

Old Business

- Minutes to BOD Meeting at the WSGA Summer Campout were submitted, corrected, amended and re-submitted via email to all BOD.
 - Review of amended minutes.
 - Motion submitted by Cathy to approve amended minutes. Seconded by Abby and approved by the BOD. None opposed.
- Treasurer's report
 - Report posted from the forums was reviewed and approved.
"Treasurer's Report - Effective 11/18/2009
Chase - Main Account 3822.56
Chase - Petty Cash 194.92
PayPal 1433.35

\$5450.83

There have been no major expenses since the last meeting, just a couple of small automatic payments from our PayPal account for renewal of software maintenance (Invision Power), and web hosting fees (Go Daddy).

There was also a dispersal of the remainder of the PS chapters yearly event allocation.

There was also a small check written to cover some additional merchandise purchases (pre-authorized at the campout meeting) for T-Shirts etc.

A large check was written to cover the cost of the 48 North Event in October however it was in the exact amount received via Paypal and checks from the event page, with a net effect of zero dollars on the WSGA Account.” Paul West (Nov 18 2009, 06:35 PM, Right Wing Wacko)

- Abby raised the question of whether or not there would be a Year-End Report for the incoming BOD. Paul stated that there would be one.
- 2009 Campout Report
 - Doug Smith presented a concise recap of the successful campout. *“I think everyone had a good time. A huge thanks to derbie dancer 1fairygirl and Laurie for putting so much work into it. Mayfly and jedeye were some great cooks.”*
 - Jesse asked for a final count of those in attendance.
 - Doug stated that the final count of “Logged” attendance was 50+
 - Thanks were given to Theresa for the Pathtags by Abby.
 - Laurie made a special “Thank-you!” to Doug and crew for the great job.
- 2010 Geocoin Update
 - Laurie pointed out that there she had posted some preliminary design artwork from our hired designer, Rex, on the BOD forums for everyone to review.
 - Design is based on Tisha Barber’s suggestion for a *Home of the Lily Pad* theme, which would tie in nicely with our plans to sell the coins at GeoWoodstock VIII.
 - Laurie asked that all BODs take a look and submit any suggestions via the BOD forums before the end of the month.
 - At this time, design specifications and final design decision are currently restricted to BOD.
 - For clarification for those that have not seen the coin design yet, Laurie described the coin: “The outline is the shape of a lily pad, with gold outline and green enamel. Wording “Washington, home of the Lily Pad” and on the back side the WSGA logo“.
- GeoWoodstock VIII

- Abby and Jim Bertrand are continuing their work as liaison with the COWWS and will be attending a fund-raising brainstorming session on the following Sunday.
 - Abby has posted current ideas for how WSGA might participate in both public and private forums on the WSGA site without much feedback.
 - Abby presented ideas for events – including a series of fireworks-watching events across WA on Sunday, July 4, day after GW. This would require participation of all Chapters, but should be easy to set up – just take advantage of existing fireworks shows in your community, and create an event at a good viewing spot, maybe as a picnic.
 - There will be discussions with the COWWS and vendors on how many WSGA Geocoins it might be feasible to sell, pending our budget for production.
 - Abby presented the idea of offering guided tours to the APE cache, since everyone will want to visit it.
 - Paul suggested adding on GCD as well since it is now the oldest cache in Washington. Abby stipulated that it would be possible to add GCD if there are enough volunteers.
- WSGA “Recommended Caches in Washington” Page
 - Abby recapped how Jim Bertrand is heading-up and proceeding with the setup of the Cache Recommendations idea for the WSGA site. This will be a section on our site that provides recommended favorites in various areas of WA for our visitors - and is a great idea regardless, for all of us to use. Kudos to Jim.
 - Jim’s initial concept has been presented in the private forums. It was approved by the BOD and will be taken public.
- Bylaw Revision Committee
 - Laurie stated that our bylaws are woefully in need of major overhaul and hopes that the new board will tackle that job early in the year so things will be crystal clear for next year’s elections!
 - Abby asked if any of the current BODs have any input to pass along to the next board on revisions. Laurie stated that Brian might be the best one to answer that as he had been working on that before he stepped down.
 - Cathy made some suggestions that obsolete stuff is removed and clear categories be created.
 - Laurie pointed out that they were originally written for a one-chapter WSGA, not the large group that we have become.
 - Abby mentioned that Chapter Reps are not really covered either.
 - Brian pointed out that all previous discussions will be found in the past minutes.
- Advocacy Committee
 - Abby reported that she has exchanged email with Patti Petesch at Seattle City Parks regarding Discovery Park. (This connection was set up with the

