

Minutes of WSGA Board Meeting

October 11, 2012

Hydnsek called WSGA's 4th Business Meeting of the year to order at 6:39PM on October 11, 2012.

Board Members in Attendance: jcar (Jim Bertrand), acfunk (Al Funk), Mc3Cats (Chris Brue), hydnek (Abby Wolfe), Geek&Gopher (Ray Harrison), Lucymogus (Elaine Edwards), Kidvegas19 (Jim Parkman),

Absent: FluteFace (Margaret Dunn), mazeracer (Nate Canfield), idajo2 (Jo Dunn), Mr. Gadget #2 (Gene Reed)

Guests: NepoKama (WSGA Geocoin and Pathtags Manager)

Others mentioned during the meeting and listed here for reference: Lizzy, Wrastro, Seth!, Moun10Bike, Travisl, Mrs. FugeFinder, FenchurchE, CENT5, PhilNi, 6 Pack Rats, tumbleweedpirates, TheMcMorrows, BenandJayme, PNWBrat, tolmaus,

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the June 28, 2012 Board Meeting were approved unanimously.

Membership – Reported by jcar

Membership Count and Chapter Breakdowns: 9/30/2012

Chapters	Individual	Family	Associate	Total
Puget Sound	106	64	1	171
48 North	41	28	1	70
Olympic Peninsula	14	16		30
Inland Empire	15	12	4	31
South Central	10	10		20
Cache-Cadia	9	7		16
Southwest	3	7	1	11
Unaffiliated			6	6
Totals as of 9/30/2012	198	144	13	355

Jcar reported that we have 356 total members as of September 30, 2012, just a tad bit ahead of last year. The biggest change is far more family members. He said that we also have four more members since September 30.

Finances – Reported by Lucymogus

Current funds are at: \$14,106.32.

We pulled in over \$12,000 in August mostly due to coin and merchandise sales. There was an additional \$1860 in coin orders in September.

Lucymogus also reported that the current chapter allocation status has been updated in the 2012 Chapter Allocations thread. She asked chapter representatives to remember to let her know if their holiday party will be in January.

Member Bonus (pathtag) – Reported by hydnek and NepoKama

WSGA began doing an annual Member Bonus - a special piece of swag for members – in 2010. The original plan was to deliver this year's bonus around our 10th anniversary, but it was delayed as designer FluteFace had to step out. So our new trackables manager, NepoKama, has picked up the pathtag and run with it.

Hydnek would like to get final comments on the design and minting proposal and then take a vote on minting the pathtag, so we can get it out to members before year-end.

NepoKama reported that feedback favored the tag option with the crimson background (crimson translucent color, forest green in the WSGA, nickel metal).

Hydnek added that the design has the wording "2002-2012" and "10th Anniversary" around our logo. The agreed back is the CITO option.

Hydnek asked for a motion to approve minting the WSGA anniversary pathtag with the design and number proposed (1050 tags) as our Member Bonus for 2012. Mc3cats motioned. Acfunk seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NepoKama said that once we've approved the production blueprint from the factory, it is usually about 3-4 weeks for delivery. He said that the total should be \$1,182 shipped for 1050 tags per the pricing guide (about \$1.13 per tag).

Jcar said that he thought that the balance of the pathtags (after member bonus) could be sold online as 5-packs for \$10 including shipping. Hydnek suggested pathtags could be sold at \$8 per 5-pack at events.

Merchandise – Reported by hydnek with jcar and acfunk

At the June Board meeting, we approved several swag items for upcoming events (block party, Ape event, anniversary events), including multi-colored mini-pens as free gifts for anniversary event attendees, new WSGA club shirts and hoodies with an anniversary image on the back, and an Ape event shirt and geecoin.

Hydnek and jcar worked with Advantage Sports, WSGA's usual vendor, on the designs for the shirts, and NepoKama did an excellent design for the 2012 Ape event coin.

The new WSGA shirts and hoodies were a big hit, selling quite well at the Block Party, Ape event, and anniversary events. We are almost out, so Jcar and hydnek will place a reorder so we have them on hand and can also sell them online. The Ape shirt and coin completely sold out.

Due to attendee demand at the Going Ape event, we reminted the Ape coin and did online presales for 2 weeks, resulting in an additional 250 coins on top of the original 250, for a total of 500 Ape 2012 event coins. We sold them for \$10, of which we netted half, as Groundspeak donated the tracking codes and custom icon, since we were making them for a Mega-event.

