

## **Camp Quest NorthWest meeting minutes**

**Third Place Books (17171 Bothell Way Northeast, Lake Forest Park)**

**June 1, 2011**

### **In Attendance:**

Brennon Church  
Yuichi Shoda  
Chuck Wolber  
Jami Blackann  
Jerry Schiffelbein  
John Keiser

### **Action Items:**

- \* Jami Blackann will try out some logo ideas and present them at the next meeting.
- \* Jerry Schiffelbein will set up the meetup group for CQNW once Chuck Wolber has discussed the specific licensing agreement details with Camp Quest Inc.
- \* John Keiser will set up a google apps profile for non-profits that will serve as our email/web/calendar/etc presence.
- \* Chuck Wolber will acquire template bylaws and make best-guess changes. This will be presented for further updates at the next meeting.
- \* Chuck Wolber will discuss certain details with Amanda Metskas at Camp Quest Inc.
- \* Chuck Wolber will reserve [campquestnorthwest.org](http://campquestnorthwest.org)

### **Next Meeting:**

6:30pm Wednesday 08Jun2011

John and Mary Keiser's House  
755 SE 10th St.  
North Bend, WA 98045  
(425) 802-5767

### **Minutes:**

\* Brennon Church reported out on insurance information. This consisted of a contact name and a recommendation that we should be sure to contact at least three insurers. We checked the Camp Quest West budget and noted that they are paying around \$4000 lately. We are unsure of the coverage level and agreed that more investigation will be required as we get closer to an overnight type of camp.

\* Chuck Wolber made initial contact with the national organization. They have a full time staffer named Amanda Metskas, with whom he will be talking on the phone on Thursday. Specific goals of the conversation include legalities of using the Camp Quest name, establishing an advisory relationship, catching Amanda up to speed on our progress and any one of a zillion good pieces of guidance she can give us.

\* As a reminder, Chuck Wolber will be pinging Chris Lindstrom on or around June 7th in order to set up a telecon with our group in Washington. Topics will range from what to do with the RR money, getting her up to speed on our direction as well as what the relationship will look and feel like going forward.

\* Brennon Church indicated that he had tracked down three potential campgrounds. We all agreed that this is going to be a fairly involved process and this cannot start soon enough.

\* Locations for the August picnic event were discussed. It was agreed that a Puget Sound area municipal park of some sort would probably work fine as long as we can reserve our spot. We also agreed that a playground was probably a necessary requirement for whatever park we choose.

\* The governing structure was agreed upon. It will consist of a seven member board, expanding to nine members in the future. The board seats are currently filled as follows:

President: Chuck Wolber  
Vice President: Brennon Church  
Secretary: Jami Blackann  
Treasurer: Jerry Schiffelbein  
Member at large: Yuichi Shoda  
Member at large: John Keiser  
Member at large: TBD

\* The remaining board seat is open to anyone who feels like they can make it to most of the planning meetings. Volunteers are always welcome and do not have to be a member of the board.

\* The organization name was agreed to be "Camp Quest NorthWest" or in abbreviated form "CQNW".

\* The legal structure of the organization will be a Washington State non-profit with an effort made to become a 501c3. We will be a Washington chapter of the Ohio based "Camp Quest Inc."

\* Nonprofit registration with the state of Washington will happen after we have an agreed upon set of bylaws/constitution.

\* A bank account will be created after we are registered as a non-profit at a local credit union.

\* Initial address for CQNW registration will be Chuck Wolber's home address. This will be updated to a P.O. Box when we are able.

\* The Camp Quest Inc. mission statement was adopted as our own:

The purpose of Camp Quest is to provide children of freethinking parents a residential summer camp dedicated to improving the human condition through rational inquiry, critical and creative thinking, scientific method, self-respect, ethics, competency, democracy, free speech, and the separation of religion and government.

Through our programs we seek to:

- Build a community for freethinking families
- Foster curiosity, questioning, and critical thinking
- Encourage reason and compassion as foundations of an ethical, productive and fulfilling life
- Raise awareness of positive contributions made by atheists, agnostics, humanists, freethinkers, and other nontheistic people to our society
- Promote an open dialogue about metaphysical questions that is marked by challenging each other's ideas while at the same time treating each other with respect
- Demonstrate atheism and humanism as positive, family-friendly worldviews

\* A meetup group will be used as a collecting point for managing our list of picnic attendees, future campers and interested parties. As people show interest in CQNW we will either take their information and send them an invite, or direct them to join the meetup group. Our periodic events will be advertised primarily on the meetup group.

\* Our presence at the NWFC 4th of July picnic will consist of a table with a banner of some sort (hand drawn or printed) and some material to hand out. Volunteers will staff the table taking information (to add to the meetup list) and discussing our plans with potential campers and volunteers.

\* We will acquire [campquestnorthwest.org](http://campquestnorthwest.org), but also utilize the standard Camp Quest Inc. domain nomenclature: [northwest.camp-quest.org](http://northwest.camp-quest.org)