

Camp Quest NorthWest Meeting Minutes

Private Residence and Teleconference Meeting (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4522050347>)

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Board Members in attendance:

President – Michael Warbington

Vice President – Andrea Kunkle

Treasurer – Meg Vimes

Secretary – Jami Gramore

Members at Large – Megan Jackson (online), Ben Frey, Loki Lyle James Cockrill (online), Paul Mopps, Cece Crosby (online)

Others in Attendance: Sharon Zolnowsky, Soup (online), Liam (online), Sam Mulvey, Becky Friedman

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:12 pm

Approving 1/16/2023 meeting minutes:

- The board approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

Outreach Committee:

- We had previously talked about making a list of fundraising dates, besides Giving Tuesday in November. Need to keep brainstorming. Inspiration: Army Corp of Engineers calendar. Make our own ridiculous pet calendar. Camp Quest National's animal photo competition fundraiser.
- Google Groups Newsletter – Meg V just started working on this. Needs help testing it. Let people know about upcoming meetings, programming activities, fun pictures of pets, etc. Keep folks engaged and informed. Sam will start a Discord channel for the newsletter to gather content and delegate work.
- Becky: Consider WA Gives – Give Big Day on May 2 & 3. <https://www.wagives.org/>
- Need to work on Staff outreach. Send out a message to former staff and graduated LTs, let them know about the Retreat. Let them know about the camper registration situation, that we can open up more spots if we get more staff.

Registration Committee:

- July: 27 registered out of 30 spots. 3 are young LTs
- August: 50 registered, and 15 on waitlist. About 22 LTs.
- LT Retreat: 15 LTs registered.
- At least 7 registered for both sessions.
- Timeline for cabin preferences: Meg J made a small survey for that. Mike: Double check if there's any more information we want to ask on the form.
- Still working out the kinks and learning how to use Ultracamp, the new registration software.
- Meg J won't be present for the LT Retreat, so Andrea will need to handle that. Sam offered to help.
- More staff joined during the meeting and will be registering soon.
- The Board agreed to open up 10 more spots on the August waitlist, raising the cap to 60 campers.
 - Update: 60 campers and 5 on waitlist.

Staffing Committee:

- Staffing had trouble scheduling its last meeting.
- Of the 5 new staff who've registered, 1 is a graduated LT.

- Let Meg J know if you can help out with interviews.
- So far Staffing is keeping up with camper registration.
- Remind your friends and volunteers to register!
- Andrea went through all the steps of registering, and was concerned that new staff won't know what needs to be submitted, like the medical stuff. Becky: If it's incomplete, the system will flag it.
- National is moving away from EOT. Hoping to have new training set up in spring.
- Everyone needs a background check before the planning retreat. Deadline to apply: one week before.

Grants Committee:

- No activity yet. Ben is waiting on a report.

Programming Committee:

- LT/Planning Retreat: There will be cross-over between the two tracks. We want to get the LTs' input on specific topics. We're still working on the schedule. Need a leader for the LT portion. Need someone responsible for meal prep. Paul and Mary for medical. Everyone who handles food needs a food-handlers permit – the attendees floated the idea of doing it on site.
- Need ideas for simple meals – frozen lasagnas to put in the oven, pizzas, sandwiches, bagels, veggie platters, crockpot stuff.
- Next meeting is on March 7, and will probably have one more meeting on the 21st.
- If you have an idea of a program you want to test at the retreat, let Mike know.
- Contact Camp Quest West about tie dye (Meg Pike). Jami can take the lead on that.
- Sam: Launched a couple of pico balloons at an event last November. Do we feel comfortable doing an activity like this? The balloon itself is either latex or foil, and a circuit, so there's a bit of an environmental concern. Opportunity for a camp discussion about the waste we produce vs the benefits of the experiment. Wants to launch one at the retreat as a test. Sam will be building it and figuring out the cost. Timely activity given what's happening in the news.

Treasurer's Report:

- Meg V emailed the budget and balance sheets. We have money.

Policy Committee:

- Nothing new to report.
- Need to do COVID-19 testing on site for the Planning Retreat. Need to stock more tests. Ask people to use any at-home tests they have.
- Include in the email going out, if you are able to get the most recent bivalent booster, you must have it.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Programming Committee: March 7, 2023 @ 7pm
- Staffing Committee: March 14, 2023 @ 7pm
- Planning and LT Retreat: March 31 – April 2, 2023
- Camp Waskowitz Session: July 2 – 8, 2023 (July 1 – 8 for staff)
- Camp Kirby Session: August 13 – 19, 2023 (August 12 – 20 for staff)

Next Board Meeting:

March 22, 2023 at 6:30pm (for socializing), 7pm (official start time)

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

End time: 8:59 pm