help of Bob Springer) So far, we have been unable to set up a meeting with Patti or anyone at SCP, so that is still pending.

- North Cascades NPSC is on the cusp of allowing physical cache placement, but it will have to wait until spring.
- In early October, Mercer Slough in Bellevue requested all caches be disabled until they could be reviewed by park staff. They expressed concern with our activities based on the 'sensitive' nature of the Slough. All caches were disabled or temporarily archived until they could be reviewed by the parks people. A meeting with the Parks Rep. took place with Abby Wolfe, Craig Brown, and TeamIDFC, on October 29 to discuss their concerns and visit a few caches. Two have been approved and six more are pending.
- Our Mercer Slough contact does appear positive on Geocaching, but indicated that they want to create caching guidelines for the Slough, and possibly ALL Bellevue City Parks.

New Business

- Membership Renewal
 - Laurie brought up the point that it would be a good idea for the new board to encourage renewal of existing memberships starting early in the year.
 - We need a better system for reminding people that they need to PAY DUES in order to continue on as a full member who get a nametag, etc.
 - E-news may be a good way to spread the word.
 - Early renewals are also a helpful way to gauge the number of patches, member coins, or other items that need to be ordered.
- WSGA Merchandise
 - Laurie is planning on bringing all the "stuff" – shirts, hats, lanyards, pens, stickers, etal to the WSGA PS Holiday party to hand over to the designated new store manager.
 - The new board needs to be thinking about A new Store Manager needs to be designating a new person to maintain, package, ship, bill, collect \$\$, etc. for orders as they come in.
 - Laurie will be available only in a very limited advisory capacity.
- WSGA Newsletter
 - The new board will need to decide who will be designated as the editor for the newsletter. Laurie will transfer passwords for the newsletter, photobucket, etc. to that person before the end of December so they can prepare the Jan. 1 newsletter.
 - Paul pointed out that the current Bylaws state that the Secretary is responsible for the newsletter.

- Abby mentioned that if she is elected President, she was planning to do the newsletter, as Laurie has done, but is willing to work with the Secretary on this project.
- WSGA Holiday Events
 - Laurie requested that all planned Holiday Events need to be submitted to her so they can be included in the December newsletter.
 - Paul submitted that at least three events have already been posted on Geocaching.com.
 - Chapter reps responded with individual plans to be included in the newsletter.
 - Paul mentioned that remaining chapter event funds need to be disbursed by December 31 or the allotment is gone.
- Non-agenda Item – Sad Death of a Geocacher in Spokane
 - The board expressed condolences on the death of a Spokane area Geocacher.
 - Laurie pointed out that Lookout Lisa has set up a PayPal link that will send donations to the memorial account set up at a Spokane Credit Union.
 - Laurie made a motion that the WSGA send a \$25.00 donation to this memorial fund. Seconded by Theresa.
 - Paul asked if that was enough and moved that we amend the amount to \$100. Abby seconded the amendment to the motion. Motion approved. None opposed.
- Other Business
 - Laurie mentioned that she had noticed an item for the secretary needing help with membership stuff.
 - Cathy suggested getting together a work party to assemble the items makes it much easier.

The floor was opened up to guests for comments.

- Abby asked if there was anything from the COWWS on GeoWoodstock that coreynjoey would like to pass along.
- Joey recapped that there was the upcoming brainstorming meeting for fundraising on Sunday and asked if anyone had any ideas to pass along.

Laurie asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Abby moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was seconded by Jim and approved by all BODs. None opposed.

Adjournment by Laurie at 9:50 p.m.