Hydnsek said she made an executive decision (with jcar's agreement) to have bandanas made for Puget Sound's Founders anniversary event, as they were cheap and we wanted a little special gift for attendees. We had 300 bandanas made, and we distributed about half at the Puget Sound event. The remainder will go out to the chapters as swag in the next mailing.

Jcar said we are also ordering more logo caps since they are a steady seller and we are almost out.

Acfunk mentioned that we took the WSGA 2012 coin off the website since we were almost out. Hydnsek said we would save the few left for special swag. She also mentioned that we have plenty of the 2011 coins left.

Hydnsek said that she had done a special mailing to the chapters ahead of the anniversary events that included club flags, extra T-shirts (previous vintages), car stickers, coins, etc. for the chapters to use when/how they see fit.

NepoKama provided an update on the Pathtag "Give Back". The pathtag Give Back sets up a custom pathtag back design that anyone can use on their tag that gives a bit of cash to WSGA. The back will have the WSGA logo (a green WSGA logo for light metal colors, and a reversed (white) logo for black nickel). Once we've finalized this design, we'll submit it to pathtags.com and they will make up a sample for photos on their site. Once in place on their site, it will be available for anyone ordering a tag. The WSGA back costs \$0.10 per tag and that extra fee is paid to the club quarterly.

Hydnsek asked for a motion to have a WSGA 'give-back' pathtag back side created as an order option for those making pathtags. Jcar motioned and Lucymogus seconded. The motion carried.

Jcar requested a discussion about canopies for events. He said he had talked to a few of the chapter reps about the need for canopies at events. There was interest. He has priced several and we can get them for about \$120 to \$160 each, depending on size and material. The WSGA would own them and each chapter rep would be responsible for one which would be transferred to the next rep every year.

In addition we would buy an additional one or two to be primarily used for major activities like the Ape Event (we borrow several each year). Jcar would first like to see if that is something everyone is interested in doing since we have some the money, and second, what size? The 8x8 canopy is popular, but the 10x10 covers more area. This is a big expenditure, but important for events. Jcar asked for permission to continue to look and purchase when he finds a good price over the next few weeks.

Kidvegas19 said that IE has a 10x10 that a member picked up at a yard sale for a pittance and donated. Hydnsek asked if there were any objections to Jim buying canopies for all chapters but IE. Kidvegas19 said that as a rep he did not wish to be responsible for that property. Lucymogus said she thought that it will be one of those things that will difficult to get transported to events as needed in every chapter.

Overall sentiment did not seem to be in favor of canopies, so Hydnsek suggested we take the purchase of canopies under advisement and discuss it further in the Merchandise forum. Jcar said he would start a thread for further discussion.

Campout – Reported by jcar (for FluteFace) and acfunk with Geek&Gopher

Jcar reported on the 2012 WSGA Campout. The campout was held at the Masonic Family Campground on the Mountain Loop Highway. There were around 100 attendees, with many new and returning faces. Everyone had lots of fun. FluteFace and Lizzy did a fantastic job of co-hosting the campout – thanks for all their hard work!

Hydnsek gave a special shout-out to Wraastro for being our Masonic campground host - we couldn't have held it there without him. She said that the campground was one of the best locations we've had, with so much to do along the Mountain Loop Hwy.

We sold 14 RV and 21 tent sites, plus 100+ dinner registrations. Lucymogus commented that the campout paid for itself with \$225.00 to spare.

Hydnsek started a discussion of the 2013 Summer Campout. At the last Board meeting, Geek&Gopher offered to host the 2013 Campout in the Southwest chapter, and the Board approved. The date will be July 26-28, 2013. Since then, they've scouted a location and did a site visit with acfunk.

Geek&Gopher said that the campground being considered is Timberlake Campground & RV Park on the Washington side of the Columbia Gorge (near Stevenson, WA and the Cascade Locks). The campground has 43 RV sites up to 60ft in length; 25 with water, sewer & electric (rate of \$35); 18 with water & electricity (rate of \$32). The campground has over 22 wooded tent sites of various sizes (rate of \$21). It also has restrooms with showers and multiple power outlets and a full service kitchen in the pavilion. There is a thread in the private Campout Planning forum with more details and photographs.

