

Board Meeting Minutes for 20 Mar 2019

Meeting called to order 18:33

Attendees:

mc3cats, Chris Brue, President. Merchandise Mgr
Broncs Fan 4 Life, Chandra Day, Treasurer
Terrible Ts, Jim Tollefson, Secretary

squirrel50, Deb Cox, SW Chapter Rep
rambudo, Russell Brendel, 48 North Chapter Rep
Winos_Seattle, Antoine Pin, Puget Sound Chapter Rep
Martin_5, Jerry Martin, IE Chapter Rep
TeamPAST, Patrick McColley, South Central Chapter Rep

jtcoffee, Jessie Maxwell, Social Media
NepoKama, Mitch Eatough, Webmaster
PeachesandPete, Annette Bailes, Parks Liaison, Campout

crs98, Cliff Slaughterback, NEW 48 North Chapter Rep
SuperKnotts, Brian and Vickie Knott, NEW SW Chapter Rep

Absent:

Sproutter, Seth Deadman, VP
gearguru, JeffCaulfield, Olympic Penn Chapter Rep
Mr. Gadget #2, Gene Reed, Cascadians Chapter Rep

Proxies:

Broncos Fan 4 Life has sproutter's proxy
Martin_5 has Mr.Gadget #2's proxy

Item: January meeting minutes approved.

Item: Operating Budget for 2019 approved

Mc3cats> I have a couple of comments on the budget....

<Mc3cats> 1) the proposed income for the year, I think is low. Historically going back the last 6 years, we have low balled our proposed income in all years but one...

<Mc3cats> 2) In the last 6 years, we have cleared our total income for the year by a minimum of \$20K....

<Mc3cats> In 2016, our total income was 20,392.10. That was the lowest in the 6 year period I looked at...

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<Mc3cats> Therefore, I am suggesting, that we increase our total income projection for 2019 by 3500. That gets out of operating in the negative and I dont think we are padding our income.

<rambudo> As the one person who voted against the budget last time. I would like to say that I do not think that we should plan on losing money. At least not to the degree that we did with this proposed budget. I do think that the budget can be fixed by increasing the amount that we expect to earn through various sources.

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<Mc3cats> Thoughts, comments?

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<Mc3cats> Russell, I agree with you. Its kinda of like planning to lose a match. Does anyone do that?

<broncos> Yes, I think you should have your new treasurer do the budget. They might have different opinions. However, I do not think you will clear 20K in income in 2019.

<rambudo> I think if we split that amount between the APE income and merch we should be good.

<Martin_5> With our biggest funding source being the Ape event (I believe) it seems that a lot of income depends on what we have planned for this event.

<Mc3cats> Chandra, I am curious, what are your thoughts about us not clearing 15K? BTW, we are talking 18.5, no 20K.

<broncos> Maybe 18.5, but it seems the only time we have been selling merchandise over the last year is when we cut prices on it and offer a discount.

<broncos> Which is a losing proposition.

<broncos> But we can certainly split the 3.5 and add it to the budget income.

<Mc3cats> I have plans on merchandise, Chandra, that I will share when we get down to the part of the agenda. Lets just say theres a plan to get more merch out.

<Terrible_Ts> I think splitting it the best idea.

<rambudo> I would say split it 2250 for APE and 1250 for merch. Thoughts?

<broncos> I would say APE pre orders better go up quickly then to make that up, sure.

<Mc3cats> Russell, this sounds good. What does everyone else think?

<squirrel50> I think Russell and Chandra are both on track, and Merch and Ape can help make that up

<Terrible_Ts> Are the packages for 2019 APE up on the site yet?

<Mc3cats> Breaking even is not a bad thing. Rember, we a non profit. Breaking even is good.

<Jtcoffee> Nope not yet.

<Terrible_Ts> Thanks @jtcoffee

<Jtcoffee> I will connect with Mitch post meeting to get things up

<Mc3cats> If we are ready to get that up and listed, we should. The sooner the better. That will help Ape merch sales.

<Terrible_Ts> As I said before, I think splitting is the way to go.

<Winos_Seattle> Splitting sound right.

<TeamPAST> I thinks that sounds better.

<rambudo> The APE event has proven to bring in lots of money in the past. I think that if it is managed well, it can again.

<broncos> Motion to approve with the change of adding 3.5 to income

<rambudo> second

<Mc3cats> All in favor?

<Winos_Seattle> third

<Terrible_Ts> Aye

<broncos> Aye/aye

<rambudo> aye

<Winos_Seattle> aye
<squirrel50> aye
<Martin_5> Aye and Aye

Item: Lack of a treasure

Need to find a new treasurer

squirrel50 has 25 Years experience

rambudo> To be safe. I move to appoint Deb as managerial treasurer for the next 4 months.

<Terrible_Ts> Second

<Mc3cats> I like Cliffs idea that we limit it to say 6 months. We can review the issue again in Sept. Hopefully we will have a treasurer by then.

<squirrel50> I like Russell's idea 4 months

<Mc3cats> We have a motion from Russell

<Terrible_Ts> I prefer the 4 months also

<Terrible_Ts> I second

<Mc3cats> All in favor

<rambudo> I was going to say 3, but then we have meetings every 2 months, so I extended it a bit.

<Winos_Seattle> aye

<broncos> Aye/aye

<rambudo> aye

<Terrible_Ts> aye

<squirrel50> aye

<Martin_5> Aye and Aye

Motion passes

Item: Membership Report

Overall membership is up.

Complaints about how to pay for renewals online, since the web site is having issues.

Suggestions: Sign up members at events.

Online poll proposed to find out how people want to pay for their memberships

Item: Chapter Reports (see below)

Item: Cross-chapter events

Chapter Reps are encouraged to hold and attend these events.

Item: Outreach Report (see below)

Item: 2019 WSGA geocoin (see the Merchandise report)

Item: Social Media report (see below)

OLD business

Item: Election Results:

Voting results are in the attached Excel workbook, vote counts for the candidates (excluding abstentions) are below.

