

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4/16/07

In attendance: Janet Britton, Trudy Hussmann, Jennifer Klump, Lou Klump, Pam Rigor, Ted Scheinman and Alan Stickel.

Membership report: 283 total memberships (209 single, 74 family); 2 new members, 6 renewing, and 12 that have not renewed and will be sent reminders. Pam wants to get Access database software for our membership records so that membership statistics and volunteer information from membership applications would be easy to access and use.

Board news: Board members had committed to make welcome telephone calls to new members and invite them to a general meeting. Part of the agenda was to recruit new board members. There are still a lot of calls to make. The board plans to have a follow-up half-day retreat in June or July to develop action plans for some of the ideas raised in the first retreat in April.

Treasurer's report: Balance was \$46,692.86 in checking and \$4,182.46 in savings, for a total of \$50,875.32. Alan noted that our savings account earns 4.5% interest, which rivals some CD rates.

Day tours: Jennifer and Stephanie are doing a presentation on hiking to a Girl Scouts group on May 21 and hope to follow up with a hike for the girls on another day. Lou is interested in doing similar lessons and ski outings with the Boy Scouts in the winter. We found some new people in our applications who said they would lead or co-lead a day tour. Non-skiing day tours are getting scheduled.

Overnight tours: Ted reported the Norway tour was great, even better than the last one. Pam is going to lead a bike tour in the San Juans over 4th of July. A Flying L Ranch bike and hike trip was added for the first weekend in May. It may be the last chance for us to stay there for a while, as it's for sale. Ted already has tours scheduled for next winter for Yellowstone, Methow Valley, Belknap Hot Springs, Odell Lake (both resorts), Crater Lake, and John Craig. The board discussed the ongoing conundrum (in the past couple of years) of getting people to sign up well in advance of tours, yet not filling them too soon, so that new members have a shot. Various ideas were suggested, including "early bird" prices or discounts at a kickoff meeting; promoting tours more outside of the club; and having a special tour for new members or ski clinic students. So far, no decisions have been made.

Programs: The May program will be "Skiing the Wapta Traverse" in Canada. In June we'll have a presentation on Bob Breivogel's trip to Tibet in 2005. July will be the annual picnic. We still need a new program coordinator to pick up after that.

Nordic issues: Louise was approached by the Washington Parks and Recreation Department's winter recreation advisory committee to have the club write a letter of endorsement for raising the price of sno-park season passes in Washington from \$20 to \$30. They are also recommending increased funding for Gifford Pinchot National Forest

winter recreation. Plowing and grooming costs have gone up, and sno-park fees haven't increased for years. Some board members wanted more information, but the general consensus was that this seemed like a reasonable thing to endorse.

Trail maintenance: Janet took the bull by the horns and developed a robust trail maintenance schedule including 13 trail tending parties from June through October, to be published in the May newsletter. Roughly half are on weekends, and the other half on Wednesdays. Four dates still need leaders, and we need to recruit lots of volunteers. Five of the dates are in Southwest Washington.

Publicity: No report.

Shelters committee: Not available.

Web site: Not available.

Next meeting: May 21 at Janet's. Arrive at 6:30 p.m. for potluck, 7 p.m. for the meeting.