Acfunk mentioned that the host (LeRoy) was very friendly and willing to work with us.

Geek & Gopher said that we tentatively reserved 22 RV sites and 21 tent sites so, as not to lose our dates, as the owner already has reservations for next year and is filling up fast (very popular campground). Hydnsek commented that 22 RV sites seemed high for us to reserve since we've never had that many RV registrations but that the number for tents sounded about right. Acfunk said that these numbers were reserved until the board decided what to do and that we can back out of the number of sites but will probably not be able to get them back.

Hydnsek asked if we could cancel sites without incurring a penalty. Acfunk said that we could up to a point in time (at least January). Hydnsek said we should see if we can negotiate a later cancellation date like June 30.

Hydnsek asked what we were looking at for costs. Geek&Gopher said the budget hadn't been completed yet, but the prices for the campsites were in line with previous years.

Hydnsek said this was a great initial report, and that the campground sounded great. Once we get a few more details, we can proceed to a vote - either via email or at the December Board meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed to follow up in the forums and email, with a goal of voting in the next month on the 2013 campout location and finances, to include registration handling. Lucymogus said she would send some specifics on what was needed for the budget proposal to Geek&Gopher. Hydnsek said the proposal should include finances - cost to WSGA to reserve the location, proposed fees to participants to register.

International Geocaching Weekend – Reported by hydnek with jcar

Aug 18-19 was the 2nd International Geocaching weekend, with the Groundspeak Block Party on Saturday, and the WSGA Going Ape event on Sunday. This was a destination weekend for geocachers from all over the world. We had over 35 cachers just from Germany.

WSGA and Groundspeak have a collaboration agreement for this annual weekend, part of which is a free WSGA booth at the Block Party. We had plenty of volunteers to staff the booth, which had lots of visitors during the even and good sales of WSGA swag.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, we held our 3rd annual Going Ape event at Hyak. Hydnsek noted we achieved Mega-event status at last year's event, so this year Going Ape published as a Mega-event. For those wondering if it would be a draw without the now-archived Ape cache - we had 800 attendees! That's nearly twice the size of the first one, and about 300 more than last year. Being a Mega-event and part of International Geocaching weekend certainly helped, as did having a special event coin.

Hydnsek said we were almost victims of our own success, however, partly due to underestimating attendance and swag needs. The Board only approved the minting of 250 Ape event coins, based on recent experience with anemic sales of other coins, and this backfired. We could easily have sold 500 on-site. The line was quite long (some folks were in line an hour or more), and we sold out while there was still quite a line. Hydnsek talked to everyone in line, explaining, apologizing, promoting the older Ape coin (we had some good sales on it), and asking what they thought about a reminting afterward, given that we'd said an LE minting of 250 coins with no reminting. Everyone, even those who got one, supported the

additional minting, especially given that we limited sales to 1 per person (after the first few folks bought the 3-coin maximum), so as many attendees as possible could have the commemorative coin. People seemed to appreciate our forthrightness in explaining the situation and quickly following up with an online reorder for event attendees. As mentioned in the Merchandise report, we took online orders for another 250 coins, for a total of 500 coins minted. The reminted coins arrived in mid-October, and Jcar and Hydnek fulfilled the orders with Keezheekoni's help, and folks are receiving them via mail this week.

NepoKama recommended setting up a pre-order option for coins and other SWAG next year. He said it could add some up-front labor to bag packets, but could allow for a separate line for pre-order pick ups.

Hydnek said that the Ape team had agreed that was the best approach going forward, so glad to have the confirmation. We will do a preorder for coins and T-shirts, something like \$25 for a coin and a shirt, and have a registration page like we do for the Campout. We will then order merchandise based on preorders, plus a few extras.

Hydnek said that aside from the coin shortage, the event went really well. The volunteer roster was full months in advance, we had glow sticks for everyone, we had parking passes for both the state lot (Discover Pass) and the overflow lot (Forest Service, NWF pass), and the State Park rangers were again happy with us. Hydnek said her plan was to get the page up for next year's event in the next couple months, as the Block Party's page is up already and we can cross-promote.

Jcar reported revenues from the International Geocaching weekend: the Block Party was \$1,708.50 and the Ape Event was \$9,259.71 (gross revenues without cost of goods subtracted). An impressive take!