President

Chris Brue - 65

Russel Brendel - 38

VP

Deb Cox - 73

Crystal Gage - 25

Treasurer

[No Candidate]

Secretary

Jim Tollefson - 103

48 North

Cliff Slaughterbeck - 25

Cache-Cadian

Eugene Reed - 6

Inland Empire

Jerry Martin - 16

Olympic Peninsula

Jef Caulfield - 2

Erin Comstock - 4

Puget Sound

Antoine Pin - 39

South Central

Patrick McColley - 5

Southwest

Vicki/Brian Knott – 7

Item: Off meeting vote

<Mc3cats> There was an off meeting vote that was done via email.....

<Mc3cats> The crux of the vote was born out of the election itself.....

<Mc3cats> Russell had asked the board to consider a censure of Deb for comments made during the election on social media. The issue was whether the comments were consider threatening and conduct unbecoming.

<Mc3cats> The board took this issue seriously and an email discussion took place with all members NOT including Russell or Deb....

<Mc3cats> The board reviewed snippets from social media and weighed in on the request filed by Russell....

<Mc3cats> In the end, the board voted unanimously that the comments made were not considered threatening and therefore the board voted against the request for censure.

<Mc3cats> Jim, please note this on the record.

<Mc3cats> This subject is closed. There will be NO further comments, questions etc.

<Terrible_Ts> Ok

Item: Ape report

<Mc3cats> We did talk about the Ape packages going up on teh website. Sooner the better.

<jtcoffee> I'll work with Mitch with how that will go

Item: Campout Report

Mc3cats> It had been discussed last year about the campout being in teh PS chapter. Thats not looking feasible.

<Mc3cats> There was talk about making it a side event of the Ape.

<Mc3cats> Annette's report pretty much lays it out. Lots of the usual places are booked. Easton and Tolt McDonald, both somewhat near the APE lcoation but are not available.

<Martin_5> I believe we would have much better attendance from the east side to both events if both were on the same weekend and close to each other.

<Mc3cats> There is not a viable location within the PS chapter.

<Martin_5> No private campgrounds we could use?

<PeachandPete> I have looked and called many and most all are full for July and August

<Winos_Seattle> No, not at all, Jerry.

<Mc3cats> I have a question to pose to teh board. The idea of the campout is to move it around to the entire state. Clearly the PS chapter really has not participate in this actiity. Its been in most chapters BUT the PS Chapter.

<rambudo> Southwest chapter was next on the list, to my understanding, before it was decided to move it to PS.

<Mc3cats> 48N, SW and OP has hosted in teh past as well as the three E. WA chapters.

<rambudo> Although at this point, any campsite that is available on a weekend would work.

<rambudo> As long as it is in the state.

<Mc3cats> Also, historically the campout has not been a big money maker or always well attended like the Ape.

<SuperKnotts> were just curious as to how many people are expected to attend ?

<Mc3cats> What are your thoughts of keeping the event going know that it will never really be an event that equally gets hosted by all chapters.

<Martin_5> A big part of attendance is location

<Winos_Seattle> Chandra, do you remember the ranger we met at Lake Easton State Park on the way back from my Cross-Chapter event? Do you know who he is and if you've got a contact for him?

<pixie> when is the going ape event

<broncos> I have him down somewhere. Lake Easton reservations are run out of Olmstead by Billie though.

<Mc3cats> I agree Jerry. As an example, last years Campout had 33 attendees. That event was in the NE Corner of the state.

<broncos> But all they had were group tent sites at Easton. Not RV sites.

<Winos_Seattle> Ok. Let's get that info to Annette before you bail outta town, please? if you find it

<pixie> if yall are looking into trying to control a full camp ground you should look into not a campground but infact a Summer camp.... school is already in session by the going ape event and this would put us at the off season of a summer camp and we could hold th whole grounds

<PeachandPete> Easton is full from at least the last weekend in July- the traditional weekend for the campout - through the Ape weekend of August 18

<Winos_Seattle> oh alright

<broncos> School begins the day after Labor Day in most parts of the state

<rambudo> We had the campout on weekdays in 48 North a couple of years ago. It did not go so well.

<PeachandPete> We have had campouts before that were not SPECIFICALLY in a group area. You patch together reservations.

<Mc3cats> I have kept an historical document on the campout attendance and locations

<broncos> Definitely King County

<Martin_5> Any campgrounds in the area of Ellensburg we could consider?

<Mc3cats> Just to give you some perspective, the least attended was the first campout which was the only PS chapter campout. 16 folks attedned in 2004.

<broncos> Gene would probably know that.

<PeachandPete> I checked one that appeared big enough, but it was booked. Almost all these places around there are booked by now.

<Winos_Seattle> Lake Easton is one, There's a few campground up blewitt hwy, with no hookups for RVs

<Mc3cats> Our biggest turnout for the campout was 76 attendees. That location was the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in 2007.

<PeachandPete> We need 9 - 12 hookup sites, and tent sites.

<Mc3cats> The Masonic Family Park near Granite Falls had the next highest at 70 attendees.

<PeachandPete> I have none of those records, and would love to see them.

<Martin_5> IE co hosted with CC a few years ago. Maybe we could find something this year where PS could co host with CC.

<Winos_Seattle> hmmm. Lemme try calling Gene at the end of the week. I'll catch him when Gonzaga isn't playing.

<PeachandPete> Sun Lakes Dry Falls was a great location and had a pretty big group.

<Martin_5> A county fairgrounds sounds like a good idea of a place to look into.

<Mc3cats> SW hasnt hosted since 2013

<Mc3cats> They would be the next in line.

<PeachandPete> Cape Disappointment is about the only SP campground big enough, but would need to use regular hookup loops. Group is tents only.

<Winos_Seattle> Pot Holes is a great place, Confluence, Durango, Lincoln, Lake Chelan State Parks all great places

<PeachandPete> Not sure if they have a picnic shelter for us to hold a potluck, tho.

<Mc3cats> Cache-Cadian had it in 2014 and it was in Manchester SP in OP chapter in 2015

<rambudo> We have popup tents, not shelter needed.

<Winos_Seattle> Cape Disappointment is filling up fast. The cabins and Yurts are full till october

<PeachandPete> I have a pretty extensive excel spreadsheet with details on most all SP campgrounds.

