

## **CSCAA Quarterly meeting**

**November 19, 2025**

Present: Jerry Woodcock, Jim Trett, Vic Lippert, Jeremiah Rasca, Chelsa MacGough, Venessa Fiedler, Connie Strong; via Zoom: Jennifer Kimball, Robert Braendle, Matt Hagan, Nancy Zavacki, Adrienne Chodnowsky, Cicily Thrush, Cliff Lawrence

Jim opened the meeting at 6:30. The agenda was approved. The minutes from the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved.

Robert gave the financial report. \$21,000 was transferred from the old account at Umpqua to the new account. \$100 was left in the old account to cover incidentals. It will be moved over soon. \$470 was spent on award plaques. The money received from Amy Macht's memorials (\$2,000+) is being held in a restricted account.

Adrienne (assisted by Venessa) gave the camp report.

We had 927 campers at Silver Creek this summer, of which 14% were Y members. Over \$28,000 was given out in scholarships. A day at camp was hosted for YMCA staff members in June. It was well attended and well received. The annual Work Day was held during staff training, giving the alumni and staff a chance to get to know each other.

Our Amazon wish list was once again purchased by an anonymous donor (THANK YOU!) The kitchen passed the annual inspection. The Mike Smith award was presented to staff member Albatross (Henry Manwaring). We had a great staff who bonded together into a real team.

They are currently working on getting some grants. They have applied for a \$234,000 grant to start up the Bold and Gold program next year. There was discussion on how the program for High School campers would work, compared to the old Pilot and Quest programs camp has offered in the past. We are all excited to see a program like this reinstated,

Thanks to Guy Rodriguez and the Oregon State Parks for donating some camping gear of theirs to our program.

Jerry gave a brief recap of the golf tournament We had a nearly full roster of players and raised over \$40,000. Thanks to Donofrio's for being the title sponsor again and to all the camp staff who came and helped out. Next year's tournament will be held on Monday, July13, 2026 at Creekside Golf course.

Venessa and Jim gave us an update on the pool. It is still tied up in the State Parks Project, but they have recognized that it doesn't have to be and hopefully we will see progress soon.

Jo addressed the Amy Hudkins Macht Memorial funds. We have received over \$2000 in donations in her memory. A group gathered via Zoom and discussed ideas of ways to spend the money. The final list was

1. Replace the Huckleberry Bush
2. Assist with the dock replacement
3. Assist with campfire circle improvements

Jo and Jim met with Ranger Jason who shared that those were the top projects the park had identified also. Jim will connect with Champoege Nursery to purchase plants. Hopefully planting can take place this fall. Other projects will happen in the spring.

Jerry spoke about the newly created Mike Smith Award. Mike was an important part of camp's past and it was decided to honor someone who "best exemplifies the qualities of transformational leadership embodied by Michael G. Smith, longtime friend and supporter of camp, youth and YMCA values." The inaugural "The Spirit of Leadership" award was presented to: Henry Mainwaring - (Camp name Albatross) - August 2025

Jim presented a proposal to earmark a small proportion of our donations as a "Service Fee" to cover the costs of newsletters, postcards, meals, awards etc. Please give this some thought and we will address it at the next meeting.

Jim then addressed the formation of committees, and /or a designated person to take on some needs of the group. Jennifer was appointed to work on the web site, Jeremiah has taken over Awards, and Jerry will head up endowments (when we get to that point,) The nominating committee chair will be appointed at the next meeting. Many of these responsibilities have been performed by Connie for the last several years and she is wishing to step back from them. A big thank you to Connie for all of her work!

Work Day discussion was next. Members were divided about which was better; holding it during the week when we can work with staff but get fewer volunteers or holding it on a weekend when we can get more volunteers but not have staff available. We decided to try and do two workdays this year, one of each. Vik and Connie will be in charge of this.

Connie shared several documents that are available to all of online.

Holiday postcards will be written on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 1 pm at Connie's house at 296 14<sup>th</sup> St. She has offered to provide yummy treats for us so come help write postcards of thanks to last summer's staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.