

ONC/Portland Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

14 August 2016

Board Members Present:

Jim Edwards
Ken Wenzel
Mary Bourret
André Fortin
Ted Scheinman
Tim Kral

Board Members Absent:

Scott Diamond

Agenda

Meeting Host in Sept

Committee reports:

Treasurers
Overnight trips
Day Trips
Membership
Tilly Jane

Calendar

Ski Fair Nov 4-6
Ski Lessons – need dates
Overnight trips – need report
Day Trips – need report
General meeting Sept 2
Board meeting Sept 27

Budget

By-law changes:

Election process

Board Retreat

1 year plan
Multi year plan

Positions to fill:

Publicity
Recruiter

Meeting Host in Sept

Ken Bekey is not available for Sept general meeting. Mary is out of town for meeting.
Ken will preside over meeting. Ted will take care of technical issues for presenter.

Committee reports:

- Overnight Trips – Committee has announced that they will be a little late getting information to newsletter. **Mary will follow up with request for a report on their activities.**
- Day Trips – No report. To the best of Mary's knowledge the committee has not met yet. **Need to follow up with members.**

Membership Committee Report

- Ted has met with Mountain Shop about offering a free membership to club. Would need to be new member and live in PDX vicinity. These stipulations need to get put into an agreement. It will be an exclusive with Mountain Shop.
- Ambassador Program – Assign someone to act as a buddy for new members. Ted and Susan will recruit individuals to be Ambassadors for the club.
- Member Focus Group – Susan is looking for a few people to meet with. Specifically young xc skiers to see what it is they would like the club to offer.
- New ideas: Raffles at each meeting. Novice tours. New Member weekends. Opening up overnight tours later in the year so people who join in Dec and Jan have a chance to participate.
- Renewal mailing is planned.
- Ted would like Andre to add a few words about ONC, emphasis on trips and benefits of membership, in the Tilly Jane newsletter that is sent to TJ users and volunteers.

Tilly Jane Report

- Phase I is to replace the log rafters. The foundation pre work is completed – all by volunteers. Waiting for the approval of the State Historical group.
- Harvesting of cedar bolts is underway. This cedar is for the shingles.
- Preparing cabin for winter. Firewood etc.
- Gorge ONC chapter is not renewing their lease on the TJ Guard Station. GS is open in winter only and weekends only. Forest Service (FS) will be looking for someone to take over GS this year. Andre is not committing to take over GS but it would not be too big a stretch to take over the winter reservations.
- Currently A-Frame is in middle of 5 year permit. Our permit could be pulled if we can't get the ONC State to sign-off on the permit because they provide the insurance for PDX chapter. FS is not pushing this at the moment but they could at any time. Need to work with State to get them to sign off or find our own insurance. There was a discussion about the possibility of FS assigning the TJ properties to commercial concession. No indication of this from FS.
- **Andre will discuss GS situation with FS and in the discussion see if he can get a feeling for how the FS is going to handle the permitting situation in future.**

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.

Budget

A budget needs to be developed and approved by the board. Budget proposals need to be submitted by the various committees.

- Day Trip committee
- Overnight committee

- Publicity
- Membership committee
- Ski Lessons
- General meetings (Pizza, raffle prizes etc)
- **Mary will provide an example budget proposal to illustrate.**

By-Laws Update

- Ballot - update bylaws and process to move away from envelope stuffing and go to an electronic voting. **Tim will lead this project.**

Board Goal for 2016-2017

The focus this year is to build a club of engaged members. This goal will be addressed on many fronts throughout the year. This goal is not just attracting and welcoming new members, it includes working to engage renewing members as well.

- Board will review last year's member survey for ideas
- Board will review membership statistics
- Ambassador program (Membership)
- Focus group (Membership)
- Continue Leadership and First Aid (mountain) training
- Investigate new overnight venues (Overnight committee)
- Improve on-line presence
- New member table at general meetings
- Continue ski lessons
- Provide new member ski trips (overnight and day)
- More non-winter activities
- Engagement in other outdoor activities if they meet club goals

Publicity

Need to recruit new publicity committee

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Sept 27 7:00 PM at Mazama Lodge. Ken will preside over meeting. Everyone should bring the ideas they want to work on to improve member engagement.