<Winos_Seattle> as of 2 days ago

<crs98> Seems like we're a bit late on 2019 (hopefully something can be worked out). Chris, can you make sure this is on the agenda for next winter for 2020?

<Mc3cats> From the comments, its pretty obvious folks want to keep this going, so lets do it. Annette, if you can see whats available and look at that location for the next campout?

<PeachandPete> It needs to be on the November agenda.

<Mc3cats> Yes, Cliff, we will be on this towards the end of this year, like November.

<jtcoffee> Is it critical that we have RV sites? I'm not an RV camper - I know some are - but that seems to be a pretty big hurdle to overcome.

<TeamPAST> Yes I mentioned this previously campground booking starts 6-9 months in advance. Our parks in SC start booking on December 16th

<crs98> For folks like me to attend, I need electricity - I need to use a CPAP (I know, oversharing).

<broncos> @jtcoffee they are pretty hot on the RV sites....

<PeachandPete> We always fill a loop with full hookups

<TeamPAST> I am the same as crs98 and would need electricity.

<squirrel50> tent

<PeachandPete> Sometimes there are yurts nearby for those traditional non-campers.

<Martin_5> Kittitas County Fairgrounds website said they have 100 RV hookups.

<Mc3cats> Annette, can you scour the state looking for some options for our campout. We can update the board with what you find

<PeachandPete> Yes, I can.

<PeachandPete> I had not thought of fairgrounds, and did not realize we had ever used them. Of course, we have to watch out for fairs, etc.

<Winos_Seattle> Yeah, my wife can do 2 nights without electricity, but really...why not yurt or cabin camping if it's gonna be all we got?

<Mc3cats> Great. Email the board with what you find and we can address this outside of normal board meeting via Slack.

<PeachandPete> Will do.

<Mc3cats> Antoine, its going to be whatever Ms. Annette can find.

Item: Lab Adventure

<Mc3cats> The WSGA has been awarded a long term lab adventure credit.

<Mc3cats> I attempted to get more from HQ, with Jeff (Geargurus) help. He suggested I ask for a bunch to provide a credit to all of the chapters.

<Mc3cats> Well that didnt work out so well.

<Mc3cats> I tried. I worked Katie over at HQ on this but no go.

<Mc3cats> Now, the issue is not dead.

<Mc3cats> They just closed the doors on round one. I got the impression that they may have a round two and if so I am going to push for us to have enough for each chapter to host their own lab adventure.

<Mc3cats> So, stay tuned on that. In the meanwhile, we have one that I have asked our gadget cacher meisters to put together a lab adventure full of gadget caches.

<Mc3cats> Bounce Bounce, GoblinDust and Team Notlex are providing the caches and will be placing them.

<broncos> Just for reference as one of the beta testers for them, you have to be within 50 feet to log labs now, and they can only be done via the adventures app.

<SuperKnotts> thats exciting , they will do an amazing job im sure

<broncos> No more web interface.

<Mc3cats> HQ has extended the period to get these up and running by 4/25. Originally we had until 3/31 to make the adventure live.

<Mc3cats> Correct, Chandra. This is to test the new lab adventure app. So we are participating, just not globally around the state like I was hoping that we could.

<broncos> So when placing you need to ensure there is good cell signal.

<Mc3cats> The adventure will be up for AT LEAST a year. HQ wants to test the heck out of the new app.

<Mc3cats> You guys, stay tuned on this. I really want to see the WSGA be involved with the adventure caches and would it if we could have adventure caches long term all over the state.

<TeamPAST> Does the adventure work offline in the app now?

<TeamPAST> I thought that was the idea of forcing the app to overcome the cell requirements

<Mc3cats> Chandra, what do you know about the app itself?

<TeamPAST> I have played with it a little but have no adventures within 4 hours to test on

<broncos> A lot, there are several adventures live right now. All far from here.

<Mc3cats> I have not personally used it since it went live. It has to be better than the old online version which was kind of clunky to use.

<broncos> When testing, we had to have service to log it, it is live logging

<broncos> Interfaces with google maps

<PeachandPete> The app I used at the Yuma Mega was very easy but cell service was plentiful in the area.

<broncos> There is live up in Surrey BC right now.

<Mc3cats> It will be an issue in the areas out in the middle of nowhere.

<Mc3cats> Thats the closest for me.

<Terrible_Ts> Do we know if Jordan is involved with this app?

<broncos> No, he is not.

<broncos> It was Nate Irish

<Terrible_Ts> Thanks

<broncos> But Jordan did test it too.

Item: Valley Cities Geotour

Mc3cats> Annette asked me several months back about taking her unofficial Auburn geotour and morphing into something much bigger

<Mc3cats> She had this idea of a Valley Cities formal geotour where not onl Auburn but other cities like Kent and Renton and others could get into geocaching.

<Mc3cats> I thought this was a fantastic idea.

<Mc3cats> So off she went working on putting this tour together getting funding from Auburn as well as other cities to make this formal tour a reality

<Mc3cats> Well, it has officially happened and teh WSGA is involved, but more of a figure heard

<Mc3cats> head

<Mc3cats> We are involved as the municipalities want to deal with an organization vs. an individual.

<Mc3cats> It makes perfect sense for us to be the organization

<PeachandPete> Grants must be funded through a non-profit rather than an individual.

<Mc3cats> Correct. Keep in mind that the WSGA IS NOT FUNDING ANY OF TEH GEOTOUR!

<PeachandPete> WSGA is on the coin!!!

<Mc3cats> Annette has obtained funding from teh Port of Seattle, Auburn and Kent

<Mc3cats> WE are acting as the agent in this process.

<SuperKnotts> awesome

<Terrible_Ts> We are asking for volunteers to place caches and help out on the website.

<Mc3cats> The municipalities will be sending teh fund to us

<broncos> Um, those municipalities are aware we are not a 501 non-profit, correct?

<Mc3cats> We in turn will act as an agent to pay HQ for the tour funds as well as Compass Creek for teh coins.

<Winos_Seattle> I'm in! Will all containers be uniform or creative creations?

<crs98> Too far for me to place and maintain one, but count me in for finding them!

<PeachandPete> A mixture of containers and some unique.

