

Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes

Teleconference Meeting – <http://gotomeet.me/CQNW>

Monday, March 22, 2021, 6:30pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Michael Warbington

Vice President – Bridget Lombardo

Treasurer – Kathy Amadio

Secretary – Jami Gramore

Members at Large – Meg Vimes, Andrea Kunkle, Paul Mopps, Ben Frey

Others in Attendance: Megan Jackson, Natalie, Josh Oberg, Becky Friedman, Sharon Zolnowsky

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 6:42 pm

Approving 2/22/2021 meeting minutes:

* **Consent Agenda** for 2/22/2021 meeting was approved without objections.

Treasurer's Report:

* Kathy emailed the March report for the 2021 Budget and the Balance Sheet. "For FY2021, we are officially at a Loss (expenditures are greater than income). This is to be expected since we haven't opened registration and we took the bulk of the registration fees in 2019. Otherwise, nothing notable to call out."

Registration Report:

* Still not publicly accepting registrations.

* Kathy has received a few inquiries from folks wanting to know what's going on. Some people are asking to switch camps, or be put on the wait list.

Programming Report:

* Josh: This Saturday is the Planning Retreat, on Google Hangouts. The meeting will be open before the noon start time if anyone wants to show up and socialize. We plan to have LTs there – Bridget volunteered to be one of the moderators, and we're looking for more.

* Request to Kathy: Send email addresses of LT families to Bridget.

* Want to develop ideas that the LTs came up with or experienced in the past. Also want some of the programming to be a surprise to them.

* Programming Committee wants to do a virtual camp, regardless of whether in-person camp happens.

* Kathy needs a breakdown of the actual costs for a virtual camp. Becky requested a list of specs for what our current platform (Gotomeeting) is capable of.

Policy Report:

* Meg: Nothing new to report.

Staffing Report:

* Meg is currently in contact with one EMT. Asking for other potential recruits.

Grants Report:

* Ben: Nothing new to report.

* Mike: Be prepared for applications from staff and campers once registration opens.

Ongoing COVID-19 Considerations, Camp Options:

* Mike: There's been a lot of movement in the last month. Mike forwarded the Washington Phase 3 Draft guidelines for Overnight Group Camps to the Board for review and discussion. He reminded us to take everything with a grain of salt.

* The CDC also has readiness guidelines for overnight camps.

* Meg: What does "cohort" mean?

* According to the document: "Each sleeping group occupying a cabin, room, or tent shall be considered a cohort."

* We need to be intentional about how we put together cohorts. Discuss this at the retreat. Do we mix age groups? Are LTs in their own cohort? Do we keep siblings together? – There are arguments for and against.

* Becky: It's good to discuss this earlier in the retreat, as it may affect programming.

* Will need to understand the recommendations and restrictions for out-of-state travelers. Inslee recommends following CDC guidelines. Also need to factor in the latest research and news about COVID variants.

* Mike: Still no word from Camp Waskowitz. We need to make a call about it – will decide by the end of April.

* Staff vaccinations: Phase 1B-2 is now happening, which includes childcare workers, youth development, and day camps. Summer camp staff might be eligible.

* Meg: Does that requirement work for people who are not currently at camp?

* Natalie shared her recent exposure experience with COVID. It's worth noting that even when you are vaccinated, you're still treated as unvaccinated for a time after your second dose, meaning if you're exposed you're required to quarantine. You'd need to start getting vaccinated well ahead of time before you can be ready for camp.

* May 1: Anticipating rolling out vaccination availability to everyone.

* The Board discussed adjusting payment deadlines.

* Mike noted: CQ Smoky Mountains is the only camp that has opened registration so far.

* The attendees shared their individual feelings about COVID, vaccinations, expectations, and go / no-go for camp.

Website Update:

* Mike has made progress on the CQNW website. Proof of concept on cqnw.live He's requesting feedback and help.

* Mike created a SmugMug account, which has several useful features. \$55/year. Wants to transfer all our photos over to the new account.

* Ben: We may be able to get a free or discounted price (<https://help.smugmug.com/discounts-for-non-profit-organizations-SkUgegwk4SM>). Also, we'd like to organize and curate the photo albums.

* Mike: For hosting, he's working with SquareSpace. \$216 for the site itself, plus the domain registrations.

* Logo: Consensus is that we like the current Starquest logo being used on the website. May or may not be allowed by National branding. Will need more information about the guidelines.

Important Upcoming Dates:

* Virtual Programming Retreat: March 27, 2021 @ 11:45am

* Policy Committee Meeting: April 1, 2021 @ 7pm

* Staffing Committee Meeting: April 13, 2021 @ 7pm

Tentative Camp Dates for 2021:

* Camp Waskowitz: June 27th to July 3rd, 2021 (6/26 to 7/4 for volunteers)

* Camp Kirby: August 15th to 21st, 2021 (8/14 to 8/22 for volunteers)

Next Board Meeting:

April 27, 2021 at 6:30pm

Location: Online – <http://gotomeet.me/CQNW>

End time: 8:44 pm