

Cascadia RVW General Meeting 10/18//2014, Fidalgo Bay RV Park, Anacortes, WA

Board members in attendance: President; Suzanne Larson, President Elect; Lynda Byrd, Secretary; Guyla Vann, Treasurer; Penny Haase, Registrar; Sage MacLeod, Event Coordinator; Linda Clark, Advisor; Jill Pace

Adjunct Board member; Membership Chair; Sharon Fowler
Web Editor; Christine Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM by President Suzanne Larson.

Suzanne welcomed the assembled members and quickly moved to the first agenda item.

Reading of the minutes from the Cascadia General Meeting of April 26, 2014 at Pt. Hudson RV Park, Port Townsend, WA

There was a motion made by Cheryl Edman to waive the reading of the April, 26, 2014 General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Christine Taylor and accepted by acclamation.

Board member updates

Advisor to the Board by Jill Pace: Jill spoke briefly. Her only comments were to state her appreciation for a wonderful camping season full of fun in great locations.

President's report by Suzanne Larson: Suzanne chose to wait until later in the meeting to make comments.

President Elect report by Lynda Byrd: Lynda presented the event schedule for 2015 and provided copies for all members.

Treasurer's report by Penny Haase: Penny spoke of her appreciation for being on the Board and working with Suzanne. Penny informed the group that the financial books are available for review at all Cascadia events.

Beginning balance (01/01.2014): \$7,622.81
Income: \$2,441.00
Expenses: \$1,934.50
 Events: \$2,600
Total Expenses: \$4,534.50
Ending balance (estimated on 12/31/2014): \$6,337.08

Penny encouraged members to pay their Cascadia dues at the beginning of each year.

Secretary's report by Guyla Vann: Guyla thanked Suzanne for her leadership and for the opportunity to serve. She informed the group that minutes from all Cascadia Board meetings are posted on the Cascadia website.

Registrar's report by Sage MacLeod: Sage will continue as Registrar for one more year in hopes of streamlining the registration process. She said it has taken all year to truly understand the intricacies of the job.

Sage encouraged everyone present to try to be understanding and flexible when site assignments don't turn out as planned. Working with each park has its own set of challenges and at times problems arise. We, as a group, need to be understanding and flexible.

Kit Adams, our webmaster, and Sage have purchased a software upgrade to the existing registration program. The purchase was approved by the Board in September via an email vote with 100% agreement. Hopefully this program will be more user-friendly when we start registration in 2015.

Cascadia Leadership Reports

Membership Chair: Sharon Fowler: Sharon reported that all is going well and reminded members that it is critical to notify the RVW office when their contact information changes.

Sunshine: Guyla reported that she is honored to represent Cascadia by sending notes of welcome, get well, encouragement or condolences to members as the need arises.

Web Administrator's report by Christine Taylor: Christine said that she will try to post event write ups and pictures within two weeks of the event.

She explained that event pages are put together in December and will be up and running by January first. Members can begin registering at that time. She also plans to add area bike trails and nearby campgrounds to each event page.

Christine said that it has become obvious to her that she needs a backup web editor. She will need someone to post write ups and pictures if she is out of town for an extended period. No one jumped at the chance to assume that responsibility so Christine will be busy finding someone to fill that role.

Event Coordinator's report by Linda Clark: Linda stated that she had three goals when she assumed the job as event coordinator; 1) involvement and mentoring, 2) photographers and a slide show at the end, 3) fundraising for non-profits.

Linda feels that all her goals were met. We had participation from members who had not previously been Event Captain, Divas or Hi-there girls. All did a wonderful job. We had three women volunteer to photograph event activities and we did have an excellent slide show at the September event put together by Lis Smoot. We also raised money at every event to help designated non-profits in each community where we had an event. Linda voiced her gratitude for the generous nature of Cascadia members.

Barbara Hatred, the Event Coordinator for next season, told us that we will have a fundraising auction for Cascadia at Mossyrock in May, 2015. She encouraged us to begin collecting auction items now for that event.

President's report by Suzanne Larson: Suzanne began by thanking all members for a great season of events with diverse entertainment.

She happily praised Event Captains, Divas and Hi-there Girls for their fine contributions to the club. She praised the event scribes and explained that when their write ups don't make it into the RVW magazine it is because of timing and not content.

Suzanne praised Lis's work on the slide show and spoke of the emotions that it elicited from the members.

She spoke of our preparedness in the event of an emergency, i.e. the AED on site, our experienced, although retired, EMT and the many skilled nurses in our group that can deal with emergencies in a professional manner.

She was pleased that the group had the spontaneity to do fun, but unplanned activities that brought us together in imaginative ways.

Suzanne was touched by the way our members have rallied to support other members when the need arose in situations other than our events.

She also spoke about the added fun of Come-Alongs and encouraged members to post their camping plans on the Cascadia website and invite others.

Suzanne fought her emotions as she spoke of the year and how fulfilling it was. She thanked everyone on the Board as they completed their reports and she thanked all members collectively because everyone contributes to our Cascadia experience.

New Business

Cascadia Election for 2015 Board Members

Slate of Candidates

President Elect: Elaine Ploegstra

Treasurer: Janet Adolphson

Secretary: Penny Duex

Event Activity Coordinator: Barbara Hatred

Returning for second year, Registrar: Sage MacLeod

Call for nominations for Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor.

Lis Smoot moved to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Marne Parry. **The motion carries by acclamation.**

Lynda took over the meeting immediately after the election was complete.

Lynda asked those assembled if anyone would like to replace Guyla as Sunshine Girl. Right away Nola Wynn spoke up and said she would love to do it. Nola will begin those duties at the first of the year. Nola's contact information will be posted on the Cascadia website. Let her know when you find out that someone should receive a card.

Lynda asked for volunteers for Scribe. Kathy Oxner volunteered for March. Other volunteers for scribe were Leanna Davis and Laura Scholefield .

Lynda reminded members that the Cascadia Book Club will meet on Nov. 22, 11:00 – 1:00 at Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park. The book is "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown.

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Sage MacLeod, the Registrar, reminded us to be flexible. Barbara Hatred, the new Event Coordinator, reminded us about the auction at Mossyrock and the need to start collecting auction items. Christine Taylor said that for the next camping season posted registration dates for each event will begin on Thursday instead of Friday because so many members now arrive early. Be mindful of that when you are registering. This change will make it much easier on the Registrar and the park personnel.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Guyla Vann

Secretary