<Mc3cats> We are, of course providing the cachers to hide teh caches and even have one board member who is a team lead.

<Mc3cats> Thanks Jim for being involved with this.

<broncos> Again, do the municipalities know we are not a 501?

<Mc3cats> The WSGA will get recognition for our assistance as our name will be on the coin along with the other municipalities.

<PeachandPete> Chandra, a state non-profit was sufficient for them.

<broncos> Thank you

<rambudo> We will need to be clear in our transactions for where this money is coming in from and going out to. This is not in the current budget. (even though it is budget neutral?)

<Mc3cats> I was just going there, Russell,

<broncos> Slowly

<Mc3cats> Deb will have to have separate accounting for the Geo tour funds

<squirrel50> I am already aware of this

<squirrel50> these two can not be mixed

<rambudo> If the funds are commingled with our normal operating funds, then that will not be possible with any reports we make to the state and irs...

<Mc3cats> The municipalities will want to see how the money is being spent. This will be completely outside of our operating budget for transparency purposes.

<broncos> Awesomesauce. Okay, sorry, but 3 hours is my time limit for the meeting. 4AM comes soon. #peaceout

<Mc3cats> So thats all I have on the agenda. We covered a ton. This was a super busy agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 21:38

Item: squirrel50/Deb appointment to Treasurer

Mc3cats> You have done a fantastic job "winging it" Chandra

<rambudo> If Deb is just doing the paperwork, then she would not be the treasurer. So no conflict with 5.1.4.

<squirrel50> Chandra has done an amazing job

<broncos> Okay, so if why @rambudo is saying is correct, then appoint her, I will get the the stuff and Jim can go with her into the bank to get that squared away and y'all go find a treasurer.

<Mc3cats> We will need a motion and let vote on this.

<Terrible_Ts> move to suspend the bylaws and have Deb temp. be the treasure with only one vote

<Winos_Seattle> second

<Mc3cats> HOld up

<Terrible_Ts> Holding

<squirrel50> standing bye

<squirrel50> be

<squirrel50> by

<Mc3cats> Jim, lets make it clear that we are suspending 5.1.4 only so that we can have an interim treasurer.

<rambudo> As I stated above, no suspension of the rules would be required. If an organization goes without a treasurer, that role falls to the President and the President can delegate those responsibilities out.

<broncos> Dude, no vote is needed.,

<Terrible_Ts> I withdraw my motion.

<squirrel50> Russell is correct I just went and looked

<squirrel50> I am only doing the paper work

<PeachandPete> The copy that Jim sent out, shows projectors as the last line, but can see another line below that it looks like.

<PeachandPete> But you do need something in the minutes that she is assuming, as the bank requires minutes, so you must appoint her in the minutes.

<crs98> Can I make a suggestion in order to protect the people involved - I think it would be a good idea to at least put a term limit on this. It can be renewed if necessary.

<broncos> The bank does not require minutes.

<Mc3cats> No suspension of 5.1.4 but we still need to vote that the board approves this temporary assignment on an interim basis.

<broncos> There is a letter the secretary fills out and has to go in with the person.

<broncos> I have it from when Fen did it.

<PeachandPete> The last group I was treasurer of required minutes to show who was authorized to sign checks.

<rambudo> Same Annette

<PeachandPete> That was US Bank. Maybe another bank is different.
<broncos> I just know what Chase required when we went in.
<Terrible_Ts> Do I need to go in with chandra to get me on the paperwork?
<rambudo> To be safe. I move to appoint Deb as managerial treasurer for the next 4 months.
<Terrible_Ts> Second
<Mc3cats> I like Cliffs idea that we limit it to say 6 months. We can review the issue again in Sept.
Hopefully we will have a treasurer by then.
<broncos> No, you have to go in with Deb.
<Terrible_Ts> ok
<broncos> I have what you need.
<squirrel50> I like Russell's idea 4 months
<Mc3cats> We have a motion from Russell
<Terrible_Ts> I prefer the 4 months also
<Terrible_Ts> I second
<Mc3cats> All in favor
<rambudo> I was going to say 3, but then we have meetings every 2 months, so I extended it a bit.
<Winos_Seattle> aye155.35
<broncos> Aye/aye
<rambudo> aye
<Terrible_Ts> aye
<squirrel50> aye
<Martin_5> Aye and Aye
<Mc3cats> Patrick?
<Mc3cats> Patrick, are you there? We have called a vote.
<squirrel50> let it be noted also that Jerry was going to ask someone as well
* Jtcoffee has quit (Quit: <http://www.kiwiirc.com/> - A hand crafted IRC client)
* jtcoffee (18102058@cloak-60FB90E5.hsd1.wa.comcast.net) has joined
<Mc3cats> The motion passes

Financial Report

Report by Broncos Fan 4 Life

January 1, 2019 starting balance: \$4,170.43

Income:

- Membership: \$1085.00
- Sales: \$351.00
- Misc: \$274.01
- **Total: \$1710.01**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$15.99
- Stripe Fees: \$63.23
- Chapter Allocations: \$1037.45

- **Total (\$1116.67)**

January 31, 2019 ending balance: \$4,763.77 (\$593.34 increase)

February 1, 2019 starting balance: \$4,763.77

Income:

- Membership: \$590.00
- Sales: \$257.98
- **Total: \$847.98**

Expenses:

- USPS: \$80.96
- Stripe Fees: \$35.22
- Dues/Licenses: \$32.66
- APE Event: \$700.00
- Chapter Allocations: \$13.78
- **Total (\$862.62)**

February 28, 2019 ending balance: \$4,749.13 (\$14.64 decrease)

March 1, 2019 starting balance: \$4,749.13

(As of 3/13/19)

Income:

- Membership: \$410
- Sales: \$86.10
- **Total: \$496.10**

Expenses:

- Stripe Fees: \$20.18
- APE Event: \$408.40
- Chapter Allocations: \$15.85
- **Total (\$444.43)**

March 13, 2019 ending balance: \$4800.80 (\$51.67 increase)

