

OAC Board Meeting
July 19, 2022
Zoom

Present: President Carol Dion, 1st V.P. Chris Wagner, 2nd V.P. Janet Schober, Treas. Stacey Rovinelli, Sec. Norma Massier, Directors: Lynn & Buzz Blick, Steve Holmes, Michelle & Bryan Stewart, Brenda Leppo, Webmaster Bob Crummett, Membership Chair John Roll, Rally Coordinator Mike Burnett, Newsletter Chair Rhonda Levine, Newsletter Publisher/Editor Geoff Cox

Absent: Past President Mike Able

A quorum was established.

President's Report: Carol thanked Janet Schober for organizing Region 10 rally's auction which netted over \$3,000 for the Meals on Wheels Program at Lynden, Washington. **She asked Board Members to weigh in via an e-mail to her about how to direct money which we might raise at the September Year-End OAC rally as we will once again have a charity auction there.**

Carol noted that if our delegate Hal Hendrix is unable to attend the International meeting in Maine that she will be the OAC delegate.

Carol and Janet will be meeting soon to finalize plans for Year End Rally... currently 48 trailers are signed up and we have reserved 72 spaces. Terri Warren has picked out the sites at Cove Palisades where the rally will be held. Please let Carol know if you can help with the Rally plans. There are several Board Members who are unable to attend this year. If we have a quorum of officers at Year End then Carol proposes that we have our final Board Meeting at the Rally rather than in October.

Treasurer Report: Stacey had distributed a written report of the financial results of rallies held thus far for officers to review. Some expenses occurred due to unexpected taxes which we had not been told about when the sites were booked. In addition several cancellations occurred due to weather and Covid issues....but the bottom line is...we have no debts at the present time. Total assets are currently \$60,604.79. This amount will decrease significantly as we begin pre-booking sites for next year. She noted that the Club also recently purchased a deep fat fryer.

Membership Chair Report: John had distributed a detailed summary of current membership status noting that International does not correct their membership

rolls for non-renewals until the end of the year so numbers reported 'may be' lower than the figures reported. We are holding steady with a little over 300 trailers in the OAC. We continue to have several members and/or affiliates from the Washington Clubs. It is theorized that the reason we have so many members is due to the fact that we are a very active club, hosting over 30 rallies last year. Many thanks to the Rally Coordinator and all club members who volunteer to be hosts.

Rally Coordinator Report: The Board was supplied with a spreadsheet of planned rallies for 2023. As of this meeting, Mike has 17 rallies fully booked, 11 more in the wings where registration for the campgrounds has not yet opened, and several New and Historic (sites popular with OAC members) rally locations to be considered as the 2023 rally season continues to take shape. There are several rallies where we still need to find a host. Mike notes that the spreadsheet is constantly evolving. He also noted that cancellations often seem higher when it is a no-host rally.

Board Members supplied a few corrections to the spreadsheet and asked for clarifications. Bryan noted that the 2023 Pendleton Rally location will be booked at the time of this year's rally and that due to the location in the City Park it would be difficult to add many, if any, spaces. There was a discussion on how many rallies we should book. The current working target is 35 or more rallies we should book. Mike noted that in some instances this last year(2022) we had overbooked spaces where rallies did not fill during registration. Carol requested that we be aware of how many rallies we book throughout the camping season. Mike noted that this was a factor being considered. Norma noted that this had come up at a previous year's Board meeting and at that time the Rally Coordinator was asked to go ahead and book a large number of rallies including, in at least one case, more than one rally for a particular weekend. This was to try and accommodate the large number of members. These comments were noted and will be incorporated in rally planning for 2023.

Nominating Committee: Janet reported that the committee (Terri Warren, Rhonda Levine, Janet) have met and identified people who are: a) active in the OAC, b) have hosted rallies, or c) served on committees and who might be good candidates for open Board positions. Thus far three individuals have expressed interest for our two open positions. Janet will continue to reach out to our members but hopes to have at least one name per position on the ballot. Bob Crummett will assist in creating the Jot form ballot and John Roll will send them out to all eligible voters in August. Ballots will be closed two weeks prior to Year End and new officers will be installed at Year End. Carol and Norma are responsible for certifying the results of the election.

