

CSCAA Fall Meeting

November 15, 2023

Present: Jeremiah Rasca, Amanda Hampton, Matt Hagan, Jerry Woodcock, Jo Jablo, Vic Lippert, Connie Strong, Madison Hadden, Jim Trett, Robert Viera Braendle, Chelsea McGough, Lucy Partridge, Guy Greider, Syvon Adams

Remotely: Johanna Burgess, Erin Chambers, Keller McGough, Alex Marvin

Amanda read the invocation.

Introductions were made.

Connie confirmed that the changes to the by-laws made in August were presented to and confirmed by the YMCA board.

Erin shared a brief summary of the summer. There was a huge increase in attendance, which created some staffing challenges. Over all, it was a successful summer. She stated that there will be changes made with the staffing, scheduling and hiring process for next year. Syvon and Madison added that there was a strong learning curve for the new program staff last summer. Matt concurred but said that the staff coped well, learned and grew.

Adrienne has said she will return as camp director next year.

Jerry stressed that we need to provide better training for leadership staff; could they be brought on earlier than the rest for extra training? Erin said that hiring will start in January and will go much faster this year. The ability to have in-house references this year will help speed things up. It was also shared that 16 is the minimum age for LIT's this coming summer.

Guy asked about the success of having Opal Creek providing food services last summer. The overall feeling was that it worked fairly well. They also experienced some staffing issues and housing issues. We are currently in negotiations with them for next summer.

Jerry gave a report on this summer's golf tournament. We had around 32 teams and raised over \$40,000 for future camperships.

Next year the tournament will be held at Creekside Golf course on July 29, 2024. Player costs will be up about \$25. Donofrio's has tentatively committed to being the title sponsor again next year. Creekside will provide the dinner, and lunches will be done the same as previous years.

The committee plans to start working earlier next year – in January – looking for new sponsorships. Matt asked if we would return to having an auction. Guy replied that in order to do that we need a strong leader and a structured program. Matt volunteered to take this on; he is now a member of the golf committee. Go Matt!

Connie gave a brief financial report. There are no huge changes in our accounts. She is researching for grants that we can apply for. After meeting with the State, it is not feasible to build a new pool at camp. The current pool needs restoration work that will run around \$130,000.

The shower house itself is considered historical, but the inside isn't so we are able to make upgrades in there.

Responding to questions about the money the Y owes us, Jeremiah said he and Connie are still working on trying to figure out exactly how much we are owed and what account it is in. It is an ongoing process.

Jeremiah then addressed the "Brainstorm Ideas" list that was created at the August meeting. The officers met and culled out ideas that were out of our purview and arrived at a shorter list, which he shared. (see attachment) Assisting in repairing/updating the pool is a top priority. Also we want to look for some sort of a replacement for the Huckleberry bush, and designation of overnight camping spots.

Madison asked if there was any way to provide financial aid to potential LIT's. Jeremiah said yes, this was the intent of the Roth Holz account (which is currently somewhere in the Y's accounting system.) A discussion was held and all agreed that this was a good thing to revive. After discussion, the following was moved, seconded, and voted upon with majority approval: We will be directing the Y to use funds from golf tournament proceeds to scholarship 2 teen campers who meet the requirements for the LIT program. These candidates will have been chosen and recognized by camp staff for their potential for leadership and to be eventual camp staff in the spirit of the Roth Holtz Leadership award as established in 2009. The current cost for two full LIT scholarships was estimated at \$2,400. This request will be ongoing until final disposition of Roth Holtz funds from Oregon Community foundation has been determined.

Jeremiah said it was time to start working on nominations for board members and officers for next year's voting. Connie is chairing the nominating committee and if you want to help, please contact her. Both Robert Braendle and Chelsee McGough indicated their interest in becoming board members.

Jo brought up the question of what we were doing with the year 2020. Jeremiah said he thought it had been decided at a previous meeting to not count it. He ask Jo to dig through the minutes to find an answer.

Jeremiah shared a request from the bank that in order to add new signatories, we must state who should be removed. So:

After discussion, the following was moved, seconded, and voted upon with majority approval: Changes in the signatories for the bank account for the CSCAA at Umpqua Bank as follows:

Removal of current signatories: Kevin Couey

Addition of officers as signatories: Connie Strong (Treasurer). Jo Jablo(Secretary), Becca Laframboise(Vice Chair)

Jo shared that she had ordered holiday postcards to be sent as a thank you to last summer's staff. After a short discussion it was determined that she and anyone who wanted to help would meet at the Y on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 1 pm in Thrive.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15 at 6:30 pm at the YMCA..

Identified Priorities from Annual Meeting that are within CSCAA control/purview

- Exploring Other Fundraising Sources
 - Searching for grants
- Re-invigorate CSCAA Recognitions
- Create CSCAA Instagram
- Follow up on historical donations/funds
 - Roth-Holz, award, etc.
 - Mistkawi Scholarship fund
 - Endowment from Oregon Community Foundation
- Requesting information on staff retention
- Working with park to address needs/possibilities for the Huckleberry Bush
- Larger Goals:
 - Supporting resurfacing of pool
- 5-10 year plan
 - Both big and little stuff
 - 100th Anniversary
- CSCAA Board presentation at staff training
- Staff mentorship from alumni
- Additional scheduled work parties
- Involve more campers/parents/families
 - Outreach
 - Business cards