2019 WSGA Income	Membership	Merch Sales	Campout	Ape Weekend	Misc	TOTAL	Notes	As of 3/13/19
January	\$1,085.00	\$351.00			\$274.01	\$1,710.01	Uncashed reimbursement check refund.	
February	\$590.00	\$257.98				\$847.98		
March	\$410.00	\$86.10				\$496.10		
April						\$0.00		
May						\$0.00		
June						\$0.00		
July						\$0.00		
August						\$0.00		
September						\$0.00		
October						\$0.00		
November						\$0.00		
December						\$0.00		
TOTALS	\$2,085.00	\$695.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$274.01	\$3,054.09		

2019 Expenses	USPS	Ofc Supplies	Internet	Stripe fees	Dues/licenses	Merch Orders	Campout	APE Event	GeoTour	Small Grant	Misc.	Chapter Allocatbn	TOTALS	Notes
January	\$15.99			\$63.23								\$1,037.45	\$1,116.67	
February	\$80.96			\$35.22	\$32.66			\$700.00				\$13.78	\$862.62	\$700 to WA State Parks to Groundspeak Premium Membership \$32
March				\$20.18				\$408.40				\$15.85	\$444.43	\$408 APE Event Insurance
April													\$0.00	
May													\$0.00	
June													\$0.00	
July													\$0.00	
August													\$0.00	
September													\$0.00	
October													\$0.00	
November													\$0.00	
December													\$0.00	
TOTALS	\$96.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$118.63	\$32.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,108.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,067.08	\$2,423.72	

Chapter Allocations

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire	Southwest	South Central
Carryover Funds	\$406.02	\$424.74	\$327.00	\$313.00	\$152.30	\$62.35	\$128.91
2019 Start Total	\$255.50	\$133.50	\$32.00	\$65.00	\$73.00	\$24.00	\$12.50
March Additonal Funds	\$126.50	\$124.00	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$153.00	\$84.50	\$36.50
May Additonal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
July Additonal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
September Additonal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
November Additonal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Used	\$384.00	\$241.06	\$110.10	\$302.29	\$29.63	\$0.00	\$0.00
Remaining Funds	\$404.02	\$441.18	\$280.90	\$91.71	\$348.67	\$170.85	\$177.91

As of 3/13/19	2019 Members		TOTALS		2018 Active Accounts	Current Totals
	Basic	Premium	Accounts	Members		
Puget Sound	13	44	57	57	18	75
48 North	11	29	40	40	6	46
Inland Empire	4	24	28	28	6	34
South Central	2	6	8	8	6	14
Olympic Peninsula	0	9	9	9	3	12
Southwest	1	13	14	14	0	14
Cache-Cadian	2	9	11	11	0	11
Out of State	0	3	3	3	4	7
CURRENT TOTALS	33	137	170	170	43	213
LAST REPORTED	15	73				
Net Gains	18	64				

Premium % 80.59%
Basic % 19.41%

YOY Change	
Chapters	Accounts
Puget Sound	(36)
48 North	4
Inland Empire	(3)
South Central	(4)
Olympic Peninsula	(3)
Southwest	8
Cache-Cadian	(2)
Out of State	(10)
Totals	(46)

Final 2018	2018 Members		TOTALS	
	Basic	Premium	Accounts	Members
Puget Sound	23	88	111	111
48 North	9	33	42	42
Inland Empire	7	30	37	37
South Central	4	14	18	18
Olympic Peninsula	4	11	15	15
Southwest	0	6	6	6
Cache-Cadian	5	8	13	13
Out of State	0	17	17	17
CURRENT TOTALS	52	207	259	259
LAST REPORTED	50	192	242	
Net Gains	2	15		

Updated: 3/13/19

WSGA BUDGET & HISTORY	2017 Proposed	2017 Actuals	2018 Proposed	2018 Actuals	2019 Proposed	2019 Actuals	2019 Variance
INCOME							
Membership	\$3,500.00	\$5,819.50	\$5,000.00	\$5,270.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,085.00	-\$2,915.00
Merchandise Sales	\$5,000.00	\$1,530.39	\$1,500.00	\$5,587.51	\$2,000.00	\$695.08	-\$1,304.92
Campout	\$1,500.00	\$894.48	\$1,000.00	\$932.65	\$1,000.00		-\$1,000.00
Ape Weekend	\$9,000.00	\$23,580.18	\$15,000.00	\$11,418.20	\$7,000.00		-\$7,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$519.47	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$274.01	\$274.01
Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Income	\$19,000.00	\$32,344.02	\$22,500.00	\$23,808.36	\$15,000.00	\$3,054.09	-\$11,945.91
EXPENSES							
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$1,774.43	\$2,000.00	\$1,746.90	\$2,000.00	\$96.95	-\$1,903.05
Internet	\$500.00	\$798.32	\$500.00	\$188.83	\$200.00		-\$200.00
Supplies	\$300.00	\$383.22	\$300.00	\$108.81	\$300.00		-\$300.00
Dues/fees	\$50.00	\$42.66	\$50.00	\$413.72	\$500.00	\$32.66	-\$467.34
Stripe fees	\$800.00	\$1,361.77	\$1,500.00	\$836.98	\$1,000.00	\$118.63	-\$881.37
Chapter Allocations	\$3,200.00	\$2,185.37	\$4,500.00	\$1,624.81	\$4,000.00	\$1,067.08	-\$2,932.92
Campout	\$1,500.00	\$1,095.44	\$1,500.00	\$1,509.80	\$1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Ape Weekend	\$8,000.00	\$17,540.03	\$10,000.00	\$16,113.29	\$7,000.00	\$1,108.40	-\$5,891.60
APE Promotøn							
WSGA coin/tb's	\$3,000.00	\$5,468.83	\$3,000.00	\$6,041.40	\$1,500.00		-\$1,500.00
Merchandise	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Small Grant Program	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Sponsorships	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Outreach	\$100.00	\$330.35	\$100.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Park Liasion	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
GeoTour	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
NW Trails	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
projectors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
GPS units	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$878.23	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$500.00		-\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$21,850.00	\$32,958.65	\$25,450.00	\$29,184.54	\$18,500.00	\$2,423.72	-\$16,076.28
Net Budget	(\$2,850.00)	(\$614.63)	(\$2,950.00)	(\$5,376.18)	(\$3,500.00)	\$630.37	\$4,130.37

