

Camp Quest NorthWest Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Board Members in attendance:

President – Michael Warbington

Vice President – Andrea Kunkle

Treasurer – Meg Vimes

Secretary – Jami Gramore

Members at Large – Ben Frey, Cece Crosby, Megan Jackson

Others in Attendance: Sharon Zolnowsky, Becky Friedman, Soup, Kiah Penfield, Gino Prodan, Terry, Eman, Carol

Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:06 pm

Approving 6/13/2023 meeting minutes:

- The board approved the minutes from the previous Board meeting.

Camp Waskowitz Review:

- Consensus is that camp went really smoothly. The programs were fun. Camp was well staffed.
- The fire alarm situation went fine – everyone was prompt and professional and took it seriously. Campers and staff had a good attitude about it, even made it fun with a picture. Nobody was shouting or being angry. Glad that it was only a technical problem and not a real emergency, but it gave us a learning opportunity. Can think about other out-of-the-ordinary what-if scenarios. Forest fires are becoming more and more of a reality. What if an emergency happens on campus, like there isn't any potable water all of the sudden? What would we have done in a situation where we had to get campers off site in the case of an emergency? Do we have enough vehicles? Where would we go? Ask host site to show us where the fire emergency controls and equipment are. Get a secondary contact for the host in case we can't get a hold of them in an emergency.
- It was really hot that week. We did a good job of encouraging everyone to bring their water bottles with them and reminding them to drink lots of water. Need to watch campers – some of them got tired of lugging around a full water bottle, so they didn't fill them all the way at the end of the week. The big water jugs are super useful, and we can request them in the future. CQNW should invest in some. Make slings for the water bottles as a craft program?
- Staff and campers were very grateful for all the work that Becky did providing meals for the days Wasko didn't. Spent around \$2,000 on food.

Treasurer's Report:

- Meg V emailed the budget and balance sheets to the Board.
- Meg still needs to reconcile some deposits with Ultracamp.
- We have not yet made our final payment to Waskowitz.
- A few Programming and Food Service (Jul) items may swap around when Meg finishes reviewing receipts.
- Meg will submit our WA Secretary of State annual report soon.
- Meg would love it if someone would like to run for Treasurer. Let people know that Meg is happy to step aside if someone is interested.

- Election in the fall. 5 of the 9 seats are up for reelection this year (Mike, Cece, Loki, Paul, and Meg J). Treasurer position is independent of the Board seat, so if anyone is interested in the Treasurer position, we can hold an election, and then vote someone as the Treasurer once they've been elected to the Board. Meg V would remain on the Board, but no longer as Treasurer.

Grant Committee:

- Ben: We have \$2,800 remaining for financial aid.
- Not as many requests this year as we did last year.

Staffing Committee:

- Andrea: We have about 35 staff for August session. Have a few staff who may not be able to come. Only have 1 lifeguard right now.
- If you know anyone who's interested in volunteering for camp, let them know that they need to apply ASAP.
- Andrea will be out of town, so will need others to cover for her. Mike will be the point person for Staffing and Registration.
- What needs to happen between now and August session: Keep checking Ultracamp, send out email reminders about uploading COVID vax cards and completing online training, get more responses about dietary restrictions. All staff need to have had a booster administered after Sept. 1, 2022 to be able to attend camp this year.
- Now that we only have one lifeguard, is there anything problematic having a lifeguard do kayaks during one block, and swimming during another? It's a lot to handle for one person – Make sure they have a break during Back on Bunk. Discussed hiring a lifeguard from Kirby – this would give our one lifeguard a break and more flexibility with the schedule.
- Need to figure out a schedule for tie dye, archery, climbing wall.

Registration Committee:

- 66 campers are registered. A third of them are LTs. Not a lot of young ones.
- 1 girls cabin, 1 boys cabin, and 6 gender-neutral cabins.
- We still need a lot of information from the families.
- Someone emailed us asking for a camp visit. They want to see how camp runs in the middle of the week. Answer: No, we don't allow anyone who is not a camper or on staff on site during the week of camp. Opportunities to learn about camp: Witness camper dropoff or pickup. Attend board or committee meetings. Apply and interview to ask questions. Planning retreats are a good option, too.

Programming Committee:

- Mike: Our last meeting was on July 20. We have a camp program. August has very similar morning programs to July. Tie dye will be in the beginning of the week again, all morning and first half of afternoon. Made a few tweaks to the programs, like expanding stained glass from 1 block to 2 blocks. The evening all-camp programs are the same.
- We have an LT program with 22 campers in it. BLT program with 12 campers.
- Possible LT activities: Create a Talent Show sign. WAM flags. "Fire Alarm Meeting Zone" sign.
- August 4 – kit fab day
- Future request: CQNW needs a rescue tube for the lifeguard. Kirby usually has this equipment, but it would be good to have our own. Meg didn't get one at Wasko until the end of the week. Request to look at what Kirby has.
- Need a dedicated time to sort through and label shirts on Sunday. Get some of it done before camp if possible.

Policy Committee:

- Sparrow can't do anything until after October. Will keep working on ACA accreditation after that.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Camp Kirby Session: August 13 – 19, 2023 (August 12 – 20 for staff)

Next Board Meeting:

August 29, 2023 at 6:30pm (for socializing), 7pm (official start time)

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

End time: 9:00 pm