

Meeting of Board of Trustees Minutes

Number 11 November 9 2017

Present: Barbara Brandt, Fran Horn, Doug Hillebrecht, Frank Pearce, David Bicking, Neil Kornhauser, Peggy Marter, Regina Coeby, Joe Money, Christine Denneler, Joseph Fabian, Kevin Carlin and Kathy Billmann, Eloise Williams

Absent: Joe Rottinger, Dennis McKane, Jay Schoss, Millie Moore, Kevin Drevik, Mike Engel

Others attending:

Minutes: The October 2017 meeting minutes were approved based upon a motion by Joe Money seconded by Chris Denneler

President's comments: Update on Joe Rottinger who was struck by a car when walking at Cooper River.

Treasurer's report: .The treasurer's report was approved after Peggy Marter made the motion and Kathy Billmann seconded the motion.

Membership Report

Regina Coeby gave her report dated October 31, 2017. Total OCSJ members were 1,153 comprised of 907 active members and 246 lapsed members. Bank deposits of cash and checks for dues of \$185 were made (9 single & one member transitioned from a single membership to family (\$5)). For the month of October \$1,345 was received through PayPal (46 single memberships, 17 family memberships).

Activities Chair

Canoeing & Kayaking-Canoeing Winter policy now in effect- Wet or dry suits must be worn. Exceptions previously made because of exceptionally warm weather.

Hiking-Going well. Usually a decline in hiking from Jan –March. There are 1400 -1600 on meetup.

Cycling – Going well. There are lots of weekday rides. Need more weekend rides. Some mountain bike rides are scheduled now. Second shipment of biking jerseys has arrived and most are disbursed.

Backpacking- last trip of the year was 9 miles in the Shanandoah Mtns. There are two new leaders. Backpacked 150 miles this year.

Request for Funds- \$150 for Christmas Hike Tailgate. Motion made by Chris Denneler and seconded by Peggy Marter.

Cross Country Skiing- Ski Trips are on Meet up

Old Business

50th Anniversary Celebration plans were reviewed. 150 people registered.

Photo Contest -100 pictures were entered. Top vote getters were notified. Their pictures were put on a 2018 calendar.

New Business

Awards for mileage club of each activity were discussed. More research to be done. Possibility of getting sticker for boat for Canoeing/ kayaking. Doug will check availability of water resistant paper.

Newsletter link will be available on OCSJ website.

Adjournment

Motion made by Peggy Marter and seconded by Doug Hillebrecht & approved.

Eloise Williams
Recording Secretary

Barbara Brandt
President

Membership report: Regina Coeby gave her report dated August 31, 2017. Total OCSJ members were 1,185 comprised of 910 active members and 275 lapsed members. Bank deposits of cash and checks for dues of \$280 were made. For the month of August \$1,800 was received through PayPal. 10 single memberships were sold plus three family membership, one member transition from a single membership and one family member requested a refund.

Activities Section Reports:

Canoeing & Kayaking--Frank Pierce reported the trips were going well. He also discussed the clear cutting of trees near Harrisonville Lake which was reportedly justified to protect the dam.

Hiking--Dave Bicking reported hiking activities were going fine. David will investigate the need for night hiking permits at Wharton State Park.

Cycling--Neil Kornhauser gave the report. He brought in an OCSJ road biking jersey and the orange color was mentioned as a safe color. 76 jerseys were sold. 26 cyclists

attended at least one day of the NYC bicycle trip and 6 or 7 riders joined the OCSJ as a result of the trip. The mid-week rides are being well attended and many D class riders and moving up to faster C class rides.

Cross Country Skiing--no chairperson attended and no report was available.

Backpacking and Camping--Kevin Drevik reported a single NJ trip with three hikers over 3 days covering 30 miles went well.

Request for Funds--no requests were made.

Old Business-

The 50th anniversary party committee met at 6 p.m. before the regular board meeting. The photo contest was discussed. About 20 to 25 photos have already been posted. There is a problem with how picture categories are assigned. The deadline to submit photos will be October 1st with voting to start thereafter and be concluded by October 30th. The photo contest may become an annual event.

New Business--

Frank Pearce attended the Pinelands Commission meeting on September 14th. He reported that mapping for roads for motor vehicle use was approved. The motorcycling and 4 wheeling groups were not in attendance. Enduros will need permits and hunters may receive special permission to use certain restricted roads. The gas pipeline was approved under the claim that the Joint Base could benefit to access to the pipeline. Frank thought this was a pretext to meet the requirement under the Pinelands Act to benefit locals. We also discussed the general policy of the OCSJ for speaking at such events that catch our interests off guard between regularly scheduled board meetings. It was decided that the best course would be to permit email contact with board members and take an emergency vote. Only the club president can call for such a vote. If the topic alters club policy then the matters needs to be taken up at the next regularly scheduled OCSJ board meeting. The motion was made by Millie Moore and seconded by Jay Schoss. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kevin Carlin was welcomed as a newly appointed board member ready and willing to serve in matters when needed. Regina Coeby brought up the need to obtain permits for night hikes in Wharton State Forest. David bicking will check into the issue and report back. There is some question of who in the park administration to speak with on the issue. Franklin Pearce also informed us that a bicycle trail from Cumberland County to Cape May NJ was being funded with portions on roadways.

Adjournment

Motion made by Peggy Marter and seconded by Carlin. The motion passed.

Joseph F. Fabian,
Acting recording secretary

Barbara Brandt
President