Social Media













Report by jtcoffee

WSGA Social Media Report

March 2019

Facebook

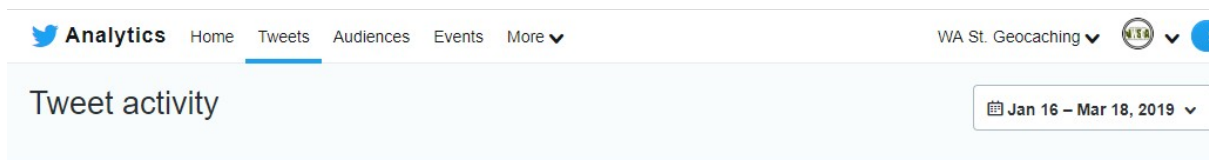
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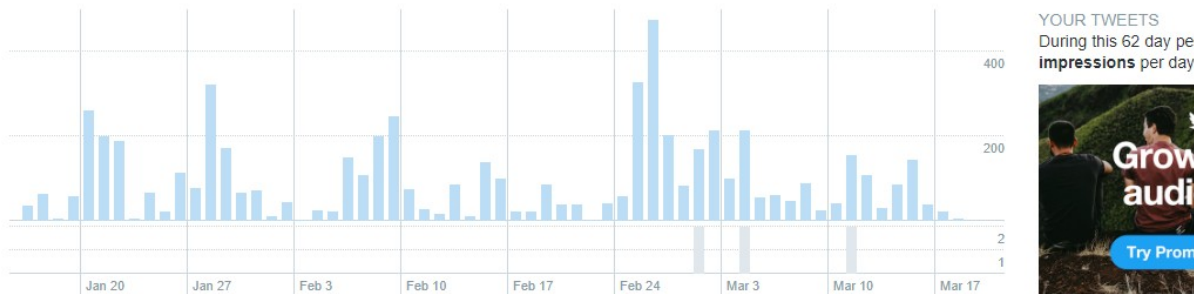
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Your Tweets earned **6.0K impressions** over this **62 day** period




































Your Tweets earned **4.1K impressions** over this **57 day** period

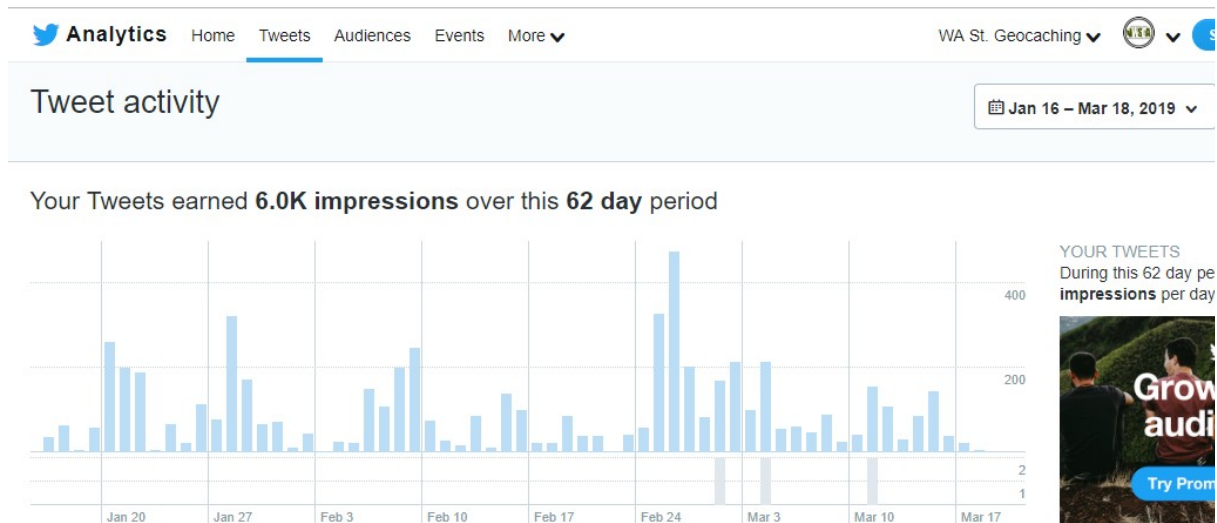


Instagram

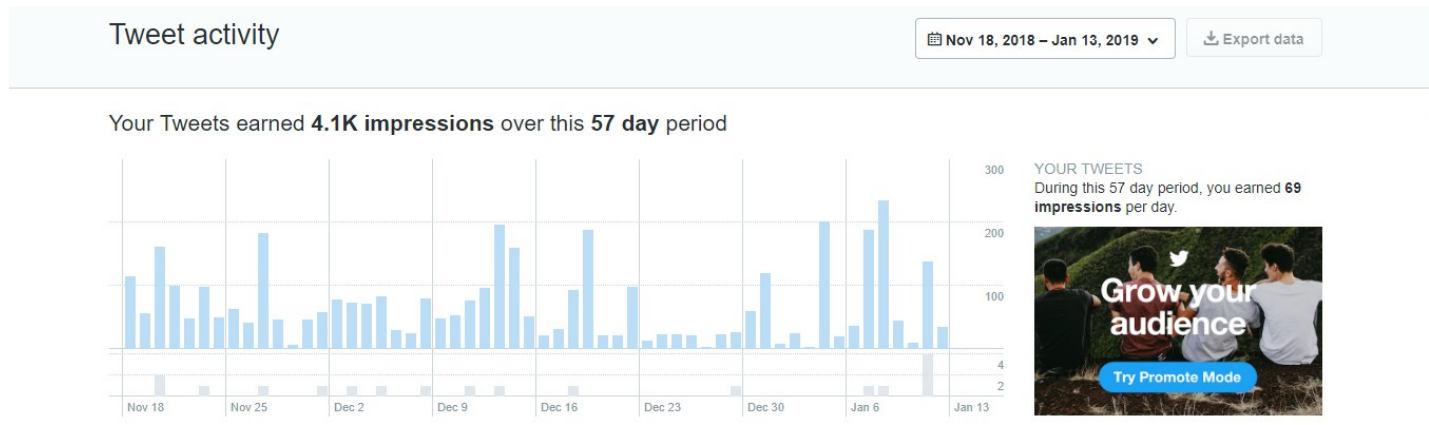
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January 2019
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Ape Updates by jtcoffee

Some APE updates:

- Permits and insurance are being finalized.
- We have had a request for an ADA accomodation through the tunnel. I will work with the parks to see if we can get that approved.
- We will be using snagthetag.com for Spot The Ape this year, and will still utilize the same base game, while adding a few fun twists :) I have met with Mark and Oleg and we have some interesting ideas to make the game exciting for those playing it for a fourth year, as well as those playing it for the first time.
- Red Hat will be doing our shirts - they look great!
- As soon as we get a proof of the coin, we'll set up the swag bags online!