Webmaster Report: Bob reported that things seem to be going well. Over 500 submissions have been processed via Jot Form thus far.

Newsletter Committee: Rhonda reported that Geoff is currently working on June/July newsletter which is about to be published. She thanked all the hosts, photographers, cooks, President, Membership Coordinator and Rally Coordinator who supply her with articles every two months and ask that you Please Continue!

Social Media: Stacey reported that once our Facebook group was made 'private' that things are going smoothly.

Director Reports:

Brian/Michelle: We just co-hosted the Elk Meadows Rally with the Inland Washington group. This is a fabulous park that we should consider for 2023. People enjoyed happy hours, group dinner in outside pavilion, and amazing views of Mount Adams. The more adventurous enjoyed white water rafting and at least two members were even more adventurous in a bridge jumping activity.

Steve: In preparation with Stacey and Amy to host the Seafood Rally in Oceanside. 35 lbs. of Cod, 5 dozen oysters, are part of the seafood we will be using and Stacey and Amy will be making shrimp cocktails and shrimp tacos as well. 30 trailers are expected at the event. This popular campground is booking 400 days out. Next year's event may have only 25 spaces available.

Buzz/Lynn: Just returned from the Elk Meadows rally where I can report "I didn't die!"....Buzz may have jumped off a bridge. He suggested that the Club consider Hollenbeck Park as a potential rally site. This is a dry camp which is also near Trout Lake.

Brenda: Hosted Harbor Vista rally, kind of wet but still a lot of fun. She is working with John Roll to send out reminders via Mail Chimp for the Portland coffee which she hopes will start again in August.

All About Rallies Discussion: A robust discussion occurred with all Board members weighing in on rally issues thus far this year. Stacey reiterated that things have gone well with minor hiccups in regard to more cancellations this year due to weather and Covid. There have been some issues when a member is given 3 options as to premium or less expensive sites for a particular rally. This may become problematic when filling from the wait list. The host of the rally will need to assist those signing up for what sites are open. Stacey also noted that it is easier for the treasurer when people sign up for offered meals via a Jot Form rather than paying for them at the rally. Michelle also agreed that using the Jot Form to sign up for meals is the best option. Buzz suggested that attendees consider ordering food from a local restaurant as an option.

Carol offered that when there are several cancellations that it is difficult and a lot of work to manage the Jot Form when the rally was full. Should the Board consider implementing a cancellation fee? We could then designate cancellation fees be given to a charity. Stacey believed dealing with cancellation fees might involve even more work for the Treasurer. She also said that we haven't seen as many occurrences of the same people cancelling several times this year. Carol and Mike will confer further regarding pros and cons of 'cancellation fees'.

The Rally Handbook was discussed in depth. Chris believes that going to an 'electronic' handbook would save money and is more easily updated when rallies are added or cancelled. The cost of producing the Handbook was approximately \$700 last year and requires a certain amount of time and volunteers to get it out to the membership. There was a request to imbed a map with each rally which Buzz said he could provide.

Mike discussed the need for involving more hosts. He suggested that starting out as a co-host would be helpful for most. He requests Board members to review the spreadsheet he provided and let him know if there are any additions or revisions. Mike agreed that he would welcome a small committee to assist him.

Chris discussed the site for the 2023 Year End Rally. He would like to move it closer to the end of September and would also like input about the particular venue where it is held. Champoeg, Silver Lake, Stub Stewart, and Cove Palisades have been the most frequently used sites. It was noted that Silver Lake RV Resort has been sold and the prices seem to be quite a bit higher.

The Board was asked to think about an Oregon Caravan to the International next year which will be held in Wyoming.

Date of Next Board Meeting: Carol requested that we consider holding the final Board Meeting of the year at Cove Palisades Year End Rally rather than in October.

The meeting was adjourned by President Carol Dion

Respectfully submitted
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