NepoKama said that with 800 attendees this year, we're eligible for up to 1000 free tracking codes from Groundspeak for next year's event coin (up from our maximum allotment this year).

Hydnek mentioned that she's had various vendors ask if we were planning to have vendors, now that we are a Mega-event. She reported the State Parks, said it would completely change our event status. We would have to apply as a commercial event, which would cost more and involve more paperwork, We would also have to charge participating vendors.

Thus, her recommendation was that we continue as a low-key Mega with no vendors, no formal activities, just a day in the mountains with a spooky tunnel. Her informal polls indicate people seem to think that's enough and love coming to a less structured event. We get a lot of repeat attendees from the region. No objections from the Board on this approach.

NepoKama said that we need to improve traffic handling in the tunnel. We had a few issues with cyclist-pedestrian collisions, mostly with cyclists who were not there for the event. Hydnek agreed, noting that she had discussed this issue with our State Parks ranger contact (Keith Wersland) afterward. Next year, we will station volunteers at both ends of the tunnel, per agreement with Ranger Wersland, to cover that concern. Signs at the ends of the tunnel should also be larger. NepoKama felt that speed limits should also be posted.

WSGA 10th Anniversary Activities – Reported by hydnek with Chapter Representatives

September 8 was the club's 10th anniversary. All seven chapters hosted anniversary events the weekend of Sept. 8-9, replete with gifts, cake, and merriment. Hydnek reported on overall activities and the Puget Sound Founder's event, then other chapter reps regaled us with their activities.

Part of the anniversary events was presentation of the 2012 Volunteer Awards, a special version of the 2012 WSGA geocoin (satin gold, 30 minted). Recipients were decided by each Chapter Rep and confirmed by the officers.

Another key part of the anniversary celebration was the Sept. 8 release of a 54-cache puzzle series that spells out "WSGA" at the south end of Lake Washington. Thirty-eight WSGA members contributed puzzle caches for this piece of "cache art." Hydnek managed the overall project, and she thanked all the participants, especially PhilNi, who tracked the cache placements. Also to mc3cats and Terrible T's for

the idea, to Tobias & Petronella for initial mapping, to jim_carson for computing coordinates, and to Rock Rabbit for managing the review process. Location scouts were PhilNi, mc3cats, and hydnek.

Puget Sound: Puget Sound Chapter held the Founders event, since that's where the club started. Hydnek and Mc3cats co-hosted the event. Hydnek organized the presentations and activities, while mc3cats did a fantastic job managing the venue, decorations, and potluck.

Hydnek located all 19 founders (some no longer geocaching) and invited them to attend. Thirteen joined the festivities: Seth!, Moun10Bike, TravisL, Bryan and Hydee, lucyandrickie, LindaLu, vds, Wienerdogs, mr.toad, and 6 Pack Rats.

Hydnek was Mistress of Ceremonies for the Founders Presentation, when each club founder was presented with a Founders version of the 2012 WSGA geocoin (antique silver, 20 minted) and asked to share a few memories from the early days of geocaching and WSGA. Seth!, the first president, talked about the club's formation. Moun10Bike, the first VP, talked about the first travel bug and geocoin. Travis revealed how Cache Machines came to be. Bryan and Hydee talked about the early days of caching and Groundspeak (and how they met!). Every founder, even the shy ones, shared a few memories with the rapt audience.

Mrs. FugeFinder (Lynette) baked our delicious birthday cake, and Seth!, our founding president, blew out the candles.

Mc3cats, the PS Chapter Rep, then presented the Puget Sound Chapter's 2012 Volunteer Awards to seven members who've gone above-and-beyond in the past year: Terrible Ts, TheMcMorrows, Psykokiwi, Captain Trevos & Crew, FugeFinders, Sprutter, and benandjayme.

The other chapters also recognized Volunteer Award recipients at their events:

48 North: Lizzy, GrievousAngel, Rey del Roble.

Inland Empire: Martin 5, Trevor and Kate.

South Central: Tumbleweedpirates, enjoydmoment.

Olympic Peninsula: swaninwa, tolmaus.

Cache-cadia: pazooter.

Hydnek then unveiled another special coin: the White Ape, aka the President's Edition of the 2012 Ape event coin, done in antique silver with a pearlized white ape (50 minted). These are special volunteer coins to be awarded at the president's discretion. She revealed that jcar was the inspiration for the coin, and announced the first recipients:

Jcar - everything!