Outreach

Report by Squirrel50 and mc3cats

Chris / mc3cats has a program coming up soon, other than that nothing new to report for this position at this time.

Its on 3/12 at Cascade Elementary by my house. A STEM Night at the school.

Merchandise

Report by mc3cats

MERCHANDISE REPORT FOR 3/20/19 MEETING

Total merch sales for the month of February was \$257.98. We had a promotional coupon we ran during that month that attributed signifigication to our sales for the month of February.

So far for the Month of March, we have sold \$85.10 in merchandise. We do not have a special promotion running this month, so I expect that our sales will be down from last month.

As our inventory goes, we still have quite a bit of 2018 Ape event stock. As for our non-ape coins and tags, here is our inventory as of 3/12/19:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2018 COIN	34
2017 COIN	53
2016 COIN	3
CACHKINZ	3
2018 CAMPOUT TAG	2

We still have quite a few orange ape shirts, and green and red WSGA T-shirts and hoodies. However, on the WSGA T-shirts go, we are running out of the popular sizes

I want to experiment a bit with some new product in our store. I got in on a good deal on plastic ammo cans. I purchased about 12 of these small ammo cans at a price of less than \$5 a piece. A smoking deal on these. They are smaller that the typical ammo cans which will make the easier to hide. I am going to donate them to the WSGA to see how folks respond to this new product. I also are having special geocache labels made for this cans. This is not something that we have ever sold before. I have not used any WSGA funds for this. This is all

out of my own pocket, mainly because I want to see how our members respond to this new product. Once the labels are in, I will put this new item up on our website and promote them. I will definitely keep the board updated on how the item sells.

Chapter Reports

48 North Chapter Report by Rambudo

48 North Chapter report

I was going to have an event for Valentines, but the event had to be canceled due to the snowpocalypse. I was able to get a refund for the venue and those funds have been submitted to the Treasurer. Another event at the same venue was not an option due to scheduling conflicts.

This next section is very hard for me to write. I have put off writing it as I need to choose my

words carefully. I witnessed an incident where a member of this board threatened a member of my chapter (For the purpose of this report, the names and words used will not be mentioned

here). This threat happened on social media for all the world to see. When I asked this board to

punish the board member in question, I received a response that struck me dumb. First, the

President admitted that he had seen the threat and he did not really have a problem with it.

Second, I was dressed down in front of the entire board for asking for some kind of punishment

for a board member threatening a member of this organization. Third, I was asked to resign my

chapter rep position and my position on the website committee. Fourth, my admin access to the

website was revoked, effectively firing me from that position. The President has since written

about his disdain that he has for me.

This is not the first time I have had issues with the President, but the latest in a long list of

issues that have been occurring over the six months. These are just a part of the reason I challenged him for the Presidency in the last election. I think me challenging him was the last straw in his mind. He has made this a hostile environment for me to be in. I had planned from the time that it was announced to the board that no one had been nominated for the position of Treasurer that I would submit my name if I should lose the election for President. Because of the hostility of the President towards me, that is no longer an option. I can not continue to serve with someone that does not want my contributions. That said, I will be finishing my term as chapter representative. The members of my chapter deserve an elected representative to represent them on the board. I do have more sympathy to the two chapter representatives that have departed under the current President. I would like to take a moment and give a report as a member of the bylaws committee. We have reviewed the bylaws up until Section 5. We have not gone any further. We stopped work in May 2018. This committee, lead by the President, has not tackled any of the issues that brought about this committee in the first place in January 2018. Namely, fixing the issues created when we changed the renewal dates of membership and did away with the "Associate member". As much as I would like to stick around and see this review of the bylaws out, due to the aforementioned hostile environment, I do hereby tender my resignation from the bylaws committee, effective immediately. After being fired from the website committee, I have asked our webmaster to suspend all of my admin access to the website and to change any passwords that I had access to. I have also removed myself from anything associated with the website. I have already given access to the chapter geocaching profile and the Facebook account to my successor as chapter rep. I will be making arrangements to give him all of the physical property

soon.

I have enjoyed working with most of you, and I look forward to our next geocaching adventures as simply a player of this game.
rambudo

Cache-Cadian Chapter Report by Mr. Gadget #2

No report submitted.

South Central Chapter Report By Patrick McColley (TeamPAST)

South Central Chapter Report

March 2019

By Patrick McColley (TeamPAST)

Past Chapter Events

Future Chapter Events

Currently working on spring CITO event but have not been able to secure a clean-up area yet due to the excessive snow we have seen recently.

Area Events by a WSGA member

GC8451D - Saturday afternoon crepes. 03/16/19 Tecsomane

Tecsomane hosted this event last Saturday as a way to break up everyone's slump with the winter weather recently. There were 12 in attendance.

GC8847DB - Creation Celebration: Blue Question Marks ? 03/27/19 Korichnovui

New WSGA member Korichnovui has put together a creation celebration workshop event to discuss mystery caches. He has a presentation put together and also maintains several of the area mystery caches.

GC81E7M - Start the New Year with a "Road Trip". 1/2/19 Tumbleweed2

Tumbleweed2 put together a fund little event at a local museum where we had 17 attendees. The event museum featured a traveling exhibit about all 50 states using the trivial pursuit theme. It was very popular among the attendees.

SC Chapter News

Puget Sound Chapter Report by Winos_Seattle

No report submitted.

