

Cascadia RVW Board and General Meeting April 24, 2010

Board Members Present: President: Mary Schoenfeldt, President-elect: Cheryl Edman, Registrar: Elaine Ploegstra, Treasurer: Nancy Gerou, Secretary: Patricia Lebbert
Activities Coordinator: Christine Taylor, Past President-Board Advisor: Marne Parry

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Schoenfeldt at 9:07 AM, Maple Grove RV Resort, Randle, WA.

Minutes: The February 6th Board Meeting minutes were read by the secretary. The heading was corrected to read: Board Meeting instead of General Meeting, and the minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy April 24, 2010 report: Cascadia's bank balance was \$5,557. Cascadia is one of the wealthiest chapters. We spent \$1000.00 of our deposit to support National Convention last year. Nancy explained that only a small amount of the money in the account is used to run the club. We keep taking in more money than we spend. We need reasons to keep having an auction as a fund raiser. Regarding membership, 62 people have paid the voluntary \$5.00 dues to Cascadia for a total of \$310. Last year 85 folks paid a total of \$485.00. There are 199 women from Washington State who have joined National, yet only 62 have paid the voluntary Cascadia dues. Mary suggested that we do an outreach to invite the RVW Washington people to come to Cascadia.

President's Report: Mary thanked all doing the work behind the scenes that keeps Cascadia as vital as it is.

Registrar Report: Elaine reminded members that the next deadline is April 30th for the June event at Lake Sawyer. A \$30.00 deposit is required. Hoodsport in July and Lake Easton in September also require deposits. Mossyrock has 39 rigs registered, but 8 have not yet paid Nancy. Contact Nancy or the park to secure your registered spot by paying.

Elaine said she likes the online registration, but member Sue Ellen requested that after registering, members get a confirmation page like they received last year that has the registration info they just filled out on it. It would help the members in remembering what they registered for. Elaine said she would have to ask Kit. Mary said that is was a legitimate request and asked if anyone had a confirmation page from last year. Finally, Elaine reported that we had 21 rigs at this rally, with one more scheduled to show up.

Event Chair Report: Christine thanked the volunteers and reported that July, September, and October still need event chairs. She said to make sure and look to see what the "National Day of" or "Week of" is for those events. Regarding the Memorial Day weekend rally at Mossyrock, Marne said that we should look at the webpage for the activities planned. There will be games with prizes and she said that participants could choose to bring something like one of the kinds of things you have donated as auction items for bingo prizes.

Website: Di is phasing out as web editor. She is working with Joan, who started the Cascadia Blog, to take over as web editor. Cheryl mentioned that we now have a Web page, Facebook and a Blog.

New Business:

Discussion based on Goals and Tasks for 2010

1. No Show discussion: This is an issue if the club has to pay upfront for a deposit, and then has to collect from members. Mary said that we need to check the policies to see if there is a current one about no shows and how to get them to pay. She suggested someone find out what other clubs do. Jill volunteered to research to see if there is policy on no shows.

2. Increase educational sessions at rally evens: At the June rally, Steve Perry will discuss RV maintenance, toys, winterizing, with a mock panel for Q and A. All are reminded to let Christine know about any topics you would like to see presented over this year.

3. Cascadia Financial Situation and Auction: Christine announced that there would not be an auction this year at Mossyrock, since we have a healthy budget. It was stated that the very popular auction would be held again, when money was needed.

4. Recreate the Welcome Packet: The following committee was formed to put together the welcome packet: Sue Ellen, Ardith (new member as advisor) Barbara Nelson and Cathy Atkins. Lana suggested that after the membership packet was put together it be linked to a heading on the web page called New Member Info.

5 “First Timing” support---Hi There Gals: The Hi There Gals could introduce new members. Their jobs usually end after everyone arrives. The job could be extended to mentoring new members for the rest of the weekend. They would give out the new membership packet that has the structural info about Cascadia, and make sure new members know what will be going on at the rally and what is needed to participate.

National Convention Financial Support

Mary gave a brief talk explaining to the “New Comers”, that the purpose of RVW is mainly to support and to encourage women to go RVing. The conventions are held in a rotation across the 3 regions of the country, annually. There were about 350 who attended in San Antonio last year, and a few more are expected in Mesa, AZ this year. Attendees experience multiple day events in a welcoming community. There are lots of educational events, fun and socializing. Putting it on can be very expensive. Cascadia has helped financially in the past.

Mary read this request from National RVW’s Meg Von Zyl, 2010 Convention Coordinator. This went out to all the chapters: *“My second request is for financial sponsorship (partial or total) of 2 events at the 2010 convention. These events are the Hitch Up Breakfast on Sunday October 31st, 2010 and The Vendor Reception Thursday, October, 28, 2010.”*

There was a lively discussion pro and con of giving *things* to advertise Cascadia, or money for one of the two requested sponsorships and how much. Also discussion of using more of our funds to support our own chapter rather than giving a large sum to an event sponsored by National that many of our members do not attend. After the discussion, Barbara Nelson moved that Cascadia donate \$500.00 to National Convention to be used for either *The Vendor Reception* or the *Hitch Up Breakfast*. Jill Pace seconded and the motion carried.

Good of the Order:

Cathy Atkins suggested meeting at Mossyrock to preplan for the convention, which would include the question of matching shirts. Shirts would not be provided by Cascadia.

Veterans, please bring a picture of you in uniform for our Memorial Day observance at Mossyrock.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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