

**OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES OF 14 JANUARY 2010**  
**MEETING NUMBER 1**

**PRESENT:** Chuck Cooke, Jack Dalton, Fran Horn, Janet Horton, Toni Novak, Peggy Marter, Millie Moore, Tom Neigel, Frank Pearce, Bruce Steidel, Ray Wittkop.

**ABSENT:** Peppy Bath, Eileen Greve, Tony Marchionne, Jean Stelmaszyk.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were corrected on last page number 8 to read Neigel. The minutes were accepted on a motion made by Peggy Marter, seconded by Millie Moore.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

1. Club Status:
  - a. The current club state - the club is doing well .
  - b. Need to work on growth and keep sharing information.
  - c. Board members executives are committed to their duties.  
Discussed the importance of attendance and well considered voting.
  - d. Goal for committees to have specifically defined goals and required monthly reporting, even if not present at the board meeting.
  - e. There is a need to look into the current by-laws and policies.
  - f. Plans for more Board appointments.

**TRESURER'S REPORT:**

December 31, 2009

TD BANK CHECKING ACCOUNT  
GENERAL FUNDS

1,706.21

	OUTSTANDING CHECK	(150.00)	
	1,556.21		
TD BANK	INTERNET ACCOUNT	100.00	
TD BANK	MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	21,968.04	
	GREVE MEMORIAL FUNDS	2,091.35	
	JNT MEMORIAL FUNDS	408.00	
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24,467.39			
	- TOTAL CASH:	26,123.60	
CASH RETAINED FROM PRIOR YEARS		24,504.60	
PROFIT/LOSS CURRENT YEAR		1,619.00	
	RETAINED EARNINGS:	26,123.60	
	TRIP ADVANCES	(740.00)	

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

As of 1/14/10 Total membership: 1,139. Total Expirations: 41. Membership fees collected \$1820. Joe Trujillo Fund \$35.

**Total Deposited \$1855.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

1. Discussed Trekker cost.
2. Decline in membership.
3. Discussed adding new members to the board, and current appointments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ACTIVITY CHAIR:**

1. Deadline for submitting to the Trekker is Fri. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. After that entries will be placed on the website.
2. Hope to have report on the insurance policy questions at the next meeting.
3. Frank mentioned changes to reduce clutter on homepage. Use more info. Links possibility of removing some graphics to increase information space.
4. All chairs to provide ongoing reports and status of their sign-in sheets and adherence to defined retention period.

## **CANOE**

1. 40 plus trips for spring. One leader will list on web site only.
2. Club participation in store sponsored events, in the past, haven't lead to many new members, perhaps an event such as Belhaven's Demo Day may prove to be a better choice.
3. Frank's opinion, multiple activities on same day are no problem as long as not same activity at same location.

## **CAMPING & BACKPACKING:**

- A. 2009 Summary
  1. All sign in sheets turned in
  2. Got two new leaders, which doubles total
- B. Spring Schedule
  1. 3 backpack trips & 1 camping trip.

## **HIKING:**

- A. 2009 Summary
  1. 444 hikes by 37 leaders
  2. Over 3,000 hikers
  3. High Mileage hikers
    - Four 500 Milers
    - Four 750 Milers
    - Eighteen Grand Milers
  4. Beth has done a great job.
- B. Spring Schedule
  1. 120 Spring hikes
  2. Scheduling is a challenge with so many hikes
    - Balancing schedule is tricky
    - Avoiding conflicts also tricky
    - Thinking of establishing scheduling rules
    - Would like feedback from board members and hike leaders first.

## **CYCLING:**

1. Good response to the Cape May trip. Leaders please announce it an activities/events etc.
2. NJ Bicycle Coalition has asked us to join them in making better trails and working on laws for bikers. Membership is \$100. Discussion, tabled to next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Thank you to Toni Novak for all the hard work she has done working for the club. Letter of appreciation in process.

2. Trekker cost of printing. Suggestions reduce to 3 cycles, web based, raise cost. Tabled for now.
3. Holiday party - Chuck Cooke has graciously agreed to continue his board position one more year to manage, and help with the transition of the holiday party responsibilities to as yet unassigned volunteer.
4. Leadership Appreciation Committee - Ray Wittkop and Dave Bicking assigned to head the leadership awards committee for 2010.
5. Alcohol Restrictions - insurance does not cover club if we pay for the alcohol i.e. in the cost of a trip.
6. Sign in sheets- Frank will check with the insurance co. as to how long we need to keep the sign in sheet.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Complaint Policy-
  - a. The person with complaint, must make a formal complaint.
  - b. This must be followed with written complaint to the Board either in email or letter.
  - c. Board seeks trip leaders input, or other parties as necessary.
  - d. The President and the Executive committee make initial analysis about the complaint.
2. Bylaws changes - A committee to be created to manage several desires to change the bylaws from different board members, representing all views and potential changes.
3. Membership Committee - Directed by the president to look into decline of membership. Paul Serdiuk has volunteered to organize an outing to draw new members, and wishes to discuss other ideas to consider by the board. Other avenues under investigation by Tom, Fran, and Frank to validate membership decline, specifically define area of decline and reasons, and define long term corrective plans as required.
4. Fran Horn made a motion to approve a check for \$719.04, to AMC on behalf of Paul Serdiuk's trip. Motion was seconded by Peggy Marter. Motion approved.
5. Recognize OCSJ member of the year. Tabled till next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 on a motion made by Peggy Marter,  
seconded by Fran Horn.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Janet Horton, Recording Secretary**

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**Tom Neigel, President**