

# Camp Quest NorthWest Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, August 29, 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, Loki Lyle James Cockrill, Megan Jackson

Others in Attendance: Mary Christiansen, Jade Boykin, Sharon Zolnowsky, Sam Mulvey, Becky Friedman, Gino Prodan, Kiah Penfield, Ellowyn, Eman, Arden Hoover, David, Soup (and Cornelius)

## Meeting Minutes:

Start time: 7:10 pm

### Approving 7/25/2023 meeting minutes:

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

### Camp Kirby Review:

- Consensus that camp went really well. Good staffing all around.
  - The LTs ran Socrates Café in terms of facilitating it and managing small camper behavior stuff. They were thoughtful about how to run it, and what questions to ask.
  - Food was great. Lots of variety for different diets.
  - Hair extensions were a hit. Should become a permanent part of HoNaB.
  - A camper came home with lots of amazing stories, and inspired dad to become a counselor.
  - Another camper loved this session so much that his family will prioritize making sure he comes back next year.
  - We're happy with how the LT program interacted with the rest of camp (the LTs made up a third of camp). Lots of LT Oracle time, and the Maturacle was a hit, too.
  - Tie dye shirts and other interactive take-home art activities were a big hit. Art time is great for getting campers to open up and bond while they're working on projects. Quiet and meditative during free choice.
  - The smoke and the wind and grit was really irritating.
  - 8 CQNW staff and campers tested positive for COVID after camp. They were relatively isolated – most of the staff who tested positive were in non-camper cabins. Thankfully we did not have a widespread outbreak, but it's hard to determine how it got to camp, given our precautions with up-to-date boosters and testing negative prior to camp. The Board had a quick response as soon as we found out and notified staff and families and kept a log of the outbreak.
- Feedback:
  - Eman: Would like to find a time outside of LT campfire to assign admin duties.
  - Becky: having Staff Leads and Cabin Leads was good in a previous session, and this year it was combined. Becky thinks it would have helped to have a Cabin Lead. Depends on staffing levels and how the staff are scheduled.
  - Kiah: Have mealtime alternatives for campers and staff who get overwhelmed with the movement and loudness of the lodge. If we have tables outside, we will need to think about how to handle wind, dust, and wasps. Or just put some tables on the other side of the lodge. Loki: Foam earplugs are cheap and effective for the noise aspect.

- Becky request: A gathering-point flag with gromets for radio, in black, or white, or pink.

### **Post-Camp Business:**

- Mike will continue working on photos in Smugmug, so the library can be shared. Mike will notify staff when he's finished. If you have any pictures left to upload, there's still time. All campers have to sign a photo release form before signing up for camp.
- Ben: Reminder to send post-session reports to National.
- We forgot to have campers fill out the camp-feedback forms. For what it's worth, consensus is that the new forms aren't as good as the old ones that had fewer questions but more open-ended. We'd prefer to do something on our own. Would be good to know from National – What are the forms being used for?
- Phil and Andrea will be doing an overhaul of Ultracamp to make it work better.

### **Policy Committee:**

- Cece gave an update about Policy: Plan to have a meeting at the end of October. Getting policies that are already together to the board, then deciding if we want to resume ACA accreditation.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Meg V emailed the budget and balance sheets to the Board. There was a mistake that none of us caught for most of the year, which Meg corrected.
- Leadership Summit is during November 3-5. There are travel grants available.
- Meg is not quite finished with camp financial breakdowns. Meg needs receipts and transaction reports from some folks. If you have receipts, send them to Meg.
- Meg submitted the annual report to the Secretary of State.
- We're set up with Bright Funds.
- In the future, we can likely obtain Narcan for free <https://adai.uw.edu/get-free-naloxone-by-mail-in-wa-state/>

### **Fall Planning Retreat, Radio Weekend:**

- We're planning to have a Fall Planning Retreat October 27-29 at the Clubhouse. Mike will confirm with Paul.
- Sam would like CQNW to have its own 501(c)(3) status. Why? Bookkeeping, more easily facilitate upgrades to communications at camp. This is something Sam and Becky have done before for KTQA, so they're willing to help. Collaborate with Policy to work on this. Will need to talk to National about it.
- Sam's Proposal for a Fall LT event in Tacoma – radio weekend. There's a radio club in Tacoma, and they're one of the oldest radio clubs in the country. They have a clubhouse with classrooms and a radio museum and a kitchen. The idea is to take it over for a weekend with the LTs, they'd study for their technician's exam, get a tour of KTQA and chance to take over the radio, and then take the licensing test. Can work with other organizations, outreach, scholarships. Need to make sure we have insurance liability covered. Right kind of riders for transporting campers (Pierce County rideshare?). Sign-ups, permission slips. Lock-in at the clubhouse. Mike will follow up about insurance. Max of 30 people, with some staff sleeping off-site. Veteran's Day weekend, 3 nights. Food? Delivery or simple meals. Don't have a lot of budget for it.

### **Upcoming Board Election:**

- To do: Announce now that we're having an election at the next meeting. If you want to run, have a Board member nominate you.
- The following seats are up for re-election: Mike, Cece, Loki, Paul, and Meg J
  - Meg J and Loki will not be running again.
- Mike nominated Kiah Penfield during the meeting as a candidate.
- Reminder from Meg V that we're looking for someone to be treasurer.

**Closed Session:**

- The Board went into Closed Session for the last part of the meeting.

**Next Board Meeting:**

**September 26, 2023 at 6:30pm (for socializing), 7pm (official start time)**

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

**End time:** 10:10 pm