Inland Empire Chapter Report

March 13, 2018

by Jerry Martin (Martin 5)

Past Chapter Events:

02/23/2019

13th Annual WSGA Winter Party

GC80TYW

36 attendees

Upcoming Chapter Events:

03/30/2019

Creation Celebration: Story Time

GC84NA5
Otis Orchards

05/04/2019
MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU ~ Episode II
GC83WVB
Coeur d'Alene

Upcoming Area Events:

03/14/2019
Pi Day 2019 - Banana Cream Style
GC83RBC by Lookout Lisa
Spokane Valley

03/17/2019
Come Find Your Shamrock at the Golden Arches #2!
GC82FGA by TeamMudbugs
Airway Heights

03/17/2019
8th Annual Think Green ~ St. Patrick's Day CITO
GC83E4V by Martin 5
Spokane

03/31/2019
Mr Parts -- Almost a Fool
GC84H6Y by Mr & Mrs Parts
Spokane Valley

03/31/2019
Canadian March into April
GC849GG by ABCD: A Bevy of Canadian Dames
Spokane

04/01/2019
Only Fools Meet @ Midnight Quinquennial
GC83E4Z by Martin 5
Post Falls

04/14/2019
Creation Celebration: Spokane
GC84F59 by CacheDFish, Shrimala & Lookout Lisa
Spokane Valley

Chapter News:

Lookout Lisa/Cache Advance are working on the 2019 Spokane Geo-Challenge, with a kickoff event planned for Saturday, July 6, 2019. More information to come...

As many of you may have seen from our Facebook page, our area lost a local Idaho geocacher on March 9, 2019, who was tragically killed by a driver who was DUI and texting. Ryan Allen was 38 years old and geocached mostly on a quad with his parents under the name HuckHounds. Both of his parents are still in the hospital in Coeur d'Alene.

During our annual Winter Party event on February 23, 2019, our local Chapter President and Vice-President traded roles:

Steve Heid (Mr & Mrs Parts) stepped down as Vice-President and is now the President.

Tim Turner (BlueMeanie) stepped down as President and is now the Vice-President.

Olympic Penninsula Chapter Report by GearGuru

No report submitted.

South West Chapter Report by Squirrel50

WSGA SW CHAPTER REPORT

Since our last meeting:

We have an event coming up on 3/30 called the WSGA Passing of the SW Chapter Torch GC83Q10

The SuperKnotts held an event with the SW Chapter in Feb called WSGA SW – Cupids Done, Let's Have Some Fun GC82MZN – very well attended event

The SW Chapter held an event in Lacey called SW Chapter WSGA Roses R Red Roses R Blue GC82WWX – very well attended event

Parks Liaison Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

Summary

Because a project that we are working on involves four cities that had not previously adopted any specific geocaching guidelines, I am working with each parks department to provide them with guidelines that other parks have adopted, so they can craft their own similar to these. To date, none of the Parks Departments have come back to me with questions. I will keep in touch with them to be sure they are happy with the guidelines or can adopt guidelines that fit within the generally accepted placement guidelines of all geocaches, whether in a park location or not. Because we have copies of guidelines established by Bellevue and King County on file, I was able to provide them with copies to aid them in their establishing such guidelines. No problems have been experienced, but they just wanted to formally set guidelines, especially since these cities are about to participate in a geocaching project.

If you have ideas for the Parks Liaison area of WSGA, I'd be happy to talk to you about them. Just drop me a note through the Messaging section on Geocaching.com to Peach&Pete, or send me a note to annettepbailles@aol.com.

Looking forward to how we can help serve the WSGA in the coming year.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)
WSGA Parks Liaison

Campout Director Reports by Peaches (of Peaches&Pete)

Trying to schedule the Campout for 2019 has been most difficult because I was originally led to believe that some members of the board wanted the Campout in the Puget Sound Region because this would be returning to where the first campout was held. After doing a great deal of research on parks in the greater Puget Sound Region, the parks that could hold such an event were narrowed down to only two locations. It was shortly around the time for the January board meeting that I learned in an off-hand way that there had been discussion between some board members and Ape Event personnel that perhaps the Campout could be combined with and held around the same time. I was able to confirm this and asked to hold off on my report until WSGA learned if the two events could be held back-to-back, since Geocaching.com had recently been reluctant to do what they considered "event stacking." I was removed from the January board agenda and awaited hearing that it was possible to hold these two events close together. Jessie (jtcoffee) advised they had been talking to Geocaching.com about this possibility, and I stressed that they let Geocaching.com the Summer Campout was usually 2 nights, starting on Friday night and that the campout would be breaking up the day of the Ape Event, if it was held that same weekend, and the Sunday would be primarily the Ape Event. After some time, I heard back that she was about to formally post the Ape Event for Sunday, August 18, but they still had not heard anything formal about the Summer Campout and its proximity to the Ape Event. I started looking around at the suggested location – Lake Easton State Park, which had been suggested to be the location due to it being fairly near to Hyak. Knowing how reservations generally run for campgrounds during this time period, I doubted that we would be able to secure adequate space that was still available at this time of year. My fears were confirmed. I've even backed it up for the three previous weekends, back to the last weekend in July when the Summer Campout has generally been held the last six years or so. None of the dates yielded any larger number of spaces available, maybe one or two openings, which is not enough to host a group.

Although I sincerely regret that it appears we are unable to put together a campout that would allow us to bookend the two events, it appears impossible to hold the Summer

Campout in this area. I'm not sure how much space I could find in other areas around this same time, but I have been very busy working on another project and have not had time to do any further research until I reported the above facts to the board of WSGA. This could be a possibility for 2020 if we again hold the Ape Event, but we would need to secure campground space in January when space is first released for reservations. I can work on this for 2020, but I regret that we are unable to secure space for 2019 that meets the criteria I was asked to find.

Prior to 2020, I would like to find out a definitive date and location before the end of 2019 so I can begin to do location research, work with the Chapter that will be the Host and secure a Campout Manager, and begin to work with them. That will help us succeed in planning a 2020 Summer Campout.

Annette Bailes (Peach&Pete)
WSGA Campout Director

Winning Coin Design

