

Camp Quest NorthWest Meeting Minutes

Teleconference Meeting – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4522050347>

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:30pm (social), 7pm (official start)

Board Members in attendance:

President – Michael Warbington

Treasurer – Meg Vimes

Secretary – Jami Gramore

Members at Large – Andrea Kunkle, Loki Lyrix-Astyriel, Cece Crosby, Megan Jackson, Ben Frey

Others in Attendance: Sharon Zolnowsky, Ashley D

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:10 pm

Approving 4/7/2022 meeting minutes:

- Andrea made a motion, seconded by Loki, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Registration Update:

- Committee Chair: Andrea Kunkle
- Registration as of 5/5/2022, 5:20 pm:
 - Caps set w/r/t 1:2.25 staff to camper ratio. Raising cap pending increase of staff for each session
 - July Registrations: 42/42
 - July Waitlist: 8 (2 w/ fin aid requests)
 - 1 - single camper, no fin aid
 - 2 - single camper, asking for \$500 fin aid
 - 3&4 – siblings
 - 5&6 – siblings
 - 7 - single camper, asking for \$500 fin aid
 - 8 - single camper, no fin aid
 - August Registrations: 72/72
 - August Waitlist: 2
 - 1 - single camper, no fin aid
 - 2 - single camper, no fin aid
- Board feels comfortable adding the last two campers for August. Andrea will do that.
- Mike will look at staffing to figure out if we can expand camper cap for July. We're already stretched pretty thin at the moment.
- LTs in July: 2 15s and 2 16s. 5 14-year-olds (4 of 5 are returning). Discussion about rounding 15s up to LTs.

Staffing Committee Update:

- Committee Chair: Megan Jackson
- Upcoming volunteer communication is coming. Will include EOT invites and vaccine card reminder.
- SSA Contact
 - Meg V made contact with UW's SSA chapter, unable to go to in-person meeting yet.
 - Passing thread to Meg J, will try to contact in person.
 - Plan to reach out to SSA Regional Organizer to spread word for us to other chapters. Will work on blurb.
- 45 volunteers
 - 20 July (5 new, 15 returning staff)
 - 35 August (8 new, 27 returning staff)
 - 11 volunteers will be at both sessions
- Next Staff Meeting: May 9 @ 6:30pm
- Specialized Staff: Need Climbing and Life Guarding folks. Good on Archery.
- Mike: Phil will be Assistant Director in July.
- Mike: Need a Photographer for July.

Grants Committee:

- Ben: Have 1 person who we haven't approved or denied. We have a campership request for \$500, and we only have \$50 left. Should we send out a donor ask? Reallocate some of the budget?
- Andrea: Two outstanding requests, both for \$500. The requests are from the July waitlist, so it's a moot point unless we can get more staff and open up more spaces.
- Mike: Might be worth doing some additional fundraising, or pursuing some state grants that might be available. Last year there were a number of grant applications floating around that we didn't take advantage of because we didn't feel like we were as severely impacted by COVID as other organizations. This year we do have some need. Mike will follow some leads. Everyone else, continue research and discussion. Ben to be point person for grant applications.
- Meg V went over staff grants situation.

Programming Committee Update:

- All Program Meeting notes (including funk and retreats) are available here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YCXKCYrhoE4eGqhQOSqSRfsrXc8wtpOCG8nqPm8hkgo/edit#>
- Worked on activity lists and schedule:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1f7zq4JD_7s0sMnb2y9eW56TS_8cQP2eELI3uWJGpY1c/edit#gid=0
- Idea to fill programming spot: Task master at camp. Considering bringing it back and incorporating feedback. Morning block. Do a better job laying it out with staff and setting it up with campers.

- Meg V: If we set up the campers with one “intro task” that they can do and then make it apparent that it was actually a trick and a troll, then they’ll have this setting. They’ll be looking for the odd phrasing of things.
 - Cece: If we added maybe part of the morning program, letting pods come up with one challenge for the other groups so that every group is doing three camper-designed challenges. That way they can buy in and create some of those tricks.
 - Mike: Implement camper-designed stuff in the evening. They would run the one that they designed.
 - Meg V: At the Planning Retreat, one of the potential evening programs was also based around task master and having the LTs design it. Is this different, or replacing it?
 - Mike: This builds off of that. Last year we did one evening program of task master, and it spilled over into another evening. We want to plan ahead and front load it instead of having it spill over into later in the week.
 - Cece: We could let them try to stump us. Let campers design something for the staff.
 - Sausage or finger?
- Programming Committee is focused on morning block programs and evening all-camp events. Want to get to a spot where we can spend more time designing one-off random events throughout the week and larger systems for combat or badge-based games we can play at meal times or over-arching stories for the week. If anyone is really passionate about those ideas, please let us know.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Meg Vimes emailed the Budget and Balance Sheets to the Board.
- Meg V: What address do we want to use for our nonprofit registration?
 - CQNW is using Kathy’s home address as the “permanent address” of the organization for WA State filing. They specifically do not allow the usage of the mailbox facility. Kathy had talked with the State support and decided against Camp Kirby/Camp Waskowitz host locations since we only rent those spaces. And they said we couldn’t use the storage facility for same reason. Implication of whichever address: depending on requirements of the city/location, we may have to get a business license for the city. It worked out well with Kathy’s home address because she doesn’t live within city limits.
 - Meg V is fine with having her address listed. Meg will look into how much it costs.
 - If it’s more than a couple hundred dollars, we should shop around.

Policy Committee:

- Andrew not present.
- Mike will touch base on COVID policies.

Tshirts Update

- Mike will finalize the design and put the order in asap. Too late for hoodie orders, but they will be available on Redbubble.

Miscellaneous:

- Emma Chase from Seattle Atheists emailed Jami asking if we want to take ownership of the Camp Quest NorthWest Meetup group, since Seattle Atheists is still the principal organizer.
 - Consensus: We don’t use it and would rather just let it go.

- Arlington WA Pride swag bags: Jami is on the board of AWP and wanted to know if CQNW wants to add anything to the ~100 swag bags that they're giving out. Jami will reach out to National to see if they have anything to offer.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- CQNW Shared Google Calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2022/4/1>
- Staffing Committee: May 9, 2022 @ 6:30pm
- Programming Committee: May 12, 2022 @ 7pm

Camp Dates for 2022:

- Camp Waskowitz: July 3 to 9, 2022 (7/2 to 7/9 for volunteers)
- Camp Kirby: August 14 to 20, 2022 (8/13 to 8/21 for volunteers)

Next 2 Board Meetings:

May 26, 2022 at 6:30pm (for socializing), 7pm (official start time)

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4522050347>

June 17, 2022 at 6:30pm (for socializing), 7pm (official start time)

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End time: 8:20 pm