NepoKama – geocoin and trackables design, volunteering

Mekle - geocoin design

PhilNi – Anniversary Cache Art project manager, State Park liaison

PNWbrat - Larrabee SP liaison

Ranger Tina – WA State Parks liaison

Blueal - youth volunteer

We closed out the Founders event by announcing the winners of the Silent Auction, a special activity conceived and run by NepoKama and FenchurchE. Attendees could bid on 15 special sets of geocaching and WSGA memorabilia, including vintage WSGA coins, Lackey coins, a complete Ape coin set, and a 2-pound box of mystery coins (donated by CENT5).

Jcar reported the revenue from the PS Founders event: \$962.00 from the Silent Auction, \$16.00 from Membership, \$591.00 from merchandise sales.

Hydnsek noted that the Silent Auction spawned several coin donations for the future (special thanks to CENT5), and the idea to have Teacup Auctions at larger events such as the Holiday Party.

Inland Empire: Kidvegas19 reported that IE Chapter's WSGA 10th anniversary celebration consisted of 5 events, with each event leading to a puzzle cache being published. The 5 events consisted of 4 Flash Mob-style gatherings (cleverly named "W", "S", "G" and "A"), where the attendees had to socialize in order to work off a paper write-up of the corresponding puzzle cache. The corresponding puzzle cache was then published about 20 minutes after the flash mob end time. This gave attendees a crack at first to find. The 5th event was a meet-and-eat with food provided by the chapter.

Kidvegas19 said: "What a challenging day! Behind the scenes anything that could go wrong did go wrong: I was late for the first Mob and I was running it! The second mob location was confused with a wedding party location, but it worked out. The members running the third mob had their car break down on the way to the mob. I had to get the food, so I missed that mob and I still don't know who ran it! The last mob crashed a classic car show event. The meet and greet could have used another BBQ machine or 4 but in the end everyone was fed and a good time was had by all."

48 North: Jcar reported for FluteFace on 48 North Chapter's Anniversary Event. A dinner event held at the Lynnwood Alfys had 44 attended logs, but with more overall in attendance. We even had two founders: Seth! and 6 Pack Rats. The door prize drawing was very popular.

Olympic Peninsula: Jcar reported for idajo2 on the Olympic Peninsula Chapter's anniversary event. "September 8th saw the much-anticipated WSGA's Olympic Peninsula Chapter's 10th Birthday Bash evolve into a resounding "fun-time-for-all" event! It combined gorgeous blue skies and sunshine with a picnic/barbeque, an amazingly colorful picnic area (complete with Mylar streamers to keep the bugs away!), very well-behaved canines, and a spectacular water view." WSGA has been invited by the event location manager to make this an annual event; which idajo2 said she accepted with pleasure.

Mc3cats said that idajo2 also gave out cache maintenance bags to all attendees with the WSGA 10-year pen in them and logs for different sized caches.

South Central: Acfunk reported for mazeracer on the South Central Chapter's anniversary event. The SC event was a lot of fun with about 20-30 people attending. The event was hosted by tumbleweedpirates, who did an excellent job and signed up 2-3 new members during the event.

Southwest: Geek&Gopher said: "Our 10th Anniversary Event was a big success. We had about 50 people attend our breakfast at Elmer's. General Manager Matthew Seise threw in 3 gift certificates for our raffle drawings, and was a huge help in the success of the event. He said he would gladly allow us to hold any of our future events at his restaurant. We put out a special 10th Anniversary Cache that day, which included a 2012 WSGA coin. Everybody had a great time and enjoyed being able to have cake with their breakfast. Because of the number of swag items, we had almost everyone that came to the event leave with something. We had about 75% of the turnout from Oregon as usual."

Cache-cadia: It was reported that Mr. Gadget #2 held a 10th anniversary event for the Cache-cadia Chapter at Rocky Reach Dam north of Wenatchee on Sunday the 9th.

Parks Outreach – Reported by hydnek

Hydnsek, who chairs the Parks Outreach Committee, reported that it's been busy in Parks Outreach - in a good way! For the past several months, she's been working heavily with two park systems: King County Parks (KCP) and Washington State Parks (WSPRC).

King County Parks: KCP contacted her last winter about doing a geocaching challenge to celebrate the 30th anniversary of their Conservation Futures Fund, as we briefly discussed at the June Board meeting. From the beginning, we told them that we would love to help, but had prior commitments during the July-September time frame. We helped them get their geocoin prize done in a timely fashion (thanks, NepoKama!), but they delayed for months on the actual challenge part, and appeared fairly disorganized

and unclear about geocaching procedures. (Hydnsek said she heard from some very concerned cachers within KCP.) Finally, it was early July, and we could no longer provide the level of support they wanted.

KCP decided to do the entire 30-cache project in August using internal staff, with a kick-off event in mid-September. We reaffirmed our inability to help (due to the amount of work required and our pending Ape and anniversary events), but they managed to pull something together with a lot of special support from Groundspeak, who also convinced them to do it as a GeoTour. Hydnsek did intercede with recommendations on challenge verifications and prize delivery, and persuaded them to move the kick-off date to October 6, so it didn't conflict with other events.

Last Saturday (Oct. 6) was the kickoff event at Cougar Mountain Park (published only a week prior). Despite the lack of advance publicity, there was a pretty good turnout, although it was undercut by the caches publishing early (not what we recommended) so that some folks were out getting FTFs. Plus, some caches – including Cougar Mtn (!) and Soaring Eagle – were not in place, which caused some confusion and frustration. However, the KCP and Groundspeak folks in attendance appeared pleased, and most participants are enjoying the challenge.

Hydnsek reported she heard today that the first two cachers have finished (5 days): TheMcMorrrows are FTF on the series, and BenandJayme are STF.

WA State Parks; Lots of exciting news regarding Washington State Parks! Hydnsek has had two meetings with WSPRC staff, the most important on Sept. 14 with our primary contact, Tina Dinzl-Pederson of Cama Beach SP (our grass-roots activist driving this new engagement), and Eric Watilo, the Northwest Regional Field Operations Mgr. There were two major agenda items:

- Revising the State Parks' Geocaching Directive, which is six years old and not well-accepted by geocachers or park managers due to its cumbersome requirements.
- Creating a geocaching challenge for WSPRC's 100th anniversary in 2013. Something like "100 caches in 100 parks for 100 years" with a geocoin prize.

Eric was psyched. He said the parks now have several years of experience with geocaching and its potential benefits, including bringing more visitors (and Discover Pass fees) into the parks – a crucial consideration since the State Legislature is debating defunding the parks in 2013. Eric said he would recommend both ideas at a statewide meeting the following week with his peers (there are 5 regional field managers covering the state). Tina has mentioned these ideas to Parks Director Don Hoch, as well, who would have to sign off on both.

Eric invited hydnek to submit proposed changes to the Geocaching Directive, and hydnek provided a completely revised draft on Sept. 17 that included key issues discussed in the meeting as well as input gathered from cachers six years ago when the Directive was first created (the suggestions were ignored then). This willingness to revisit the guidelines is a sea change in attitude toward geocaching!

The geochallenge idea is quite attractive to WSPRC as a visitation and revenue driver for their centennial, and hydnek said she intimated that the Geocaching Directive would need to be updated to make participation attractive to geocachers. Park managers have told WSPRC management they like the idea but have no bandwidth or funds to support it, so would depend on geocachers for implementation.

Eric promised to advocate internally and hopes to have a decision by mid-November on both the guidelines revisions and geochallenge idea.

Hydnsek has been laying WSGA groundwork in case the geochallenge is approved. NepoKama agreed to design the geocoin prize, and PhilNi agreed to reprise his role as series manager. If the geochallenge proceeds, reality is that we'll need geocachers across the state to support the project by locating and placing the caches at the designated state parks. We will own the process and interaction with Groundspeak. Hydnsek said this is a win-win for WSGA/geocachers and the State Parks, so proposed the Board approve proceeding with the project.

She added that she brokered a deal with Groundspeak to offer WSPRC a free GeoTour (worth \$2500) if they go with the centennial geocaching challenge.

Hydnsek also proposed, after talking to jcar, that WSGA offer to fund the cost of the coin - half or all of it, depending on the Board's druthers. In return, WSGA would get one side of the coin, and WSPRC the other – publicly cementing our new relationship and providing good publicity for us.

Hydnsek asked for comments from Board members. Lucymogus said partnering on the coin is a great idea. Mc3cats commented, "This is brilliant! The club will have achieved what it set out to do 10 years ago." NepoKama said that we could approach Groundspeak about donating codes to support the parks to help reduce costs.

Hydnsek said if we make 300 as prizes, it would be about \$1500 total. Jcar proposed that we start by offering half for half the coin, and if that doesn't fly we can talk about doing more.

Acfunk asked if we could we get something back from WSPRC to mitigate costs, such as free Discovery Passes to use in fund raisers. Lucymogus, hydnnsek, and Mc3cats commented that it was a good idea.

Hydnsek asked if Board members thought that cachers in their areas would be willing to help with a WSPRC geocaching challenge. Kidvegas19, acfunk, and Mc3cats responded yes.

Hydnsek asked if the Board wanted to make a motion to fund half the cost of a WSPRC coin if the project moved forward. If approved, lucymogus could earmark the funds, and WSGA could bargain for one side of the coin. Kidvegas19 made the motion to fund half of the WSPRC coin. Lucymogus seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hydnsek added another note on State Parks: Larrabee State Park, near Bellingham, is very enthusiastic and now has 40+ caches. Our new liaison there is PNWBrat, and she and the head ranger are going crazy for geocaching.

Jcar presented a report from idajo2 on the Sequim geochallenge: The City of Sequim contacted Caroline Stuckey (tolmaus) offering to sponsor a coin-related geocaching event as part of their Centennial Celebration. Tolmaus has worked closely with Sequim to schedule two geocaching events on consecutive days as part of the city celebration. The reward for finding 15 caches in Sequim will be a custom geocoin purchased by Sequim. Tolmaus included the WSGA banner on each of the cache event pages. The events will be on November 17 and 18 (Saturday and Sunday).

Chapter Reports

Puget Sound Chapter –Reported by Mc3cats

Mc3cats has two upcoming events: One will be in Olympia and the other in Seattle. The Seattle event will be in north Seattle in the Greenwood area. We are bringing back the Lets Make A Geo Deal at both events. Should be fun!

Southwest Chapter – Reported by Geek&Gopher

We have our Monster Bash planned for October 27th. Going to have piñata for the kids and pumpkin carving and costume contests. Should be lots of fun.

Olympic Peninsula – Reported by idajo2

On Sunday, September 9th, I was honored to represent WSGA's Olympic Peninsula Chapter at the Puget Sound Chapter's 10th Anniversary Celebration. That event brought together a majority of the original WSGA founders. Personally, it was not only fun for me to see so many old friends but a wonderful opportunity to hear the Founders talk about the "olden days" of the WSGA.

I had been looking at a WSGA event in the Purdy/Shelton area event in October or November. I am going to defer those plans until after the holidays. The Oly Pen area has a large cadre of cachers who

assembled on a regular basis before I became the Chapter Rep. The organizers of those very well-attended events are hosting non-WSGA events in mid-November and I'll be attending (I've been invited to present my WSGA spiel).

South Central Chapter – Reported by acfunk (for mazeracer)

Aside from the SC Chapter's 10th Anniversary event, the main thing happening is planning for a Christmas event. Tumbleweedpirates volunteered to organize a WSGA Christmas event to be held on 12/12/12.

NEW BUSINESS

2013 Geocoin – Reported by hydNSEK with NepoKama

NepoKama, who won the design contest for the 2012 coin, is now our Geocoin Manager and will be in charge of the 2013 coin. We need to design the coin this fall, per previous Board agreement, so they can come out early next year as a membership incentive. NepoKama and hydNSEK have discussed doing another design contest.

NepoKama said we need to get going on a contest soon, so we can have time to turn ideas into designs. He said he would like to have a gallery of prior coins, so entrants can see what's been done before. He also commented that he will manage the contest and not be an entrant. He said that it would take a few weeks to turn the selected entry into a final design and then production would take about a month.

HydNSEK said that if the Board concurred with a design contest idea, we would have NepoKama put together the contest announcement and a rough production schedule and post it and then get moving. She asked NepoKama how long it would take to pull together the plan and post it for the Board to sign off. NepoKama said he would be able to have the plan out together by early the next week at the latest.

Kidvegas19 motioned that the Board approve NepoKama to move ahead with design contest and production of the 2013 WSGA coin. HydNSEK seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.